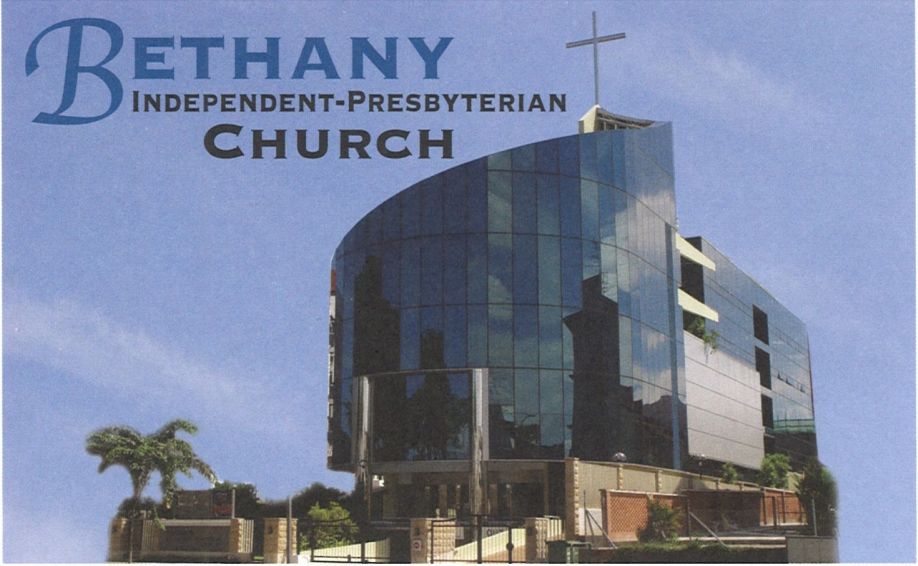


# BETHANY

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## MEDITATION

*by Rev Dr Charles Tan*

Text: Deuteronomy 4:29

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# "IF YOU SEEK HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART"

## A SOLEMN WORD OF WARNING

Moses gave a serious word of warning to the children of Israel. He warned them of the dangers that would arise with the passing of time.

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# MEDITATION

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1. Old age      Deuteronomy 4:25
  - a) When the people become parents
  - b) And they become grandparents
  
2. Dangers      Deuteronomy 4:25
  - a) Corruption takes place
  - b) Turning to idolatrous worship
  - c) Doing evil
  
3. Chastisement of the Lord
  - a) The Lord will scatter Israel
  - b) They will become diminished
  - c) They will perish

These words proved prophetically true. These things happened to Israel after they inherited the land. Israel was defeated by the Assyrians and the Babylonians.

## SEEKING THE LORD

Mercifully, a word of hope was also given. Gently, Moses highlighted this hope.

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*But from there you will seek the LORD your God,  
And you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart  
And with all your soul. Deuteronomy 4:29*

1. You will seek the Lord your God

- a) In foreign lands
- b) In distress

2. You will find Him if you seek Him

- a) With all your heart
- b) With all your soul

3. How we seek the Lord matters

- a) We cannot hope to find the Lord if our heart and soul are not there
- b) We must seek the Lord with genuine sincerity of heart and soul

## **A GREAT CHALLENGE**

Let us seek the Lord appropriately. Let us spare no effort in our search for God! May we find the Lord real and precious as we seek His face!



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are back home at 301 Upper Paya Lebar Road. We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be encouraged through worship and fellowship. †

# WELCOME

**to Bethany III**

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## COMBINED WORSHIP

We will be having Combined Worship for the month of January 2016. †

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## CATECHISM CLASS

We commence our Catechism Class Ministry today.

*Time: 1.00pm*

*Venue: 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium †*

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## ACM 2016

We will be having our ACM on 28 February 2016. We will be conducting the ACM after the Lunch Fellowship at 1.00pm.

*Venue: Fellowship Hall*

1. To review the year 2015
2. To look forward to 2016

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We will need to have a quorum to conduct the ACM. Let us seek to fulfil our membership duties faithfully. †

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## **FAMILY CAMP**

*Theme: “Call to Me”*

*Date: 13-18 March 2016*

*Venue: Le Grandeur, Johor*

Let us plan to attend the Family Camp. Let us seek to deepen our knowledge and practice of prayer!

