



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

**GENESIS 1:1**

**REFORMATION SUNDAY  
ENGLISH SERVICES**

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: A Mighty Fortress is our God; Forever; All Glory be to Christ

PM: Hymn of The Saviour; Our God is far greater/ He Cares for Me;  
All Glory be to Christ

Scripture Reading: Genesis 8:20-22 and 9:1-17 (ESV)

Message: God's Covenant with Noah

Response Hymn: Every Promise

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

**Speaker:** Mr Danny Chua

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Justin Low

*Worship Leader:* Dn John Chua

*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 Peter Wang

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music PM Team 4

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	9829 6051
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, Pastor (Tamil)	8198 9696
Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng)	8428 0525
Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor	9796 0196
Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor	9092 6095
Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Hokkien)	9751 1897
Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry	8388 1883
Mrs Sharon Quek, Overseas Ministries	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding	9239 4160
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff	9060 8340
Miss Jacqueline Lie, Youth Ministry	9322 7629
Miss Vanessa Lee, Women's Worker	9880 4507
Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship	9368 9221
Mr Timothy Ong, Missions Education	9271 5785
Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus	

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

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

## **God's Covenant with Noah**

Genesis 8:20 - 9:17

### **Introduction: Signs & Symbols**

#### **God's Covenant with Noah shows us...**

- God's response to one righteous man's sacrifice (8:20-22)
- Humanity's sin must not fill the earth with violence again (9:1-7)
- Humanity's sin needs more than a worldwide-washing (9:11)
- God's commitment to His Creation and His children (9:8-17)
- God's patience for "everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:10)

### **Conclusion: A Rainbow & A Cross**

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

1. What was one point from the Bible passage or message that left an impression on you? Why?
2. What is a 'covenant'? Why does God make covenants with His people, e.g. Noah?
3. Why did God make this particular covenant with Noah? What does this teach us about God, sin, and His plan for the world?
4. Read 2 Peter 3:3-10. Why does our God still show the unbelieving world patience?

# Prayer Points

## Our People

### **Pastor Emeritus Quek Swee Hwa**

underwent an emergency operation this past Wednesday to clear a bowel obstruction caused by a hernia. We thank God that the condition was resolved successfully via laparoscopic surgery without the need for resection. Please pray for a smooth and speedy recovery, in particular for gut peristalsis to be regained so that he will be able to consume liquid and solid food soon. Pray for added strength and grace for Mrs Esther Quek who is the main caregiver and for Sharon and Karen too as they juggle between their work and care for their father.

**Radha Thomas** needs our continued prayer for her recovery from surgery as the progress has been very slow. She has yet to take in food or liquid via mouth for the past 4 weeks, please pray that gut peristalsis will be regained soon. Pray also for other complications that have surfaced to be resolved and treated effectively. Ask the Lord to lift her weary spirit and strengthen her faith as she trusts in Him for healing. Pray for Chacko as he brings encouragement to her through his daily visits whilst continuing with his writing and speaking ministries that the Lord will sustain him with health and strength.

**Seniors360** - We thank God for the many seniors in our midst, reminding us how blessed we are to be an intergenerational family at Zion Bishan. Pray that as our seniors community

grows, there will be more among us willing to step forward to love and serve the seniors both in our church, and also beyond our walls, knowing the joy and privilege we have when we see the fruit of our labour unto the Lord.

## Our World

**India** – Various partners have shared many health-related, church-building and other needs for the field. Pray that God will meet these needs in His good time and for them to trust God through these challenges. Praise God that He is opening doors for a possible ministry to be planted in a northwestern state in a local community where people are very welcoming and eager. May God raise more workers from these communities of Jesus followers as they are nearer in culture and language and are therefore good channels for the gospel.

