

**I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL,  
FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION  
TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES....**

**ROMANS 1:16**

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**ENGLISH SERVICES**

***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

[ MORNING ]

Worship in Songs: There is One Gospel; This Life I Live; Here We Stand

Scripture Reading: Romans 1:1-17 (ESV)

Message: When in Romans ...

[ AFTERNOON ]

Worship in Songs: There is One Gospel; Jesus is Lord; Here We Stand

Scripture Reading: Romans 1:1-17 (ESV)

Message: Romans: The Gospel We Need in 2025

Response Hymn: For the Cause

Holy Communion: When I Survey (AM); Jesus I My Cross Have Taken (PM)

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/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](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:**

Dr Quek Tze-Ming ( 8.30 & 10.30 am )

Ps Vernon Quek ( 4.30 pm )

### **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:* Elder Foo Say Chiang

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music AM Team 1

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Khoo

*Worship Leader:* Dn Nicklaus Yu

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music PM Team 1

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	9829 6051
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	8428 0525
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	9796 0196
Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor</i>	9092 6095
Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Hokkien)</i>	9751 1897
Rev Ebi Mohan, <i>Assoc Pastor (Tamil)</i>	8198 9696
Rev Chris, <i>Asst Pastor (Tamil)</i>	9446 7416
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Mrs Sha.ron Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	9239 4160
Dr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Ministry Staff</i>	9060 8340
Mrs Jacqueline Ong, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	9322 7629
Mrs Vanessa Khoo, <i>Women's Ministry</i>	9880 4507
Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	9368 9221
Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>	9271 5785
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

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

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

**When in Romans...**

Romans 1:1-17; 15:22-33

**Romans and its Influence**

**Romans as a Letter (1:1-7)**

**Romans and its Purposes (1:16-17; 15:22-33)**

Jerusalem: What is the Gospel?

- “The Power of God;” “the righteousness of God revealed” (1:16-17)

Rome: How does the Gospel work?

- “to bring about the obedience of faith” (1:5)

Spain: Where should the Gospel go?

- “to the Jew ... and also to the Greek” (1:16)

**Romans and Us**

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

*The Gospel is bigger than you think.*

### **Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

1. Read Romans 1:1–7 (out loud). As is usual with letters in the ancient world, Paul begins by saying who he is, and who the letter is intended for. But Paul expands this formula to breaking point by adding more and more information on both sides. Make a list of some of this information ... and prepare to see the thoughts expanded later in the letter.
2. What is the gospel or good news Paul describes in this expanded greeting (read 1:1-17)?
3. Why does Paul “long” to visit the Roman Christians?
4. What do you think might have tempted Paul or other Christians at that time to be “ashamed of the good news”? How are we tempted to be ashamed of the good news in our own society?

**Romans: The Gospel We Need in 2025**

Romans 1:1-17; 15:14-29; 16:25-27

**Intro:** To prepare our hearts for the year ahead...

**Paul (and this letter) is all about the Gospel...** (1:5, 9, 15-17 & 15:15-21; 16:25)

**1) ... that is for All** (1:5-6, 14, 16 & 15:18-19; 16:26)

- For all nations (peoples) (1:5,14-16 & 15:18-21; 16:26)
  - The Context of Romans (Acts 18:1-2; Romans 15:24)
- For both Non-believers AND believers (1:12,15 & 15:15)

**2) ...that brings about the Obedience of Faith** (1:5 & 15:18; 16:26)

- To Jesus Christ: King and Lord of all (1:1-7 & 15:12, 18-19)

**Conclusion:** Hearts ready for the year ahead in Romans

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

1. Summarise Paul's purpose in writing his letter to the Romans in your own words.
2. How would you define the Gospel to a non-believer? How does today's sermon shape your Gospel definition?
3. Who are some people in your life that need the Gospel in 2025? List them out and share this list with someone. Spend some time praying that Romans will motivate and equip you to proclaim Good News of Jesus to them.
4. What could the obedience of faith mean? What are some specific areas you would like to obey King Jesus more in this coming year? Pray that the Gospel in Romans brings about such obedience in our lives.

