



IN THE BEGINNING, GOD...

GENESIS 1:1

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ENGLISH SERVICES

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: I Will Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving / We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise;
My Tribute (To God be the Glory); On That Day

PM: On Our Side; A Debtor to Mercy Alone; Every Promise of Your Word

Scripture Reading: Genesis 11:27-12:9; 15:1-6 (ESV)

Message: Abraham: Righteous Offspring

Response Hymn: By Faith

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

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

8.45am DHF 1A in English/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *in person in Room 106 & via Zoom*

8.45am DHF 2 (in Myanmar language) *in person in Room 105 & via Zoom*

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

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

Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

Register interest: 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

Serving You Today

Speaker: Ps Vernon Quek

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn John Chua

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 3

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 3

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Peter Wang

Worship Leader: Dn Herman Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Music PM Team 3

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>alby</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>dev</i>
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	<i>jtlim</i>
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>
Rev Chris, <i>Asst Pastor (Tamil)</i>	<i>christopher</i>
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	<i>emily</i>
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	<i>june</i>
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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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

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Abraham: Righteous Offspring

Genesis 11:27-12:9; 15:1-21; 17:1-21

Intro: Family Traits...

Recap: The Wrong Offspring ❌

The Next Offspring: Abram ✅

Abra(ha)m		The Right Offspring so far...	
12:2-3	Blessed – to be multiplied and to fill all the earth	1:28	Adam & Eve: Blessed – to multiply fill all the earth
12:7	Abraham’s Offspring	3:15	Eve’s Offspring
12:7-8	Built there an altar to the LORD	8:20	Then Noah built an altar to the LORD
12:8	Called upon the name of the LORD	4:26	Seth & Enosh: At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD
15:6	...and God counted it to [Abram] as righteousness	6:9	Noah was a righteous man
17:1	To walk before God	5:22 & 6:9	Enoch walked with God; Noah walked with God
17:1	‘Be blameless’	6:9	Noah was...blameless in his generation
17:2 & 11	‘And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your offspring after you – You shall be circumcised...and it shall be a sign of the covenant...’	9:9 & 12	To Noah: ‘Behold, I establish My covenant with you and your offspring after you – this is the sign of the covenant...’

The Defining Family Trait: Right(eous) Offspring

12:1	The LORD said...	12:4	So Abram went, as the LORD had told him
15:1	The Word of the LORD came to Abram	15:6	And he believed the LORD , and [the LORD] counted it to him as righteousness
17:1-4	The LORD said to Abram... Behold My covenant is with you	17:22-23	When [God] had finished talking with him...Then Abraham took [every male] and circumcised [them]...

Conclusion: Do we see this key family trait in ourselves?

- Lives **that listen** to God's Word...
- Lives **that believe** in God's Word...

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What are one or two of the biggest things we see about our Creator God from the account of Abraham?
2. Why is this family trait so important in God's People? Why would it have mattered to Moses' generation? Why does it matter to us today as those who have Jesus: God's Word in our lives?
3. What are some specific ways that you see belief in Jesus' words present in your life? What are some areas of your life where those words need to be more present? Spend some time calling upon the name of the LORD as you seek His help to believe in His Word.

Prayer Points

Our Church

Catechism Class Retreat – We thank God that 45 of us managed to take a day away, last Saturday, to think about our walk with Jesus. Please continue to pray for the catechumens, that they will find AGs to settle in before the year ends!

Domestic Helpers' Fellowship (DHF)
1 Dec Outreach Party – Thank God for the visible impact of the DHF bible studies on the lives of many domestic helpers, both Christian and non-Christian. Pray for their aim to disciple every helper in every Zion Bishan family, and their efforts to introduce all ZB families' helpers to DHF through this outreach party. Pray for ZB families to invite their helpers to the party, for the helpers to accept the invitations to attend, and for the gospel message to touch their hearts, no matter what language they understand. Pray also for AG79 as they organise the party, including the gospel message, and for enough volunteers to befriend the helpers and effectively facilitate the breakout group discussions on the message.

Basic AG Leaders Equipping Course
- Praise God for the 13 brothers and sisters who are participating in this round of the BAGLE Course! We pray that the LORD will encourage their

hearts in His word and equip them with the gospel as they carefully consider the privilege and responsibility of leading and caring for other members in their AGs.

Our World

Indonesia – Thank God for the establishment of a Centre for the visually challenged in the central part of one of the Indonesian islands 2 yrs ago by our partner. There have been several beneficiaries who have come to know Jesus through this ministry. Pray for perseverance and opportunities to follow up with these ones who will also share the love of Christ with others in their social networks.

