



**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: Come Ye Sinners; His Mercy Is More; Take Heart

PM: O Come All You Unfaithful; What the Lord Has Done in Me

Scripture Reading: Genesis 4:17-5:8; 5:21-32 (ESV)

Message: Family Lines

Response Hymn

AM: Shine Into Our Night

PM: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Mission Focus; 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 Lim Nan

*Worship Leader:* Eld Jeffrey Lim

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Charles Chia

*Worship Leader:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Herman Low

*Worship Leader:* Eld Reginald Tan

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>        | 9844 9536 |
| Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>              | 9829 6051 |
| Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>  | 9182 6957 |
| Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>     | 8428 0525 |
| Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>               | 9796 0196 |
| Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor</i>                 | 9092 6095 |
| Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Hokkien)</i>        | 9751 1897 |
| Rev Ebi Mohan, <i>Assoc Pastor (Tamil)</i>   | 8198 9696 |
| Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>      | 9001 2926 |
| Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>     | 8388 1883 |
| Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>  | 9788 0195 |
| Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>        | 9239 4160 |
| Dr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Ministry Staff</i>      | 9060 8340 |
| Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>   | 9322 7629 |
| Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Worker</i>      | 9880 4507 |
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| Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>    | 9271 5785 |
| Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>    |           |
| Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i> |           |

### **Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:**

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

**Family Lines**

Genesis 4:17 - 5:32

**Introduction**

**Cain's Line (4:17-24)**

**Seth's (Adam's) Line (4.25-5:32)**

**Conclusion:**

One who gives us relief (5.29)

**Questions for Reflection & Discussion:**

1. How do you normally react when you reach genealogies (family lines) in your bible reading (be honest)? Why do you think they are included?
2. In the family lines (of Cain, and of Seth), which names are familiar to you? What do you think is highlighted in each respective line?
3. Trace the advancement of blessing (e.g., fruitfulness, taking dominion) and curse (sin, violence, death) in both family lines. What are your feelings about humanity at the end of Genesis 5?

## Prayer Points

### Our Church

**PSLE Exams** – The written exams began this past Thursday on 26 Sep and will run till 2 Oct. Pray for the children in our midst, from our church family and also in our tuition ministry, who might be anxious for this major exam. Pray for God's peace to reign and rule in their hearts as they prepare. Pray also for wisdom for the parents to support their children well.

**Antioch Summit (3-5 Oct)** – The Antioch Summit, a missions conference, starts this coming Thursday. Over 30 of our members have signed up for either the Leaders Track or the Main Conference. Pray for all who will be coming, and also for the organizers. Pray the Lord of the harvest will raise up more labourers for His harvest field in the nations.

### Our World

**The 4th Lausanne Congress** - We thank God for 5000+ believers that met in Seoul, Korea this week, and another 4000+ that met online (including Ps Zhiwen, Ps Dev, Ps David L, Seang Pin and Christ.y), from over 200 nations. This Congress is one of the largest and most diverse gatherings of Bible-believing Christians ever. The Lausanne movement was started 50 years ago to catalyse global evangelisation, so that the gospel can reach every person, place and sphere of society. This meeting is particularly key as the rate of gospel witness has radically dropped below the rate of global population growth. Pray that many new connections and collaborations will take place and many more hearts will

be stirred to obey Christ's great commission.

**Lebanon** – As the conflict in Northern Israel and Southern Lebanon escalated last week, pray for those affected in southern Lebanon where casualties and civilian displacements were reported. Some brothers in Christ in Lebanon have reported a surge in the number of people asking for shelter because they were moving out of the conflict zone. The churches stand ready to help those internally displaced with whatever resources they have. Pray for the provision of enough resources to feed and house those affected. One pastor's wife from Lebanon wrote: "We are in the perfect storm that might destroy our country completely, but it could also transform our country for Jesus. Please pray for us."

**Myanmar** - The floods that have resulted from Typhoon Yagi's wake in Myanmar has caused almost 900,000 people to be displaced and hundreds of lives lost. This week, Zion Bishan's ministry partner, OM Mercy Teams International, is bringing relief supplies (staple foods, blankets, mosquito nets, solar lights) to the internally displaced peoples in Naypidaw where most of the flood has happened. Pray for the safe passage and distribution of the relief supplies and resources to reach them this coming week.

## Last Week

| Sunday Service              | Attendance  | Offering          |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| English Service Livestream* | 23          |                   |
| English Service 8:30am      | 192         | \$707.00          |
| English Service 10:30am     | 517         |                   |
| English Service 4:30pm      | 224         |                   |
| Chinese Service livestream* | 8           |                   |
| Chinese Service 8:30am      | 100         | \$1,608.00        |
| Cant/Mand Service 10:45am   | 126         | \$1,337.00        |
| ME Service                  | 62          | \$1,066.00        |
| Hokkien Service             | 66          | \$2,885.00        |
| Tamil Service               | 75          | \$748.00          |
| DHF                         | 30          |                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>1423</b> | <b>\$8,351.00</b> |

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Electronic Transfer | \$42,701.01        |
| <b>Weekly Total</b> | <b>\$51,052.01</b> |

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

### GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Electronic Transfer                | \$3,300.00          |
| <b>Weekly Total</b>                | <b>\$3,300.00</b>   |
| <b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b> | <b>\$244,263.75</b> |

## Church Family News

1. Ps Alby is preaching at the Cantonese-Mandarin Gospel Sunday service this morning.
2. Congratulations to Chee Xiu Quan and Evangeline Liew on their Holy Matrimony on 28 Sep.
3. Our deepest condolences to Christopher & Gek Choo Tang, Charissa & Nicholas on the Homegoing of Christopher's mother, the late Mdm Yeo Mui Kee, aged 88. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.