**Lebanon** – One partner in Beirut updated that they have been able to provide 300 hot meals portions per day and started programmes for women and children fleeing from south Lebanon. Thank God that they continue sharing the love of Christ through food, hygiene resources and children programmes to its neighbours despite these difficult circumstances. May God continue to strengthen and enable His people in Lebanon and the region to live and witness for Christ.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	24	
English Service 8:30am	169	\$585.55
English Service 10:30am	493	
English Service 4:30pm	220	
Chinese Service livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8:30am	98	\$1,053.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	62	\$244.00
ME Service	63	\$1,486.00
Hokkien Service	59	\$441.00
Tamil Service	13	\$92.00
DHF	28	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>\$3,901.55</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

Electronic Transfer	\$54,738.58
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$58,640.13</b>

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

### GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$3,949.40
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$3,949.40</b>
<b>Total General Projects Fund:</b>	<b>\$5,409,422.21</b>

## Church Family News

1. Ps Zhiwen is preaching at Yio Chu Kang Chapel 11am Service today.
2. Congratulations to Kyran Chew & Felicia Tan on entering holy matrimony on 26 Oct 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, 1 Nov

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### Sat, 2 Nov

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sun, 3 Nov

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

## Genesis Series

### **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*

### **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.

## **Genesis: God' Word in Season to Us (Part 2)**

This weekend, we celebrate Zion Bishan's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As we do so, it is right that we intentionally take time to reflect on our journey as a church family, and to acknowledge the LORD's guiding hand through the years.

Last Sunday, we saw how Noah built an altar and offered burnt offerings on it after the Flood, and how that offering of clean animals and birds was **a pleasing aroma to the LORD**.<sup>1</sup>

Perhaps a good question to pause and ask this weekend is **how have we as a Zion Bishan family been a pleasing aroma to the LORD** these past 30 years? Reflecting on what has pleased the LORD so far will help us look forward to doing more of the same in the coming years.

As a vibrant and growing church community, we might be tempted to point to key milestones in our history – such as building projects, memorable events or our growth in the past years. While these are good and to be cherished, God's Word to us in Season, the book of Genesis, helps us remember what really pleases the LORD when He looks at our church family.

Ps Dev and I both pointed out in our sermons respectively last Sunday that Noah's burnt offering is an atonement sacrifice in the Levitical Law<sup>2</sup>. A blood sacrifice must be offered in order for God to be pleased and to have restored relationship with sinful man. **This foreshadows the One and Only Person who can please our Holy God – the Only perfectly clean and unblemished Lamb who sacrificed Himself for us.**

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<sup>1</sup> Genesis 8:20-21

<sup>2</sup> Leviticus 1:3-4 and 1:9,13,17

What an important truth to remember as we remember our past and look to the coming years of the Zion Bishan story. The One and Only way God looks at us and is pleased....is when He sees the Lamb that was slain for us, and our right response is to live like the Lamb in thankfulness for what He has first done for us<sup>3</sup>. Let us not forget that key lesson from our time in Revelation.

The Apostle Paul puts it this way to the Corinthians:

<sup>14</sup> But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and **through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him** everywhere. <sup>15</sup> For **we are the aroma of Christ to God** among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing...<sup>4</sup>

Whatever may come in the future of Zion Bishan, may this be our constant prayer: That we will indeed be a people where the fragrance and aroma of our Saviour King Jesus is so powerful, that anyone who comes into contact with us will desire to know Him too. May the LORD truly be pleased in Zion Bishan in the years to come!

Read Part 1 if you missed it here:

<https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/2024/09/genesis-gods-word-in-season-to-us/>

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<sup>3</sup> Revelation 7:14; 12:11; 14:12. Also Romans 12:1.

<sup>4</sup> 2 Corinthians 2:14-15



# Announcements

## 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 and view the presentations so as to be better informed, ask clarifying questions and give suggestions on how to give meaningfully and support practically in prayer and participation.

## Befriending Seniors and make a difference in their life!

We welcome all Zion members and worshippers with a heart to reach seniors to find out more and join us in blessing the seniors.

By God's grace and by our acts of love, we can together make a difference in seniors' life.

To find out more:

<https://tinyurl.com/s360befrienders>

## 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.