



**IN THE BEGINNING, GOD...**

**GENESIS 1:1**

**ENGLISH SERVICES**

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: Holy, Holy, Holy; Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing; Speak O Lord

PM: Glorious Christ; Only a Holy God, Lord Have Mercy

Scripture Reading: Genesis 4:1-16 (ESV)

Message: Cain and Abel

Response Hymn

AM: Repentance

PM: Lord Have Mercy

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

## Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us! If you are new to Zion Bishan, do drop us a note on our contact form and our hospitality team will get in touch with you in the coming week:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf)

## Sunday Services at a glance

**8.30am** Mandarin Service

**9.00am** Hokkien Service

**9.30am** Tamil Service

**8.30am/10.30am/4.30pm** English Service

**10.30am** Mandarin-English Service

**10.45am** Cantonese-Mandarin Service

## **Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)**

**Bible Study Groups** – to join via Zoom, register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf)

**8.45am DHF 1A** (in English, for all nationalities) *in-person at Room 103 (and upon request via Zoom)*

**8.45am DHF 2** (in Myanmar language) *in-person in The Living Room and via Zoom*

**2.30pm DHF 3** (in Bahasa Indonesia) *via Zoom*

**8.45pm DHF 1B** (in English, for all nationalities) *upon request via Zoom*

## **Children/Youth Discipleship Classes**

Register interest: [www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd)

## Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts)

## Serving You Today

**Speakers:** Dr Quek Tze-Ming ( 8.30am & 10.30am )  
Ps Dev Menon ( 4.30pm )

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Justin Low

*Worship Leader:* Dn Tay Beng Hwee

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music AM Team 4

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Jacqueline Lie

*Worship Leader:* Eld Michael Gan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music AM Team 4

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Lee

*Worship Leader:* Dn Nicklaus Yu

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music PM Team 4

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

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Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>alby</i>
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Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	<i>daniel</i>
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>vernon</i>
Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>zhiwen</i>
Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Hokkien/Mand)</i>	<i>paul</i>
Rev Ebi Mohan, <i>Assoc. Pastor (Tamil)</i>	<i>ebi</i>
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Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	<i>sharon</i>
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	<i>danny</i>
Dr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Ministry Staff</i>	<i>tzeming</i>
Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	<i>jacqueline</i>
Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Ministry</i>	<i>vanessa</i>
Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	<i>joel</i>
Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>	<i>timothy</i>
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**Cain and Abel**

Genesis 4:1-16

**Introduction**

**Life goes on (4.1-2a)**

**Life seems unfair (4.2b-7)**

**Life taken ... and Consequences (4.8-16)**

**Conclusion: Life away from the presence of the LORD**

**Questions for Reflection & Discussion:**

1. What similarities do you see between this chapter and the previous Genesis 3? What differences do you see?
2. Why do you think God rejected Cain's offering and accepted Abel's? What do Cain and Abel teach us about how we respond, especially when we think we are unfairly treated (by God!)?
3. Can you think of examples, from your own life, of times when "sin is crouching at the door, desiring you"? If you feel comfortable, share about what happened when you succumbed to, or overcame, that temptation? Pray for one another.
4. What does God do here, in the increasing extent and effect of sin? Do you see this in our world?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Tamil Service** – Our Tamil service celebrates 40 years of God's goodness and faithfulness today (22 Sep). We are thankful for what God has been doing in our congregation for these years. Pray that the Tamil congregation will grow deeper spiritually and also in number.

**ZBCS Mid-Autumn Outreach** – Thank God that the Mid-Autumn Outreach on 14 September was well attended by over 400 attendees, including 50-60 newcomers and non-believers. Please continue to pray that for the Gospel that was sowed to grow towards belief in the non-believers, and for our ongoing follow up efforts to build relationships with them.

**MCEL** – Ps Lim was invited to be the speaker at the MCEL church camp in Tangkak, Malaysia, from September 16-18, with 38 attendees. The message was on the Book of Jonah, with the theme "Where Are You?" highlighting self-reflection on one's life focus. This was the first camp in five years since the pandemic, attended by brothers and sisters from Endau, Rompin, and Hubong, united in learning God's word. Please pray for spiritual revival, greater strength, and wisdom in serving the Lord.

### **Our World**

**Lebanon** – On 17th Sep, 9 people were killed and at least 3,000 were wounded when pagers exploded in He.zbo.llah strongholds across Lebanon. (The Straits Times, 18 Sep). Pray for what this means in terms of possible retaliation and its implications for the region. Our partner reports that all Lebanese hospitals and emergency rooms are full of people who have lost their fingers, hands and some other parts. As a church they are seeking to demonstrate love in action as well as helping with blood donations. Pray also that God will raise peacemakers to bring His peace to this country.

**Nepal** – Another group from our church left on Friday, 20th Sep for a time of serving one partner there as well as enjoying some time together as a family. Praise God for the opportunity to help with the medical health of the children and youth and the special needs training needs of our partner. May both groups from our church be a blessing to our partner.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	28	
English Service 8:30am	186	\$2,148.00
English Service 10:30am	523	
English Service 4:30pm	255	
Chinese Service livestream*	12	
Chinese Service 8:30am	95	\$1,935.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	70	\$540.00
ME Service	55	\$858.00
Hokkien Service	59	\$542.75
Tamil Service	14	\$304.00
DHF	26	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1323</b>	<b>\$6,327.75</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

BGST Contribution	\$300.00
Electronic Transfer	\$56,690.45
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$63,318.20</b>

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2024/25: \$82,235

### GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$5,281.37
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$5,281.37</b>
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$240,963.75</b>

## Church Family News

1. Danny is preaching at Emmanuel BP Church this morning.
2. Pastor Alby is preaching at the Tamil Service 40th Anniversary Service this evening.
3. **Cancellation of ECM on 3 Nov**  
Given the recent updates on the timeline of the A&A Project, Session has decided that there is no need for an ECM on 3 Nov. The project will be tabled for approval at our usual ECM held in February 2025.

## Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

**General & Missions Fund**



DBS Current A/C: **070-901056-3**

PayNow: **T10SS0029GGMF**

**ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH**

To give towards the

**General Projects Fund**



DBS Current A/C: **070-901055-5**

PayNow: **T10SS0029GGPF**

**ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF**

Please provide your **CONTACT NUMBER** on each cheque

## Looking Ahead

### **Fri, 27 Sep**

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

**Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm)**

### **Sat, 28 Sep**

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

**Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf)**

### **Sun, 29 Sep**

Worship Services at **8.30am, 10.30am  
& 4.30pm**

## Genesis Series

### **29 Sep – Family Lines**

*Dr Quek Tze-Ming*

*( 8.30am & 10.30am )*

*Ps Dev ( 4.30pm )*

### **6 Oct – Wickedness in the World**

*Ps Alby ( 8.30am & 10.30am )*

*Mr Danny Chua ( 4.30pm )*

### **13 Oct – Noah and the Flood**

*Ps Zhiwen ( 8.30am & 10.30am )*

*Mr Danny Chua ( 4.30pm )*

### **20 Oct – And God Remembered Noah**

*Ps Dev ( 8.30am & 10.30am )*

*Ps Vernon ( 4.30pm )*

## Your Response

Thank you for joining us today!  
If there's anything you would like the church to know, do reach out to us online or via email.

Get in touch with us:

- If you are joining us for the first time
- to find out more
- to request prayer
- to provide feedback
- to send a word of encouragement

You may find our response form at [zionbishan.org.sg/rf](http://zionbishan.org.sg/rf)

Or email us at

[office@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:office@zionbishan.org.sg)

Confidential care & counselling matters, please email

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*Please note that the church will retain and use your submitted data as needed to process your indicated response.*

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE.

## **Genesis: God's Word in Season to Us!**

One of the lessons I've learnt by being part of the Preaching Team over the years is that whatever book of the Bible we were preaching through at the time has been exactly what we as a church family needed to hear from God in that particular season. And I'm beginning to see that in our Genesis sermon series as well.

We chose Genesis as a natural follow up from Revelation – as a type of 'going back to the beginning of things' after we had seen the end of God's Story.

We saw last Sunday how good and loving God is as He responds to the Fall – to sin entering into and ruining His very good Creation.

We clearly saw how God justly judges sin, yet still lovingly clothes Adam and Eve – sinners – with garments of skins<sup>1</sup>. God does not change. His actions at the very start of Creation reflect His never-changing heart to cover the shame of sinners, but that a sacrifice is required to do so. Remember what we saw in Revelation?

'The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments,  
and I will never blot his name out of the book of life.'<sup>2</sup>

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these,  
clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"

I said to him, "Sir, you know."

And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great  
tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the  
blood of the Lamb."<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Genesis 3:21

<sup>2</sup> Revelation 3:5 – Jesus' words to the church in Sardis

<sup>3</sup> Revelation 7:13-14

From Genesis to Revelation, our God again and again shows His never-changing commitment to covering our sin and shame – dealing with them ultimately by sacrificing Himself as the Lamb for us.

Isn't that exactly what we as the Zion Bishan church family need to know and remember in this season? As we celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, isn't this the most important thing we need to keep in our minds and hearts – the love of our God in Jesus and His mission to bring lost sinners to Himself through the Lamb.

As we continue making our way through Genesis, and as our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary draws closer, may we not only see God's never-changing heart for sinners to be clothed with the blood of the Lamb, but may we at Zion Bishan have that very same self-sacrificial heart for the broken world around us!



## Announcements

### ZB 30th Anniversary Service & Dinner

Join us in celebrating 30 years of God's goodness and faithfulness to us at Zion Bishan.

Happening on **26 Oct (Sat)**, the service will start at **4.30pm** and will be followed by dinner in the **Fellowship Hall**.

Registration for dinner opens this week, **\$10 per seat or \$100/table** of ten. You are encouraged to sign up by tables.

Register by **29 Sep** at [bit.ly/ZB-30](https://bit.ly/ZB-30)

### Men's Ministry

Come and join us in the Men's Ministry event and learn what it means to be our Brother's Keeper:

#### Brother's Keeper

Ps Andrew Goh,  
Grace Baptist Church

**28 Sep (Sat) 8 – 9.30am**

Breakfast at 7.30am

Sign up at

<https://tinyurl.com/MMEG2024Sep>

### Cantonese-Mandarin Gospel Sunday Service 29 September 2024

**10.45am @ Level 4 Auditorium**

**Speaker: Ps Alby Yip**

Invite Cantonese/Mandarin speaking friends to join us. The message is on John 3:16-17.

### SENIORS360 Dim Sum Hour & Talk

**Cancer: Warning Signs & Screening**  
**12 Oct, Saturday 10.15am, Fellowship Hall**

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with Dr Rose Fok. She will be sharing on the warning signs of the top 3 cancers in Singapore - breast, colorectal and cervical cancers, discuss the available screening programs, and help you navigate the pathways on how to assess your own risk

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

**Sign up by 5 Oct.**

<https://tinyurl.com/DSTOct24>

### Zion Bishan Youth Camp, 16–21 December 2024

Calling all youths! This year's 6D5N Youth Camp is now open for registration!

**REGISTER at [bit.ly/ZBYC24](https://bit.ly/ZBYC24)** — Come, get to know the No Greater Friend! If you have friends between 12 and 21 years old, do encourage them to join us! Sponsorship for camp is also appreciated.

Contact **Jacqueline (93227629)** for more info.