## 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, 4 Oct

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### Sat, 5 Oct

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sun, 6 Oct

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

## Genesis Series

### **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 )*

### **27 Oct – Reformation Sunday:**

**A Covenant with Noah**

*Dr Quek Tze-Ming ( 8.30am & 10.30am )*

*Mr Danny Chua ( 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

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

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

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE.

### **BPCIS UPDATE**

#### **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE VS BIBLICAL WISDOM**

If the Internet has revolutionised our way of life, something bigger has come. Patrick Miller, AI specialist serving with The Gospel Coalition, warns, “AI is an unparalleled technological phase shift so titanic that it’ll make the widespread adoption of the internet look like a skiff [sampan].”

The quote was highlighted by Timothy Weerasekera, our guest speaker at last Saturday’s Annual Presbytery Meeting (21 Sep) when he addressed the 40 presbyters (pastors and elders) and ministry leaders gathered at Emmanuel BP Church. He pointed out, however, that despite AI’s mind-boggling capabilities, it can only dispense knowledge but not wisdom, certainly not biblical and godly wisdom. You may browse his PPT slides “AI: Impacts & Opportunities” available at BPCIS website: [bpcis.org.sg](http://bpcis.org.sg)

In his response, Ps Ng Zhiwen calls on pastors and leaders, facing the AI challenge, to disciple our people to value and practise what is human (over what is non-human or transhuman), relationship (with real people over what are virtual characters), and truth (over what is false pretending to be true). The full script of his Pastoral Response (first part generated by AI) is also available on our website.

While the frightening capabilities of AI may alarm some, the following assurance by John C. Lennox in his book “2084” (echoing George Orwell’s “1984”) sets things in perspective: “The benefits of good technological progress represent magnificent work in the spirit of a Creator Who has made humans in His image to be creative themselves.” As long as AI remains a tool, and not the master, it can be a good gift from our Creator.

#### **RELIGIOUS HARMONY VS THEOLOGICAL UNIVERSALISM**

The visit of the Pope to Singapore over several days (instead of hours, as with another Pope) surely does honour to our nation. His commendation of the religious harmony which exists in our multi-racial and multi-religious society is well deserved, though President Tharman was quick to point out that such harmony was achieved only through much effort and cooperation over the years.

Christian leaders and those of other communities have been meeting socially and regularly over meals and discussions, fostering bonds of friendship. Such is in line with the prayer urged by Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 2:1-5, *“that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.”* For such peace and absence of conflict, we are grateful.

The apostle goes on to say: *“This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus...”* A stable and secure society allows us to share about God who desires all people to be saved through the one mediator, Jesus Christ.

Here is where the Pope digresses from Paul when he asserts that “every religion is a way to arrive at God,” adding, “All religions are paths to God. I will use an analogy; they are like different languages that express the divine.” In speaking thus, is he also departing from the Catholic faith?

Dr Roland Chia of Trinity Theological College points to the document *Dominus Iesus* (2000) which categorically states that “it must therefore be firmly believed as a truth of Catholic faith that the universal salvific will of the One and Triune God is offered and accomplished once for all in the mystery of the incarnation, death, and resurrection of the Son of God... Hence, those solutions that propose a salvific action of God beyond the unique mediation of Christ would be contrary to Christian and Catholic faith.”

Religious harmony is not the same as religious or theological universalism. While the former holds that despite our differences in beliefs, we respect one another, the latter holds that there is no difference in what we believe and eventually we all believe the same thing. Such a position may be politically correct but not biblically or theologically so.

Finally, this is the last update of BPCIS for the year. By the grace of God, we saw a few “firsts” in 2024, as I reported at our Annual Presbytery Meeting. I also shared about challenges faced by our churches disrupted and relocated by major church redevelopment and weaker churches needing urgent help. Again, you can access my report on our website: [bpcis.org.sg](http://bpcis.org.sg)

**Ps David Wong**

General Secretary, BPCIS



## *Announcements*

### **ZB 30th Anniversary Service & Dinner**

Service **starts at 4.30pm** and will be followed by dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

Dinner registration is at **\$10** per seat or **\$100/table of ten**.

If successful, you will be notified of payment receipt and your table number closer to the date.

Register at [bit.ly/ZB-30](https://bit.ly/ZB-30)

Deadline: **29 Sep (Today)**

### **Antioch Summit**

Registration still open.

If you wish to go, register ASAP at <https://antioch21.sg/antioch-summit-24> and inform

Sharon Quek to obtain group registration discount.