



**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: Creation Sings the Father's Song; Refiner's Fire; Hymn of Heaven

PM: All Praise to Him; Ancient of Days; Give Us Clean Hands

Scripture Reading: Genesis 8.1-9:7 (ESV)

Message: But God Remembered Noah

Response Hymn: Nothing but the Blood

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 Dev Menon (8.30am & 10.30am)  
Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn John Chua

*Worship Leader:* Dn Lim Nan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music PM Team 3

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*Worship Leader:* Eld Chuah Chin Yew

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music PM Team 3

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Timothy Ong

*Worship Leader:* Dn Junaidi Nyoto

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music AM Team 3

## 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>
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## **But God Remembered Noah**

Genesis 8:1-9:7

### **Recap: The Flood**

### **Waters Subside**

### **Noah's Sacrifice**

### **Be Fruitful & Multiply**

#### **Questions for Reflection & Discussion:**

1. What did you remember from the Scripture Text or the sermon? Share with someone.
2. What are you now thinking about the Genesis flood? Can you understand why God did it? What do you feel about it?
3. Why did God remember Noah? What was so different about him? Does his life impact ours in anyway?
4. What implications does this new start to the world have on our lives today?

**But God Remembered Noah**

Ps Vernon Quek

Genesis 8:1-9:7

Intro:  **The Great Washing of the World** 

The Post-Flood Account - A Rollercoaster Ride   

Read-through #1  **But God Remembered: A Global Reset:**

<b>Creation (Gen 1-2)</b>	<b>Re-Creation (8:1-9:13)</b>
The [Spirit] over the waters (1:2)	[Wind] over the...waters (8:1)
Waters gathered, dry Earth appears (1:9)	Waters recede/ abate, dry Earth appears (8:3,5,6-7,11,13-14)
Living Creatures: 'Be fruitful & multiply...' (1:22ff)	Living Creatures: 'Be fruitful & multiply...' (8:17)
And God blessed [man]... 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth' (1:28)	And God blessed [man]... 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth' (9:1&7)

Read-through #2  **But...Warning Signs**   

- a. ...for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth (8:21)
  
- b. Fear & dread of mankind (9:2-3)

- c. A blood-reckoning requirement (9:4-6)

### **Read-through #3 Hidden-Hope of how God will REALLY Remember...**

- a. Noah's burnt offerings (8:20-22) -> Blood-atonement offerings (see Leviticus 1)
  
- b. God's reckoning: Blood reckoning required for life (9:4-6)

### **Conclusion: The Greater Washing the World Needs**

Today's Big Lesson: What doesn't work...

#### **Questions for Reflection & Discussion:**

1. What are one or two of the biggest things we should know about our Creator God from today's post-Flood account?
2. Do you agree with God's assessment of all of humanity in 8:21? How is this assessment true in (a) your own life personally and (b) the lives of all humankind globally and historically?
3. 'What would make this world a better place?' What are some popular answers to this question, and which of them are you personally sometimes tempted to invest in? How does today's passage help to remind us of the extent of our world's Big Problem, and therefore point us to the Real Solution that we should be completely invested in?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**30th Church Anniversary Service cum Dinner (26 Oct)** – As we gather to celebrate this significant milestone in our church family, let us come with a joyful and grateful heart to give thanks to God for His faithfulness to us as a Church over these past 30 years. Pray that our inclusive multi-ethnic worship be a fragrant offering to the Lord and our conversations around the 85 dinner tables be filled with love and gratitude. Please uphold in prayer all who are involved in the service and dinner; and pray also for non-believers, guests as well as dinner servers, that they will experience God's love and joy in our midst.

**Seniors 360** – Thank God for approximately 90 attendees to last week's health talk on cancer warning signs and screening. There were 13 first time visitors and also some repeat visitors to this monthly event. Pray that the ministry team will have wisdom and perseverance to follow up those who may have the spiritual hunger to know God more. May the love and truth of the gospel flow to these ones.

**Community Day (16 Nov)** – Pray for our AGs and members as they prepare for their respective booths' activities and programmes on 16 Nov. Starting next Saturday 26 Oct, members will also be going door-to-door to nearby flats to distribute invites to the residents for this event after a simple briefing that morning. Pray for our hearts to be filled with the love and hospitality of Christ as we invite them to get to know us - the church. May the good news of Jesus be communicated and demonstrated in all our interactions and conversations with all who come.

### **Our World**

**Indonesia** – One of our ministry partners in East Indonesia has an established ministry to people with various disabilities (hearing and visual challenges). We thank God for 2 centres ministering to the visually challenged where 2 persons took the step of baptism. Pray for wisdom for our partner and his workers to disciple those in this community well so that they will be able to grow in their faith, love and obedience to God.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	25	
English Service 8:30am	199	\$844.00
English Service 10:30am	540	
English Service 4:30pm	221	
Chinese Service livestream*	10	
Chinese Service 8:30am	87	\$956.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	70	\$477.00
ME Service	65	\$1,280.00
Hokkien Service	64	\$644.00
Tamil Service	17	\$939.00
DHF	26	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1324</b>	<b>\$5,140.00</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

Electronic Transfer	\$68,964.28
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$74,104.28</b>

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

### GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$3,257.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$3,257.00</b>
<b>Total General Projects Fund:</b>	<b>\$5,404,219.85</b>

## Church Family News

1. Ps Alby is preaching at the Hokkien Service this morning.
2. Ps Zhiwen is preaching at Galilee BP Church Youth Service this Sunday morning.

