EVERY MEMBER MATURE IN CHRIST

FOR THIS WE TOIL & STRUGGLE







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ENGLISH SERVICES

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: The Church's One Foundation; We are One; O Breath of Life PM: O Breath of Life; The Church's One Foundation; By Our Love

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-4; 11-16 (ESV)

Message: The Call to Maturity

Response Hymn: O Church Arise

Holy Communion: We Have a Lamb

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 & Zoom*

8.45am DHF 2 (in Myanmar language) *In-person in Room 105 & 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 Tay Beng Hwee

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 1

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 1

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Worship Leader: Dn Nicklaus Yu

Vocalist & Musicians: Music PM Team 1

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	9829 6051
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
Rev Ebi Mohan, Assoc Pastor (Tamil)	8198 9696
Rev Chris, Asst Pastor (Tamil)	9446 7416
Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry	8388 1883
Mrs Sha.ron Quek, Overseas Ministries	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding	9239 4160
Dr Quek Tze-Ming, Ministry Staff	9060 8340
Mrs Jacqueline Ong, Youth Ministry	9322 7629
Mrs Vanessa Khoo, Women's Ministry	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:

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Ps Vernon Ouek

The Call to Maturity

Ephesians 4:1-4; 11-16

God's Call for you in 2025: Maturity! (4:1,4 & 13)

So what does Maturity this coming year look like?

- i. Being Equipped by Word Ministers (v11-12)
- ii. Being Committed to Body-Building Ministry (v12-16)
- iii. NOT Being Deceived by the Devil's Deceitful Schemes (v14)

Conclusion: What is your response to God's calling for you this year?

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

- Did you dedicate yourself to maturing in Christ in 2025? Who can you
 approach to encourage and keep you accountable to your calling this coming
 year?
- 2. Who is the shepherd that will further equip you this year? What exactly will this intentional equipping look like?
- 3. In what specific ways will you do ministry and build the Body this year?
- 4. What are some potential ways the Devil is scheming to distract you from walking according to your calling this year?

Prayer Points

Our Church

New School Term – Pray for children and youths starting their school terms in the new year, such as our P1s & Sec 1s as they transition and adapt to new schools. Pray that as Christian students, they not only grow in their learning, but also grow in favour with God and man, to be salt and light in their schools.

Children's Discipleship (CD) 2025

- Pray for the various congregations' CD teachers and parents that they may partner each other well in the discipleship of all our children - that God's word may be taught and modelled to each child in 2025! Pray also for the various briefings for parents, which begin today and continue over the next two weeks for the various congregations, that these will be edifying times of prayer and discussion.

Our World

Malaysia - Pray for the Tamil fellowship in Ipoh and the work among the Orang Asli people, that the Holy Spirit will open many hearts to receive the Good News in 2025. India - Pray for two bereavements in the group of churches that we have been connecting with in S. India. The first one was the wife of a church-planter in a village area who went home to the Lord on 27 Dec. after a serious road accident on Christmas day. She was travelling with her husband and two children (aged 8 yrs and 15 months) on their motorbike. The second one was the death of the father of a churchplanter in the same network who became ill and passed away also on 27 Dec 2024. Pray for the Lord's comfort on the bereaved families.

Lebanon – The ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon which started on 27 Nov 2024 is holding though shaky. Pray that this peace will allow many who are displaced from their homes to finally return safely to them. Thank God that our partner in Beirut was able to reach out to many in different parts of Lebanon through their Christmas programmes to proclaim the gospel. As the country tries to rebuild, pray for Christians to persevere in being salt and light in their communities.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	26	
English Service 8:30am	161	\$1,990.00
English Service 10:30am	462	
English Service 4:30pm	212	
Chinese Service livestream*	9	
Chinese Service 8:30am	96	\$926.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	82	\$1,291.00
Hokkien Service	56	\$450.00
Tamil Service	15	\$485.00
DHF	23	
TOTAL	1142	\$5,142.00
WATCHNIGHT SERVICES		
Chinese Combined Services	56	
English Service	245	
TOTAL	301	
NEW YEAR DAY SERVICE		
Tamil Service	19	