1. Topics we will be dealing with at the Family Camp

- a) Wrong concepts of prayer
- b) Wrong practices of prayer

2. Challenges

- a) To find a deeper understanding of prayer
- b) To improve our prayer life

## **CAMP SPONSORS**

May the Lord move hearts to give towards the support of the Camp.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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1. To cover transport
2. To help defray Camp fees †

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## MISSIONS

1. IPC India Family Camp (11- 13 Jan 2016)
  - a) Thank God for journey mercies
  - b) Thank God for grace and strength for ministry
  - c) Let us continue to pray for our brethren in India
    - i) May there be good servants of the Lord arising
    - ii) May there be much fruit forthcoming
2. Ministry in Bethel (18-24 Jan 2016)

Pastor Charles Tan will be ministering in Bethel next week. †

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## *A & A*

Let us seek the Lord's blessings. Let us continue to uphold the A & A project in diligent prayer. †



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## EASTER 2016

Easter is much earlier this year. Immediately after the Family Camp, we will be celebrating Easter.

*Easter Baptismal Service, 20 March 2016*

*Maundy Thursday, 24 March 2016*

*Easter Sunday, 27 March 2016*

*Easter Service at Shangri La †*



## WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

### COMMENCEMENT OF WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

We will commence our weekday ministries next week. †

#### PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 25 January 2016

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: TUR †

#### PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 25 January 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium †

#### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 26 January 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium †

# POETRY CORNER

## I WILL GUIDE YOU

"I will teach you..." How these words must thrill the soul!

The heart is struck by these words, simple and bold.  
The thought of God instructing us in this world so dark,  
Brings an uplift and we can sing as happily as the lark.

"I will guide you..." These words bring comfort to the heart,  
Many uncertainties threaten to tear our confidence apart.

How our hearts must seek to learn deep lessons from the Lord,  
He speaks and we must seek to hear the very word of God.

Like the mule and the horse, we do not easily obey the Lord.  
We are not naturally inclined to walk with our gracious God.  
How we must deal with our hearts that are so tainted by sin,  
We must ever seek the Lord to cleanse us from deep within.

The Lord shows us in His word how He led His prophets of old,  
If they were to let Him teach and guide, they become so bold.  
The Lord taught some disciples how they may succeed in life,  
We too can learn how to rise triumphant above great strife

Psalm 32

Charles Tan †



## PSALM 54:4-6

*Behold, God is my helper;  
The LORD is with those who uphold my life.*

*He will repay my enemies for their evil.  
Cut them off in Your truth.*

*I will freely sacrifice to You;  
I will praise Your name, O LORD, for it is good.*

### 1. A declaration of faith

- a) God is my helper
- b) God's name is good

### 2. A determination of life

- a) To freely sacrifice to the Lord
- b) To praise the good name of God †

# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

**Today, 17 January 2016**

**Colossians 3:1** *Seek those things which are above*

*If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above,  
where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.*

1. Seeking the face of the Lord Psalm 27:8

- a) A gracious invitation from the Lord
- b) An appropriate response is needed

2. Seeking things above

- a) Where Christ is
- b) At the right hand of God

3. Appropriate response

- a) To respond adequately
- b) To seek things spiritual and eternal with all our heart

**Next Sunday, 24 January 2016**

**Isaiah 55:6** *Seek the LORD while He may be found*

*Seek the LORD while He may be found,  
Call upon Him while He is near. †*

THEME : YOUR FACE, LORD, I WILL SEEK

# *This Week @ Worship*

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL  
“Be still and know that I am God”  
Psalm 46

Chairmen

Deacon  
George Thomas  
Deacon  
Jacob Chacko

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Interpreter

Mrs Goh Weihui

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE**

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —

10.30 AM

“One of You who eats with Me will  
betray Me”

Mark 14:17-21

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah  
*4th Floor Auditorium*

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP LUNCH : Mark & Chen Kee

# Bethany Church Activities

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

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# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

17 January 2016

*Dear Brethren,*

## READING THE LORD'S WORD

It is so good to read the Lord's Word. The place of the Scriptures has been long and well-established at Bethany.

1. Pulpit Ministry
2. Sunday School
3. Fellowship Groups
4. Literature ministry
5. Missions work

In all of the above, the Word of God is central! Thank God for the Holy Scriptures! May we be challenged to set aside time to read more of the Lord's Word in the New Year.

## WHAT MAY WE DISCOVER READING THE SCRIPTURES?

Why do we emphasise the Scriptures as much as we do? We may discover many things when we read the Word of God diligently.

1. Knowledge of God  
There is so much to learn about God.
2. Life-changing knowledge of God
  - a) Inspiration can come to our hearts
  - b) Faith can arise
  - c) Wisdom may be obtained
  - d) Strength may be found
  - e) Service is given with greater joy

These are only some of the blessings we will discover as we take time to read the Scriptures faithfully. Let us seek the face of the Lord through reading the Word of God.

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*