## 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

## 2024/2025 Mid-Year Financial Review

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank God for another year of His faithful and abundance provision to our needs at Zion Bishan!

For the first 6 months of this financial year 24/25, our **total collection is \$2,048,422**, comprising \$1,921,496 (offering) and \$122,883 (other income).

The first 6 months **total expenditure at \$1,719,515** was 3.2% higher than the corresponding 6 months in FY23/24.

The higher expenditure was more than fully provided by a matching 3.3% increase in collection, resulting in a cash surplus of \$328,907.

While the spending to-date are consistent with past years trending, we praise God for the higher spend in Theological Education with the successful on-boarding of 5 apprentices from the month of July.

Given the aging premises, as anticipated, we have drawn down \$29,561 of the Contingent Provision for unbudgeted building related repairs e.g. roof leakages, and replacements of AV projectors & air-conditioners.

We have thus far spent 80% of the first 6 months budget as approved at the Feb 2024 ECM.

We continue to seek the Lord's provision in all that we need.

Currently, we have a communicant membership of 1,604.

Our Church office currently has 32 pastoral, ministry and admin staff and 6 apprentices. The Living Room has 3 full-time and 3 part-time staff. Let us continue to remember these laborers in prayer, and serve in partnership with them.

We praised God for the successful renewal of our 30-year land lease on 2 Apr 2024 for \$5,259,200, resulting in a balance of \$5,101,851 in the Land Lease Renewal Fund (LLRF).

Further to the resolution approved at the ECM on 25 Feb 2024, we have merged all the remaining monies in the LLRF with the General Projects Fund (GPF). The GPF balance stands at \$5,332,803 as of 31 Aug 2024. The balance has included \$717,745 of investment returns and interest accumulated over the years. We will continue to invest the funds in short term government bonds while awaiting the commencement of the church Additions and Alterations (A&A) Building Project.

Let us continue to pray for God's leading in this A&A Building Project, even as we commence the fresh 30-year land lease to extend His kingdom in Bishan and beyond.

Please email any questions or comments that you may have to: [judyso@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:judyso@zionbishan.org.sg)

Report by: The Session of Zion Bishan BP Church

	INCOME & EXPENDITURE			
	Mar-Aug 2021	Mar-Aug 2022	Mar-Aug 2023	Mar-Aug 2024
<b>INCOME</b>				
Offering	\$1,641,139	\$1,793,287	\$1,890,668	\$1,921,496
Govt Grants	\$106,413	\$17,879	\$0	\$4,043
Other Income	\$53,740	\$58,801	\$91,550	\$122,883
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,801,292</b>	<b>\$1,869,966</b>	<b>\$1,982,218</b>	<b>\$2,048,422</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXP</b>	<b>\$1,289,365</b>	<b>\$1,472,687</b>	<b>\$1,649,965</b>	<b>\$1,710,217</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXP</b>	<b>\$3,968</b>	<b>\$134,235</b>	<b>\$16,327</b>	<b>\$9,298</b>
<b>TOTAL OP EXP + CAPEX</b>	<b>\$1,293,333</b>	<b>\$1,606,922</b>	<b>\$1,666,292</b>	<b>\$1,719,515</b>
<b>CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$507,959</b>	<b>\$263,044</b>	<b>\$315,926</b>	<b>\$328,907</b>

Expenditures	FY23/24	FY24/25	FY24/25	FY24/25	Run Rate (B/A)
	Mar-Aug (Actual)	Budget (A)	Budget (6-mth) Mar-Aug	Mar-Aug (B)	
Personnel Related	\$895,617	\$2,134,635	\$1,067,318	\$933,680	44%
Admin-Office	\$73,452	\$217,850	\$108,925	\$91,448	42%
Admin-Ministry	\$43,076	\$72,270	\$36,135	\$52,069	72%
Bldg Maintenance	\$132,885	\$287,000	\$143,500	\$133,214	46%
Worship	\$41,400	\$197,180	\$98,590	\$52,616	27%
Ministry Work	\$39,035	\$123,970	\$61,985	\$31,735	26%
Theological Edu	\$6,255	\$192,500	\$96,250	\$41,145	21%
Welfare	\$3,600	\$9,500	\$4,750	\$2,400	25%
Home Mission	\$64,820	\$262,780	\$131,390	\$70,002	27%
Foreign Mission	\$239,665	\$555,881	\$277,941	\$253,199	46%
Rent SLA	\$110,160	\$37,060	\$18,530	\$19,148	52%
<b>Total Operating Exp</b>	<b>\$1,649,965</b>	<b>\$4,090,626</b>	<b>\$2,045,313</b>	<b>\$1,680,656</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Add Capital Exp</b>	<b>\$16,327</b>	<b>\$35,600</b>	<b>\$17,800</b>	<b>\$9,298</b>	<b>26%</b>
Contingent Provision	\$0	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$29,561	20%
<b>Net Cash Outflow</b>	<b>\$1,666,292</b>	<b>\$4,276,226</b>	<b>\$2,138,113</b>	<b>\$1,719,515</b>	<b>40%</b>



