



**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: Father, We Have Sinned (Repentance); His Mercy is More; I Am Not My Own

PM: I Am Not My Own; O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:1-8 (ESV)

Message: Wickedness in the World

Response Hymn

AM: Christ is Mine Forevermore

PM: Lord Have Mercy

Holy Communion: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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:** Ps Alby Yip ( 8.30am & 10.30am )  
Mr Danny Chua ( 4.30pm )

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Sharon Quek

*Worship Leader:* Eld Sonny Tan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music AM Team 1

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Mervyn Phan

*Worship Leader:* Eld Foo Say Chiang

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music AM Team 1

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Peter Wang

*Worship Leader:* Eld Chan Kin Yip

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music PM Team 1

## 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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**Wickedness in the World**

Genesis 6:1-8

**Intro**

**Man Multiplies**

**God Grieved**

**Noah Found Favour**

**Questions for Reflection & Discussion:**

1. Do you agree with God's diagnosis that "every intention of the thoughts of human hearts are only evil continually" (6:5)?
2. Read Jesus' words in Matthew 15:10-20 as well. What do you think and feel of His diagnosis?
3. How is the above diagnosis true of you now? Or looking back, how was this true of you before Jesus transformed your heart and life?
4. Read Hebrews 10:19-22 on the new hearts that God's children now have in Christ. In what ways has God changed your heart of sin – can you think of and share 1-2 examples?

## Wickedness in the World

Genesis 6:1-8

**'Fruitfulness' – The Generations Continue...**

**'Multiply' – But Wickedness Grows...**

*The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that **every** intention of the thoughts of his heart was **only evil continually**. (6:5)*

**So Judgment Awaits...**

Death looms nearer (6:3)

A total judgment promised (6:6-7)

**But a Son of Rest – Noah – has Favor with the LORD...**

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## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Children's Day** – As Genesis has been showing us, sin arises from each of our hearts, such that even children rebel against our Creator God. Pray that our children may recognise their need for Jesus as their Saviour and submit to His loving rule as their good King, listening with soft hearts to His words of life. Pray for their parents and spiritual families to have God's Word on our hearts and teach them diligently to the children (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). As a church family, may we all model to the children around us: growing deeper in God's Word, getting real with one another in following Jesus, and getting sent to tell others around us about Jesus and His Gospel!

### **Our People**

**Nepal** - This past week, Rachel L and another person left on 4 Oct, Friday, to join Joey T, who is already in Nepal to help run some youth programmes next week. Pray for good connections between the group and the Nepali older boys and girls. May all these children and youths grow in their faith and loving obedience to our Heavenly Father.

### **Our World**

**West Asia Conflict** – Tomorrow, 7 Oct marks the one year anniversary of the attack on Israel by Hamas, the

radical Palestinian organisation in Gaza (The Straits Times, 2 Oct). This precipitated a war where both sides have suffered. (BBC) On 1 Oct morning, Israel mounted a "limited ground offensive" into Southern Lebanon" – a major escalation in the ongoing crises. On the same day (1 Oct), Israel came under a missile attack from Iran. In this ongoing conflict, pray for God's mercies for all civilians on all sides, who are suffering from the devastating effects of the ongoing armed conflict. These include being displaced from their homes and trauma from seeing loved ones killed. We are thankful for loving and generous partners who have been serving the displaced in Lebanon. May all churches in these conflict zones continue to shine the hope and love of Christ to those affected.

**Rains (Myanmar /Nepal)** – Our partners have separately reported rains / floods that have affected local populations in their respective countries. In Nepal, due to the hilly terrain, landslides are also affecting local travel including our ZB groups who were visiting last week and their flights back to Singapore. For Myanmar, thank God for the safe delivery of relief food and supplies for flood victims by OM-MTI (Mercy Teams International) which we prayed for last week.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	23	
English Service 8:30am	188	\$935.10
English Service 10:30am	518	
English Service 4:30pm	225	
Chinese Service livestream*	11	
Chinese Service 8:30am	102	\$1,253.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	102	\$1,583.00
ME Service	47	\$785.00
Hokkien Service	76	\$715.00
Tamil Service	16	\$399.00
DHF	18	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1326</b>	<b>\$5,670.10</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

Electronic Transfer	\$176,518.51
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$182,188.61</b>

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

### GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$5,677.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$5,677.00</b>
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$249,940.75</b>

Further to the Resolution at the ECM on 25 Feb 2024, after the payment of all costs for the renewal of the Church's Land Lease, we will merge all remaining monies collected under the Land Lease Renewal Fund (LLRF) with the General Projects Fund (GPF) of the Church

<b>Balance from LLRF</b>	<b>\$5,097,930.60</b>
<b>Total General Projects Fund</b>	<b>\$5,347,871.35</b>

## Church Family News

Congratulations to our very own church staff, Timothy Ong & Jacqueline Lie, who entered Holy Matrimony on 5th October 2024!

