

**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

Worship in Songs

AM: The Gospel Was Promised; He Will Hold Me Fast; There Is A Hope

PM: And Can It Be; My Worth Is Not In What I Own; I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Scripture Reading: Romans 4:1-25 (ESV)

Message: Abraham Your Father?

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 & 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: Dr Quek Tze-Ming

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek

Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 3

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Mervyn Phan

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 3

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Ernest Kay

Worship Leader: Eld Chan Kin Yip

Vocalist & Musicians: Music PM Team 3

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>Sabbatical</i>
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>	<i>Sabbatical</i>
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
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	8388 1883
Ms Elizabeth Hira, <i>Children's Min/DHF</i>	9239 0680
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

Abraham Your Father?

Romans 4:1-25

Introduction

Justified by faith,
boasting excluded
non-Jews included (3:27-30)

Abraham is Justified by Faith, apart from Works (4:1-8)

**Abraham is Father of All who Believe, both Jews and non-Jews
(4:9-12)**

Abraham's Faith is Centered on God, who Gives Life (4:13-22)

Abraham's Faith is our Faith (4:23-25)

Conclusion

What is Faith?

Who is Family?

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What do you remember from the sermon or the scripture text (Romans 4:1-25)? Why does Abraham appear in this passage?
2. How would you describe "faith" to someone who is not a Christian? In your own words, what does it mean that "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness" (4:3-4)? What is the difference between being justified ("considered righteous") by faith vs being justified by works?
3. How does Paul redefine the family of Abraham (see esp. 4:9-12)? In what way is this redefined family "bigger" than ethnic Jews? In what way is it "smaller" than all ethnic Jews? How does it feel to be part of this family?
4. In what ways have you experienced God who promises things which seem impossible and brings to life things which should not exist?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Tuition Ministry – Thank God for our volunteer teachers who have been journeying with the students, helping them in their studies this first semester of the academic year. Pray for good rest in the term break this coming week, that they will be refreshed and ready to continue ministering to the students, loving them with the love of Jesus.

Seniors Retreat – A total of 61 seniors will be participating in the Seniors Retreat (**22 - 25 Mar 2025**) in Ipoh and Cameron Highlands, with Pastor Daniel Yaw as the speaker. Pray for the participants to spend quality time together in fruitful fellowship with God and fellow seniors, to learn from God through messages focused on the theme "Right Walk in Christ" and to apply these lessons practically in life by walking rightly in Christ and in His Truth.

Terusan Guest Workers Outreach – Pray over the upcoming Easter program (worship service) at Terusan, asking for God's presence to touch the hearts of many. This service will kick off weekly services commencing in May. There remains a need for dedicated volunteers who are willing to serve with commitment, compassion, and wisdom. Do uphold the planning team, which will be making time after our morning services to intercede for the ministry.

Our People

S. Rai - Thank God for S. Rai, a Nepali brother who helps our church's mission work in India and Nepal, and has assisted with various visiting ZB teams for the past 6 months. He is finally returning to the UK to be reunited with his family. Thank God for his faithful service! Pray for a restful reunion with loved ones and for open doors as he transits into another phase of ministry with the Nepali Diaspora there.

Our World

Syria - Newsweek (12 Mar) updates that the number of civilians killed in this recent wave of violence since 6 Mar has risen to 1,383 persons (from the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights), with most from the minority Alawite sect. Our Lebanese partner also reports that Christians they know have also been affected by the killings. Pray for peace to come back to this region, and for the Lord to continue strengthening His saints there.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	20	
English Service 8:30am	195	\$978.00
English Service 10:30am	554	
English Service 4:30pm	215	
Chinese Service livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8:30am	82	\$1,918.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	74	\$765.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	53	\$978.00
Hokkien Service	66	\$2,503.00
Tamil Service	16	\$305.00
DHF	25	
TOTAL	1307	\$7,447.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

Electronic Transfer	\$83,508.31
Weekly Total	\$90,955.31

Weekly Offering to meet estimated expenditure for 2025/26: \$94,181

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$10,753.80
Weekly Total	\$10,753.80
Total General Projects Fund:	\$5,630,637.04

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Ashish & Hui Ping Peter on the birth of their son, Aarul Daniel Peter, on 6 March 2025!
2. Ps Zhiwen will be on overseas leave on 15 - 22 March 2025.
3. Our deepest condolences and sympathy to our church staff, Judy So and her family on the passing of her beloved father, the late Mr Louis So Wai Tim, aged 87, on 14 March 2025 in Hong Kong. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.