^{*}Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

Electronic Transfer	\$95,999.21
Weekly Total	\$101,141.21
Weekly offering to meet budget for 2024/25: \$82,235	

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$7,635.00
Christmas	\$59,103.82
Weekly Total	\$66,738.82
Total General Projects Fund:	\$5.544.025.20

Church Family News

- Congratulations to Dn Herman Low and Rachelle on the birth of their second child, Jemma Low on 30 Dec 2024!
- 2. Ps Vernon preached at Emmanuel BPC's Retreat yesterday (4 Jan, Sat).
- 3. Ps Vernon will be on ICT from 8 24 Jan.

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

<u>Fri, 10 Jan</u>

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 11 Jan

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 12 Jan

Worship Services at 8.30am, 10.30am

& 4.30pm

The Next Lap Series

12 Jan – Personal Discipleship

Ps Dev Menon

19 Jan - Gospel Culture

Ps Alby Yip

26 Jan - Missional Communities

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.

THE HAND IS BETTER THAN A LIGHT

As the new year begins, we remember, "In the beginning, God...." (Gen 1:1). That's how the Bible begins: with God, and for the rest of the chapter, God speaks, creates, and blesses. May it be so that in 2025, we will heed God's Word, give thanks for His creation, and seek to live under His blessing.

Several horrific tragedies took place around Christmas: an attack on a Christmas market in Germany, and two plane crashes in Azerbaijan and South Korea. Again, we are reminded that despite the season's celebration of peace and goodwill, the world is far from what it should be.

What will 2025 hold for us? None of us can know for certain. You may have received this quote with new year greetings:

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'

And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'"

Indeed, the hand is better than a light. Let us keep close to the Lord to ensure our hand rests in His hand. In the coming year, we look forward to the following events of BPCIS:

18 April

Combined Good Friday Services

English: ACSI, Dover Road, 10.30am

Speaker: Pastor Yap Kim Sin Chinese: Zion Bishan, 10.30am

Speaker: Rev Dr Caleb Su

20 April

Easter Sunrise Service

MacRitchie Reservoir, 6.30am

Speaker: Pastor Alby Yip

7-8 July

Pastors & Leaders Retreat

Opero Hotel, JB

Speaker: Rev Ivan Chow

20 Sep

Annual Presbytery Meeting, 10am

Mount Gerizim, Woodlands 11

Please note the dates. We look forward to listen to God's Word, watch Him at work, and hear Him say, "I will bless and keep you, I will make my face to shine on you and be gracious to you. I will look with favour on you and give you peace." Amen, may it be so!

Pastor David Wong General Secretary, BPCIS.

Announcements

WOZ Prayer & Praise 2025

11 Jan 2025 (Sat) 2 – 5.30pm MPH

Come to bless and be blessed Thank God for the past year and look forward to serving Him in the New Year

Contact Lydia @8338 3982 to register.

ZB Youth Ministry

ZB Youth Ministry is calling for youths to be connected to the ZB church family — join us for Youth Fellowship on Saturdays, and Youth Discipleship class on Sundays.

Speak with Jacqueline (93227629), Dns Ee-Wern or Dns Larissa, if you know someone in their teens interested to join, or if you'd like to find out how you can serve our ZB youths.

Hearing Impaired Ministry Typists

We are looking for typists to facilitate the hearing of God's Word at our weekly Sunday gatherings.

If you are worshipping at the **10.30am Service**, can type fast and would like to serve in this area, please contact **Joshua Goh** (**81333172**) by **12 Jan**. Thank you.

Church Camp 20-23 June 2025

Venue: ParkRoyal A'Famosa Melaka

Resort

Speaker: Rev Henry Eatock-Taylor (https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/Z BCampSpeaker2025)

Registration is still OPEN until 31 Jan 2025.

Sign up at

https://bit.ly/2025ZBCamp