## Looking Ahead

### Fri, 25 Oct

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

### Sat, 26 Oct

4.00pm: No YF

4.30pm: **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service & Dinner**

### Sun, 27 Oct

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

## Genesis Series

### 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 )*

### 17 Nov – A New Hope

*Ps Vernon ( 8.30am & 10.30am )*

*Ps Zhiwen ( 4.30pm )*

### 24 Nov – Genesis 1-11 Review

*Ps Zhiwen ( 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

[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.

### **I Am Not**

Many of our AGs have been going through John's gospel this year. Despite studying it in detail several times before, I still find that God's Word manages to surprise me.

In John 18, we see Peter's threefold denial of Jesus. Three times he says "I am not" Jesus' disciple. For the longest time, I had assumed that this was because he was afraid. The other disciples were clearly afraid (see Matthew 26:56).

Yet Peter and John followed Jesus as He was taken to see the high priest. In fact, John went into the very area where the trial was being held and seems to invite Peter in also.

More than that, Peter is the only one prepared to fight. He took out his sword and charged at the arresting band (only to get scolded by Jesus). Wasn't that in-line with what he said earlier in John 13? I will lay down my life for you! Here's proof!

No, I don't think Peter was afraid. I think it's much deeper than that.

I think he cannot believe, or understand what Jesus is doing at all. How can this One - declared to be the King of Israel – volunteer to get arrested, put up no fight, speak no protest, go through kangaroo court, be struck by his own people and Roman soldiers too. How can the Messiah, the Son of God, endure mocking, shame, lies and ultimately crucifixion without seeming to exert His power and authority in defence?

I think Peter has a very different understanding of what it means to lay down one's life – and whatever Jesus is doing is rather repulsive to him. It does not fit with his idea of glory. Just like with the foot-washing, Peter wants no part of this Jesus... and so he states, unequivocally, that he is NOT Jesus' disciple. I am not, I am not, I am not.

What does it mean to follow Jesus? What does it mean to lay down one's life for Him? What does it mean to love Him?

## Announcements

### Church Carpark CLOSED

On **25 Oct 2024, 9.30am** onwards for  
**Anniversary Dinner Set up**

### Ministry Behind the Money

**3 Nov 2024, 1-3pm**  
**@Chapel on Level 4**

This is an in-person session aimed at giving members a better understanding of just how the church is utilising her finances for the expansion of God's kingdom work.

There will be a focus on these

**4 main areas** of interest:

1. Overall Proposed Budget for FY 25/26
2. Personnel Budget
3. Additions & Alterations (A&A) Building Project Update
4. Foreign Missions

Members are encouraged to attend so as to be better informed, ask clarifying questions and give suggestions on how to give meaningfully and support practically in prayer and participation.

### Seniors Retreat ( English Language )

**Theme: Right Walk in Christ** (Eph 5:1-15)  
**22 - 25 Mar 2025, Ipoh**  
**Speaker: Ps Daniel Yaw**

*Early Bird sign up by 15 Nov: \$575/pax*  
*(twin sharing)*

Sign up after 15 Nov: \$590/pax

<https://tinyurl.com/SRMar25>

### Seniors' Functional Health Screening

*In collaboration with Silver Generation Office,  
in conjunction with ZB Community Day*

**16 Nov 2024** (Between 2pm - 5.30pm)  
**For all seniors 60 y.o. and above**

**Rates:**

- 1) FOC for Pioneer Generation
- 1) \$2 for Merdeka Generation, or holder of CHAS Blue or Orange Card
- 2) \$5 for holder of CHAS Green Card and other eligible Singaporeans

**What can I expect from the programme?**

- 1) Get your eyes, ears and mouth checked, and receive results on the spot
- 2) If eligible, you can get fitted for spectacles, hearing aids and dentures at affordable costs. You may also receive a referral for follow-up care, if needed.

**Sign up by 1 Nov for your preferred half hour time slot:**

<https://tinyurl.com/s360nov24>

Alternatively, call church office Bernard or Wendy (Tel: 63538081) to sign up.

*You are eligible to sign up even if you have done the Functional Screening at ZB in Aug last year, as it is already more than a year.*

Invite your friends and seniors from our neighbourhood to sign up and come along!

**What do I have to bring on the day of functional screening?**

- 1) NRIC
- 2) PG card, MG card or CHAS card, if applicable
- 3) Existing pair of spectacles, hearing aids and dentures you are using, if applicable.