Lebanon – One of the organisations that we know who are doing relief work on the ground reports that it has been the most challenging period in Lebanon's modern history since the escalation of conflict between Is.rael and He.zbollah in late September. Another church who is our partner is doing relief work on the ground also serving food and basic necessities to those forcibly displaced. As winter draws near and the war continues, pray for mercy and help for the vulnerable who are suffering.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	21	
English Service 8:30am	180	\$854.00
English Service 10:30am	501	
English Service 4:30pm	205	
Chinese Service livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8:30am	75	\$1,198.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	74	\$340.00
ME Service	56	\$1,036.00
Hokkien Service	52	\$535.00
Tamil Service	14	\$299.00
DHF	21	
TOTAL	1206	\$4,262.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

Electronic Transfer \$89,421.30
Weekly Total \$93,683.30

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer \$5,785.00
Weekly Total \$5,785.00
Total General Projects Fund: \$5,447,790.49

Church Family News

1. Our deepest condolences to Jesmond Lee and family on the Homegoing of his father, the late Mr Lee Hong Jee, aged 67, on 9 Nov2024. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.
2. Congratulations to Daniel Ong and Chloe Neo on their wedding! They entered into holy matrimony on 16 Nov 2024.
3. Ps Zhiwen is preaching at Zion Serangoon BP Church this morning and afternoon.
4. Ps Dev is preaching at Emmanuel BP Church this morning.
5. Ps Alby is preaching at Baptist Fellowship Church this 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

Looking Ahead

Fri, 22 Nov

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 23 Nov

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 24 Nov

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

Genesis Series

24 Nov – Genesis 1-11 Review

Ps Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Vernon (4.30pm)

Advent Series: The Saviour of All

1 Dec – Preparing: The Saviour's Messenger

Luke 1:1-24 - Mr Danny Chua

8 Dec – Believing: The Saviour's Announcing

Luke 1:26-38 - Dr Quek Tze-Ming

15 Dec – Reversing: The Saviour's Mission

Luke 1:39-56 - Ps Vernon Quek

22 Dec – Forgiving: The Saviour's Purpose

Luke 1:57-80 - Ps Ng Zhiwen

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

Or email us at

office@zionbishan.org.sg

Confidential care & counselling matters, please email 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.

#getsent: towards a people-sending church

Two weeks ago, we had our Ministry Behind the Money session. It is our annual event that showcases the various ministries of the church, in terms of: (1) who is involved, (2) what the ministries are doing and (3) how our finances are being spent on each.

We do this to be transparent and accountable, but also to involve the whole church in our decision-making process. Suggestions given by members are often incorporated into the plans, and the adjusted overall budget is presented at the ECM for congregational approval in February.

This year, you would have noticed a considerable increase, of about 25% more.

The reason for this is we are shifting to be more of a people-sending church. That is to say - our priority in spending is not to run more programs, but to recruit and train as many individuals as we are able. This would include training many more apprentices for not only our own church needs, but also to send them out to either (1) to help revitalise other local churches, (2) to work with missions agencies, or (3) to be sent overseas to reach UPGs.

To do this, we need to ensure that we are supporting these individuals well, not only with good supervision and community (AG) support, *but also financially.*

We recently reformatted our staff pay structure; and now this year we are adjusting the remuneration for both apprentices and mission workers. Hopefully this means that they will have to worry a little less about basic needs and supporting their families. Indeed, we must not muzzle the ox (1 Cor 9:9), nor cause the harvesters to cry out (James 5:4).

We pray that our members will see and agree that these are good and necessary changes to our budget, and moreover, trust the Lord to supply all our monetary needs!

Note: The ministries presentations can be viewed at <http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/mbtm2024> (password: mbtm2024!)

Announcements

Advent Series: The Saviour of All

Christmas presents a wonderful opportunity to invite our unbelieving loved ones to hear the Good News of the Saviour come to rescue sinful humanity! Please prayerfully consider inviting friends and family to our three service gatherings each week in December to hear an evangelistic message from Luke's account of the Christmas events!

Details and an invitation flyer will be sent via our bulletin channels.

Join our Telegram channel here:
<https://t.me/+5LTmGdsXkbc3Mzc1>

Infant / Child Baptism

22 Dec 2024

Interested parents, please email lydia@zionbishan.org.sg for form and sign up by **8 Dec**.

Zion Bishan Church Camp 2025

Save the dates and come for next year's ZB Church Camp, which will be held on **20 - 23 June 2025** (Friday to Monday), at PARKROYAL A'FAMOSA MELAKA RESORT.

Early-bird registration is now open! View details and register at bit.ly/2025ZBCamp

Watch a special message to us from the Camp Speaker:
<https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/ZBCampSpeaker2025>

Domestic Helpers' Christmas Party

1 Dec 2024 (Sun) 12.30 - 4pm
Fellowship Hall and Chapel

Calling all Zion Bishan families to invite your helpers to the Christmas Party for a time of lunch, games and gospel sharing!

Sign up by **24 Nov** at <https://bit.ly/DHchristmas2024>