## 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, 11 Oct

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### Sat, 12 Oct

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sun, 13 Oct

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

## Genesis Series

### **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**

*Mr Danny Chua*

### **3 Nov – Noah's Line**

*Dr Quek Tze-Ming*

### **10 Nov – The Tower of Babel**

*Ps Alby ( 8.30am & 10.30am )*

*Ps Dev ( 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.

### Genesis among other Stories

As we reach the Flood Narrative in our sermons, it's worth revisiting an idea we've already touched on earlier: Genesis is NOT the only story in the region and around the same time period that speaks of the creation of the world. Neither is Genesis the only story that speaks of a flood that destroys much of the earth and humanity.

The *Epic of Gilgamesh* is a Sumerian story about Gilgamesh, a king of Uruk c. 2100 B.C. Tablet 11 relates how the gods sent a great flood on the earth. One of the gods saved a man named Utnapishtim by giving him precise dimensions to build a boat, sealing it with pitch. His household went aboard together with the animals. The subsequent storm caused the terrified gods to return to the heavens, and many of them wept at the destruction. The boat eventually landed on a mountain. When one of the birds released by Utnapishtim failed to return, he opened the boat and let the inhabitants out, and offered a sacrifice to the gods. The god Enlil who instigated the flood then came to the gathered gods, angry that there should be survivors. But the other gods reprimanded Enlil for sending such disproportionate punishment. Finally Utnapishtim and his wife are blessed and rewarded with eternal life.

Perhaps some of us feel troubled by the existence of such other stories. Don't they detract from Genesis as God's special revelation? Is Genesis copying them? Doesn't this make us doubt Genesis as God's Word?

No. Genesis is God's Word precisely because it counters other stories by telling us a better story. "This is how it really happened," Genesis says, "Think about it in this way, and you will understand more truly why the world is the way it is, and you will see more clearly who the LORD God is."



Genesis tells us that the Flood is not due to an over-reaction by gods annoyed by noisy humans, nor something that results in unintended results, nor something that occasions disagreement between argumentative gods. Genesis' Flood asserts there is One God who is ruler over all that He has made. The Flood demonstrates God's commitment to justice, His settled anger against anything that defaces His good creation. This is how serious and pervasive sin is, this is how much God is against it. The Flood also shows God's mercy, pointing towards how God will save the world through His own initiative. This is what God promised, this is how eternal life comes, and God will do it.

As Old Testament scholar Gerhard von Rad put it when comparing Genesis story with Gilgamesh flood, "[T]he biblical story of the Flood has been made a witness to the judgment and grace of the living God."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Gerhard von Rad, *Genesis: A Commentary*, trans. John H. Marks, rev. ed., OTL (London: SCM, 1972 [German 9th ed., 1972]), 124.

## Announcements

### Men's Ministry

Men of ZB, please sign up and join us in this MM Retreat. This retreat will deal with 3 significant truths.

- As sons of God, we endeavour to be involved in our Father's calling.
- As soldiers, we are to be equipped and engaged for the intensified battle.
- And as servants, to give an account for our Lord's return.

Dates: **Thu (Deepavali) 31 Oct –  
Sat, 2 Nov 2024**

Venue: **Pulai Springs Resort, Johor**

Cost : **S\$290/pax (Twin-sharing)**

<https://tinyurl.com/ZBPMMRETREAT2024>

### Lost & Found Items

We have collected a number of water bottles among our "Lost and Found" items. If you have lost your bottle and it could be still with us, kindly approach the Visitor's Corner to check. For hygiene reasons, we will dispose of any unclaimed items after **this Sunday**.

For other lost items, please contact **Yew Chye** or our warden, **Khaing** to find out.

### Interserve Singapore's Zoom Prayer Meeting for West Asia and Lebanon

7 Oct 2024 will mark one full year since the start of the Israel-Gaza war.

*And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.*

*-- 1 Corinthians 12:26-27 NKJV*

Date: **7 Oct 2024, Monday**

Time: **8-9pm on zoom**

Register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ISVPrayerOct2024>