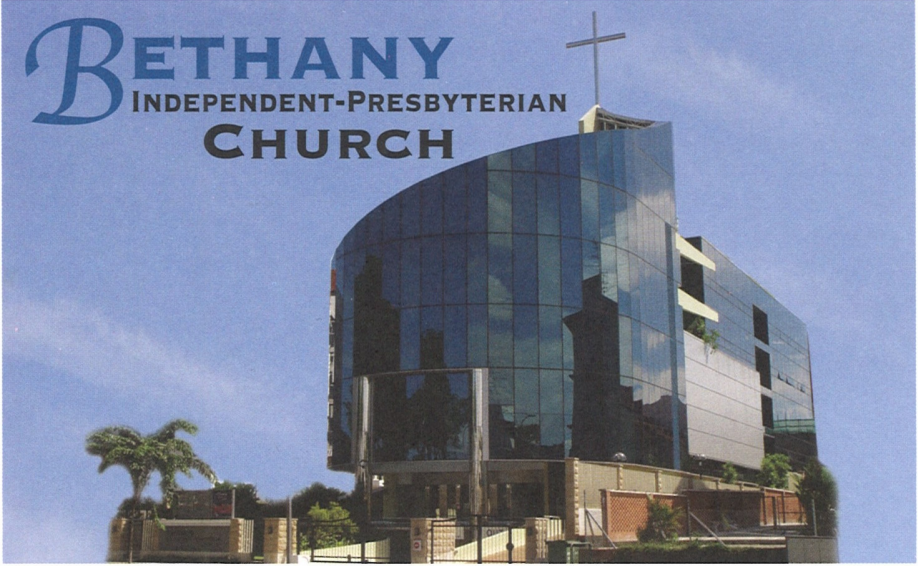


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CHURCH



God's kind of Church...where God is touching lives...and people care for people

Bethany III ... 3 January 2016 ... Happy New Year! ... Holy Communion Sunday

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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: Psalm 27



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“ONE THING I HAVE DESIRED”

IF THERE IS ONE WISH YOU COULD HAVE IN THE NEW YEAR

If you could have one wish for the New Year, what would that be? What would you wish

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for?

1. Health?
2. Wealth?
3. Happiness?

These are not wrong in themselves. They are quite normal wishes.

A GREAT EXAMPLE

King David had everything he could wish for in life.

1. He was a king
2. He was wealthy
3. He possessed great power

Yet though having all these things, David's one wish was carefully penned down.

*One thing I have desired of the LORD,
That will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.*

Psalm 27:4

WHAT WAS KING DAVID LOOKING FOR?

What was in David's mind as he wrote these words? What motivated him to write such thoughts?

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1. Knowledge and faith in the Lord

- (a) David had found God so real in his life
- (b) He was once only a young shepherd and yet he had become King of Israel
- (c) He knew that all his achievements of life had come about because of the Lord

2. A deep desire

- (a) He knew that there was so much more about God he did not know
- (b) It would take a lifetime to know the Lord far better than he did

3. An important determination

David knew that he must do his part.

- (a) He must be single-minded
- (b) He must be true-hearted
- (c) He must pursue the knowledge of God with all his heart

A GREAT CHALLENGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Let us emulate the example of King David. Let us be challenged to be single-minded in deepening our knowledge of the Lord. May 2016 be a great year! †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. †

WELCOME
to Bethany III

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WORSHIPPING AT SHANGRI LA

We will be worshipping at Shangri La for two Sundays.

3 January 2016

10 January 2016

God-willing, the strengthening of the beams and columns would have been completed and we can return to worship at Bethany again! †

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Bread

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread , blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat, this is My body." Mark 14:22

The Cup

Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them and they all drank from it.

*And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many."
Mark 14:23-24 †*

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will not be having our regular Sunday School for 2 weeks:

3 January 2016

10 January 2016

We will resume Sunday School on 17 January 2016 when we return to our regular worship at Bethany. †



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMBINED WORSHIP

We will be having Combined Worship for the whole month of January and for the 1st week of February 2016. †

MULTIPLE SERVICES

We will resume multiple services on 14 February 2016. †

CATECHISM CLASS

We will resume Catechism Class on 17 January 2016.

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

We will be having our first Meeting on 16 January 2016 (AM, YAG, YPG)

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Fellowship Hall †

ANNOUNCEMENTS



KINDERGARTEN

We will be delaying the opening of the Kindergarten for 2 weeks. Kindy will open for the new year on 18 January 2016. †

IPC INDIA (FAMILY CAMP)

A team from Bethany will be leaving on 10 January 2016. Pastor Christopher Lai will be part of the Team.

Theme: “A servant of the Lord”

Let us pray for the Lord’s blessings. †

BETHANY FAMILY CAMP

Date: 13-18 March 2016

Theme: “Call to Me”

Venue: Le Grandeur (Jobor)

Plan to sign up for the Family Camp as soon as possible.