# Prayer Points

## Our Church

**LR Befriending at SM410** – Thank God that our Living Room befriending team, led by Christina Wong and Timothy See partnered with 12 members across various congregations for their CNY outreach to Sin Ming 410 last Saturday (25 Jan). They were able to present a small CNY blessing and invite them for a friendship meal this Sat (8 Feb). Please pray that the Lord will bring many residents to join this meal, enable more friendships and gospel bridges to be built for the future, and that many more members will engage in such local outreach endeavours.

### Youth Ministry 2025

**Youth Discipleship (YD)** leaders joined the ZB Peer Supporters, last Saturday, for a workshop on dealing with Youth matters. Youth issues tend to be complex and require careful engagement; in any case, the regular consistent discipling of teenagers calls for wisdom and patience. Pray especially for our twenty YD leaders who meet with small groups of youths weekly, for strength and love as they seek to care for our youths and point them to Jesus. Thank God for our newest group of YD13 that has started meeting from 26 Jan.

**Youth Fellowship (YF)** has begun the new year's calendar, with the new committee having conducted their first session on 25 Jan with over fifty YF-ers participating. Pray for this youthful group that meets every Saturday, to grow into a Christ-centred community that forge godly friendships, while looking to their greatest friend Jesus through the gospel of Luke.

## Our Denomination

**Emmanuel BPC** – Thank God that He provided enough finances for the last financial year and for a smooth budget ECM last Sunday. Please pray for the renewal of license by URA to keep using the current venue for another 3 years. Pray also for another 4-5 ZB members to consider serving there in 2025.

## Our World

**Nepal** – From 8 -28 Feb, a group of 4 from our church will be visiting our mission partner in East Nepal. Since this is winter, there is more time for us to run some training programmes and to fellowship with this small community of believers living in these remote villages. May the time spent together refresh their hearts so that they will persevere in sharing the gospel with others. Pray for safety in all their journeys by jeep or plane as they will be travelling in the mountain, where the roads and weather conditions can be unpredictable.

**Indonesia** - Our partner has a ministry to various animistic tribes in their Indonesian island. They reported a good attendance of about 1700 who attended the Christmas services in their church plants. The highlight for them was in a place where 90% of the people were still animistic in their beliefs. They decided to replace the usual Christmas service, where people were invited to with a different strategy. They decided to visit them from house to house, bringing Christmas presents and to tell them about what Christmas is and to pray for them. They are very thankful that the ones they visited welcomed them warmly. Pray that the seeds of the gospel sown into the hearts of those visited will grow in faith and obedience.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	21	
English Service 8:30am	202	\$746.00
English Service 10:30am	580	
English Service 4:30pm	197	
Chinese Service livestream*	4	
Chinese Service 8:30am	85	\$1,189.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	78	\$552.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	45	\$1,210.00
Hokkien Service	72	\$657.00
Tamil Service	11	\$304.00
DHF	27	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1322</b>	<b>\$4,658.00</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

Electronic Transfer \$49,947.09  
**Weekly Total \$54,605.09**

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

### GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer \$4,930.00  
**Weekly Total \$4,930.00**  
**Total General Projects Fund: \$5,569,803.93**

## Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Victor & Magdalene on the birth of their daughter, Leung Shu Min Samantha, on 23 Jan 2025!
2. Ps Dev is preaching at Emmanuel BPC 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, 7 Feb

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### Sat, 8 Feb

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sun, 9 Feb

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

## Romans Series

### **9 Feb – Romans 1:1-17**

*Ps Alby Yip ( 8.30 & 10.30 am )*

*Ps Dev Menon ( 4.30 pm )*

### **16 Feb – Romans 1:18-23**

*Ps Ng Zhiwen ( 8.30 & 10.30 am )*

*Mr Danny Chua ( 4.30 pm )*

### **23 Feb – Romans 2**

*Ps Alby Yip ( 8.30 & 10.30 am )*

*Mr Danny Chua ( 4.30 pm )*

### **2 Mar – Romans 3:1-20**

*Dr Quek Tze-Ming ( 8.30 & 10.30 am )*

*Ps Dev Menon ( 4.30 pm )*

## 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.

### **Blessed Chinese New Year**

Blessed Chinese New Year to you all in Zion Bishan who are celebrating it! I trust most of you have enjoyed the past few days of celebrations. I wonder how your rounds of visitations went. For me, CNY visitations previously have been a love-hate relationship. It's not that I loved visitations when I was young because I received ang-pows, and now hate them because I need to give ang-pows after I got married.