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, 21 Mar

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 22 Mar

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/vf

Sun, 23 Mar

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

Romans Series

23 Mar – Romans 1-4 Review & Reflect

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Vernon Quek (4.30 pm)

30 Mar – Romans 5:1-11

Ps Ebi Mohan (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Mr Danny Chua (4.30 pm)

6 Apr – Romans 5:12-21

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Mr Danny Chua (4.30 pm)

13 Apr – Romans 6:1-14

Ps Vernon Quek

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 Middle Age

A couple of days ago I firmly entered what is known as ‘the middle age’. It’s the life-stage where you can no longer even remotely identify as a young adult, but realistically you are closer to that of a senior. I’m sure my fellow Gen-Xers can understand.

I realised at the last youth camp, that I was 30 years older than the participants, and am 20 years older than the premarital couples that I counsel. I have been in full-time ministry for almost two decades and my older children are well into their teens! It’s not that time flies (I have a very slow sense of time passing), but there’s this growing realisation that a LOT of time has passed, and I am older.

Since I run two AGs, I can see the difference life-stage makes. One is younger, with most in their 20s-30s, and the issues we deal with are things like career choices, identity crisis, relationship issues, and new-found faith. But the other one is from 30s to 50s, and now we are handling long-term illness, marital strife, caregiving burdens, faith and family breakdown. A much more sobering reality.

Inevitably, health and energy levels are starting to become a concern, thinking carefully how much I can realistically manage; whether to take on the next task. Yet there also seems to be this sense of liberating dependence: look at what God has done thus far. Surely, He will provide all the resource and help you to do the next thing – go for it!

I also sense an urgency to be clearer on my purpose. Not so much because I think there's little time left (I am not THAT old). But more that I don't want to waste time and energy. I foresee it would be so easy to end up adrift when my official responsibilities of work and parenting come to an end. I don't want to spend my final season fruitless. So do I know who I am in Christ and why I am here? I must be clear. As the psalmist says:

O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come. (Psalm 71:17-18)

But lastly, there is this hint of adventure. The life lived with Christ is never boring, as my wife recently commented, each year seems to get more and more exciting. What new things will He show us, teach us, take us through? Wherever He leads I will follow.

Announcements

WOZ – Hanoi Fellowship Retreat

13 - 19 Aug 2025

Visiting Sapa mountain church,
the Orphanage, and Sightseeing.

For more information, contact
Lydia at 8338 3982

Families are welcome to join!
Early Bird ends **31 Mar.**

Please register here:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/WozRetreat2025Hanoi

Organised by WOZ

Zion Bishan Kindercare

ZBK is celebrating its **30th Anniversary** this year and we are gathering photos from and of alumni. If you are an alumni or you know someone who has been a student at ZBK from 1995 onwards, please contact **Ruth Quek** at **8833 0196**.

BPCIS Combined Good Friday Service 2025

18 Apr (Fri) 10.30am
ACS (Independent),
Auditorium 2

EMBRACING THE CROSS
OF JESUS

Speaker: Rev (Dr) Yap Kim Sin

Register for tickets via this link:

<https://forms.gle/fnL3fd1zeSC2UZa2Aby> by **29 Mar.**

Distribution of tickets via
fellowship hall booth on 30 Mar.

Coach transportation to and
from Zion Bishan provided.

*Note there is no parking onsite.
Please park at 28 Dover Crescent
instead and board the shuttle
buses that will run between Blk
28 and ACS(I).*