THE MINISTRY OF OUR ANNUAL CAMP

1. Our Family Camp has been a great source of blessing
 - (a) For families
 - (b) For individuals
 - (c) For our Church
 - (d) For our overseas brethren joining us

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2. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings
 - (a) Let us seek the Lord earnestly
 - (b) Let us seek great blessings

SPONSORS

Let us pray that we will have sufficient sponsorship to run our Family Camp successfully. †

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor,

My family and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our dear brothers and sisters in Bethany for their love and concern when I was hospitalized for a ruptured brain aneurysm. Through this difficult period, I have found God to be very real and personal in my life, and could feel His love for my family and me, expressed through His people. He is indeed a faithful God whose mercies are new every morning! We are truly humbled by his unfailing love, mercy and grace, knowing that He has given us more than we deserved. All praise, honour and glory to the Lord for seeing me through the operation and for the speedy recovery!

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LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

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We would like to convey our sincere thanks to Bethany for coming together and standing with us as one in faith, and upholding us in prayer.

*With deepest gratitude,
Esther Kam & family*

WORSHIP

*Worship
in Spirit
& Truth*

Psalm 51: 18–19

*Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion;
Build the walls of Jerusalem.*

*Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness,
With burnt offering and whole burnt offering:
Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.*

1. Prayer to the Lord

- (a) For good to be done to Zion
- (b) To protect and defend His people



2. Promise to the Lord

- (a) Righteous sacrifices will be made
- (b) Sacrifices (whole burnt offering) would be made to the Lord ☩

A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE YOU

It was with great love that Jesus came down to earth,
He saw so much darkness, there was no heartfelt mirth.
He knew that one problem was a lack of divine love,
Man's heart is empty till it is touched by God above.

Jesus knew that He had to teach by the power of His life,
Words were not enough to help people overcome strife.
Love was more than just a feeling, it was strong compassion,
The heart, the mind, the soul must be filled with pure emotion.

Lovingly He called His disciples by name, one by one,
His disciples, His apostles, His friends they had become.
They felt Divine love as never before in their sinful past,
They had come to understand God's love at last.

"A new commandment I give to you," Jesus said,
Everything bad must go, love must fill the heart instead.
Have we been touched by the love of our Father God?
Let us keep this New Commandment given by the Lord.

Inspiration: John 13:34-35

Charles Tan †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 3 January 2016

Psalm 27:8 Seek My Face

*When You said, “Seek My face,
My heart said to You, “Your face, LORD, I will seek.”*

1. God’s challenge

- (a) To seek His Face
- (b) God invites us “To seek Him”

2. An appropriate response

- (a) Exemplified by King David
- (b) To seek God with the whole heart

Next Sunday, 10 January 2016

Matthew 6:33 Seek first the Kingdom of God

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added to you.*



THEME : YOUR FACE, LORD, I WILL SEEK

This Week @ Worship

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . SHANGRI LA HOTEL
“Seek My Face”
Psalm 27

Chairmen
The Pastoral Team

Pianist
Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

NO BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Children's Worship (P1 – P6)		10.30 am	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Evening-Bilingual Worship Service		4.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Church Office	3 rd floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	3 rd Floor Auditorium	3 rd floor
Junior Sunday School		8.30am	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Combined		8.30am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School		8.30am	BTS	4 th floor
Senior Sunday School III				
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Sanctuary II	2 nd floor
BIBLE STUDY				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Home Bible Study	2 nd and 4 th Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 st and 3 rd Fri	7.30 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
CATECHISM CLASS				
	Sun	1.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group	Sat	3.00 pm	3 rd and 4 th Floor Auditorium	3 rd & 4 th floor
Young Adults' Group	Sat	3.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor

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PULPIT THEME JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2016



Holy Communion Service

◆ 3 January 2016 ◆ 10.30 am ◆

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Holy Communion Service

♦ 3 January 2016 ♦ 10.30 am ♦

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Century Praise 316

Have Faith In God

Prelude

Pianist : Mrs Sally Tan

Call to Worship

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 389

He Leadeth Me

Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong

Century Praise 295

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah

Century Praise 44

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

Rev Mark Tan

Century Praise 6

How Great Thou Art

Rev Mitchell Tan

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

BIBLE MEMORIZATION & RECITATION

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Seek My Face”
“你们当寻求我的面 ö
Text: Psalm 27
Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

Century Praise 450 Nearer, My God, To Thee

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 448 Abide With Me

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 399 Make Me A Blessing

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

3 January 2016

Dear Brethren,

BEGINNING THE NEW YEAR 2016 WITH A GOOD CHOICE

A brand New Year has dawned on us. How should we view the New Year? Let's take time to read Psalms 42-43. The Psalmist knew that he had two choices open to him.

1. He could allow himself to feel overwhelmed
 - a) He could feel cast down
 - b) He could feel that life was too difficult
2. He could choose to cling to his hope in God
 - a) He could choose to look up to God in hope
 - b) He could choose to exercise his faith in God
3. The Psalmist chose well
 - a) He chose to battle his negative feelings
 - b) He chose to hope in the Lord

CHALLENGES IN THE NEW YEAR

The challenges of the New Year are the usual challenges we will face in life. These would include the following: -

1. Health challenges
2. Financial challenges
3. Spiritual challenges

These challenges will not go away! But we can face these challenges affectively when we include God in our life.

HOPE IN GOD

Our faith in God should stir up hope in our hearts! Our hope in God stems from our faith in Him! God has proven Himself more than faithful in 2015! Let us begin the New Year with a great sense of hope in our heart!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*



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