As a child, CNY visitation was a love-hate thing because I would bump into distant relatives, especially those around the same age. I remember it was so awkward trying to say "Hi" sitting unsettlingly not knowing what to say next. The dominant thought in my mind was, "When are we moving to the next house?" But not sans the ang-pows.

When I was older, sometimes visitation talking points were all about who was holding what jobs and, hinting, at the perks, pay and status. Otherwise, it would be how terrible the bosses and colleagues were. For singles, their relationship status often became the focal point because people don't know what to talk about!

My feelings about CNY visitation changed when I was older. I realized we visited fewer houses each year because the matriarchs and patriarchs had passed on one by one. The younger generation somehow did not quite feel visitations were as important. A distant uncle told us the year after his mum passed on, "My mum is no longer around. You all need not visit anymore."

I can only lament all my missed opportunities to interact with my distant relatives, albeit once a year. As I thought about it, I wish I were conscious of the many talking points for Christians concerning CNY, especially towards non-Christians. Maybe let me leave you with some thoughts here:

1. Red. Red is a very important colour in Chinese New Year. It symbolises auspiciousness and good fortune. Our talking point can be that red is also very important to Christians and it too has great symbolism. I suppose you know how and what to continue with here.
2. New beginnings. CNY marks the start of the new lunar year and with it all things new. Christmas too marks a new beginning in the history of mankind. The birth of the Son of God has ushered in new hope for humanity.
3. Reunion. I guess many people take reunion as the meal before the first day of CNY. But all the visitations, beyond paying respect to the seniors of the clan is also a form of reunion. Of course, Christmas is also a time of reunion. That instead of us “visiting” God, God visited us that we may be reunited with Him.
4. Ang-pows. How can we not talk about ang-pows. CNY ang-pows are meant to be the seniors blessings to the juniors to bring them “good luck”. Christmas is God’s greatest gift to mankind. It brings to man more than what this earth can give us. It gives us eternity and the promise of God’s presence now and in the eternity to come.

I believe you can add to the list by now. Once again, wishing you all a Blessed Chinese New Year. Have many blessed visitations and conversations too. But do it respectfully.

## Announcements

### Men Ministry

We have been enlisted not because we are good, but it is by the grace of our Lord Jesus. We do not fight this in our own strength. We are in for the kingdom of God.

#### Enlistment – Accepting the Appointment

by Elder Roland Low

**15 Feb 2025 (Sat)**

**Zion Bishan Chapel, Level 4**

**8.00am – 9.30am**

Breakfast Fellowship @ 7.30am

<https://forms.gle/dRfiLq7EZv9DpEoo6>

### Notice of Extraordinary Congregation Meeting (ECM) 2025

To all communicant members:

**ECM will be held in-person on 23rd February 2025 (Sun) at 1pm in the Main Sanctuary.** The coming ECM is to approve the budget for the financial year 2025/2026.

Please inform the church office by this week if you have changed your email address or contact details (lydia@zionbishan.org.sg)

The notice of meeting, financial documents and proxy form will be sent to your emails by latest 12th Feb 2025.

All communicant members (above 21) are to attend. Childcare will be provided upon request. Please inform the church office if you are overseas and unable to attend.

You may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on your behalf.

### English as Second Language

Conversational English classes resume on **10 Feb.**

Held every **Monday 10am to 12pm**, except school holidays and public holidays, **Level 4 Chapel.**

**Register on 17 Feb only** for classes in 2025 from **10.45am to 12noon**. There will be a non-refundable admin fee of \$10, and textbook at \$52 (subject to change) for 2 years usage.

For enquiries, please contact **Cynthia Ng at 9857 7696**

### Roman Sermon Series Booklets

We begin a new sermon series in the book of Romans in February. Printed booklets of Romans will be available, with space for note-taking to help us follow along the series. You may pick up a copy at the registration table before service, and Paynow/Paylah to **Vanessa Lee (98804507)**.

**A5 booklets: \$1.50 each**

**A4 booklets: \$3 each**

### ZB #GetSent 2025

At Mission Focus last week, we shared a webpage containing how we can be learning and growing in God's Mission this year.

Whether through learning opportunities, trips or serving opportunities, may each one of us at Zion Bishan #getsent for His Kingdom.

Find out more at

<https://getsentzionbishan.my.canva.site/>