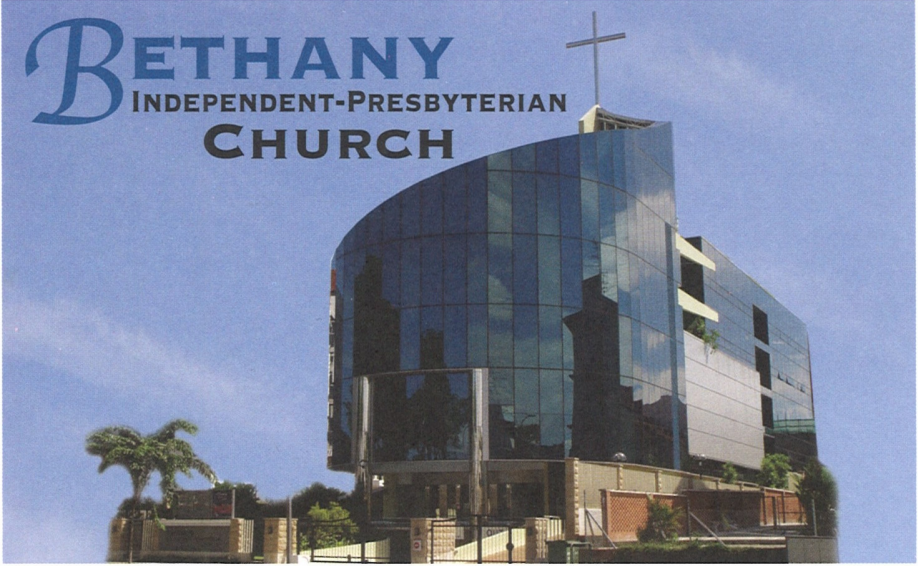


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God's kind of Church...where God is touching lives...and people care for people

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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: Psalm 119:33-40



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“TURN AWAY MY EYES FROM LOOKING AT WORTHLESS THINGS”

AN INVITATION TO SEEK THE FACE OF THE LORD

This year's Pulpit Theme began with a call to seek the Lord's face. This was a good and timely

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call to make this New Year one where we seek the Lord more diligently.

1. Seeking the face of the Lord

a) This is the Lord's invitation (Psalm 27:8)

b) This is a glorious invitation

2. Our response

a) To seek the Lord's face with all our heart (Psalm 27:8)

b) To seek Him diligently all the time

CHALLENGES WE FACE ALONG THE WAY

Many are the challenges we face along the way! The Psalmist in writing Psalm 119 identified some problems he encountered as he sought to walk with the Lord.

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| 1. The problem of sin | Psalm 119:9 |
| 2. The problem of straying from the Lord | Psalm 119:10 |
| 3. The problem of opposition/ persecution | Psalm 119:22 |

The Psalmist added another problem that hinders many people from seeking the Lord effectively.

*Incline my heart to Your testimonies,
And not to covetousness.*

*Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,
And revive me in Your way.* *Psalm 119:36-37*

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THE PROBLEM OF COVETOUSNESS

This is a very real and present problem. Let us deal with this problem carefully.

1. The wrong way of dealing with it
 - a) Deny the problem of covetousness
 - b) Refuse to deal with the problem
 - c) Yielding to the problem
2. The wise way of dealing with the problem of covetousness
 - a) Seek the Lord's help in prayer
 - b) Turn our eyes away from looking at worthless material things
 - c) Seek revival from the Lord!

LET US PERSEVERE

Let us persevere with all our heart in our quest of seeking the face of the Lord. Let us seek revival from the Lord! †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus with us today. May your heart be challenged to seek the face of the Lord through worship and fellowship! †

WELCOME
to Bethany III

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †

NEXT SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2016

1. We will be having a Combined Worship
 2. We will be having The Lord's Supper too †
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NO FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is also the Eve of the Lunar New Year.
We will not be having Fellowship Lunch after the Worship Service! †

OPEN HOUSE 1 GERALD CRESCENT

There will be the Annual Open House on the
First Day of the Lunar New Year.
Visiting time: 9.00am- 5.00pm
All are welcome! †



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACM

1. For Members only
2. Date: 28 February
3. Time: 1.00pm
4. Venue: Fellowship Hall ☩

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

13-18 March 2016
Theme: “Call to Me”

1. Let us plan to attend the Family Camp
 - a) Let this be our effort of seeking God
 - b) Let us desire to spend time learning more about the Lord
2. Let us pray for the Camp
 - a) Let us pray for the Camp Committee
 - b) Let us pray for all coming to the Camp ☩

ANNOUNCEMENTS



EASTER AT SHANGRI LA

Date: 27 March 2016

Plan to book your table for the Easter Lunch.

Cost per table: \$1000.00 only

MISSIONS MINISTRY

1. India (11-14 January 2016)
2. Number of people who formed this team that went to India
 - a) Pastoral team (Bethany and Bethel)
 - b) Some Session Members
 - c) Some Missions Committee Members
 - d) Church Members
3. Occasions:
 - a) Dedication of the Sathiyam Study Centre on Monday, 11 January 2016
 - b) Family Camp (11-13 January 2016)
 - c) Ordination of Titus Balaji (13 January 2016)
 - d) Wedding Service of Rachel Baskaran (14 January 2016)

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4. Reflections on Ministry in India

- a) This was a good exposure for our student-pastors
 - i) They shared their testimonies of their calling
 - ii) They also taught the young people who came to Camp
- b) Instruction from the Lord's word
 - i) This was needed
 - ii) Many were challenged to be better servants of the Lord
- c) This was a ministry of encouragement to our brethren in India
 - i) Through worship
 - ii) Through fellowship
 - iii) Through ministry together
- d) Our team also ministered to the Children in India
 - i) There was good reception of the lessons taught
 - ii) Many of the children loved the Team from Singapore

WORSHIP

Worship
in Spirit
& Truth

PSALM 55:22

*Cast your burden on the LORD,
And He shall sustain you;
He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.*

1. The burdens of life
 - a) They will always be there
 - b) They can be heavy
2. Casting our burdens on the Lord
 - a) This is good and sound advice
 - b) We do not need to carry the burdens of life by ourselves
3. The Lord's part
 - a) He will sustain us
 - b) He will strengthen us so that we will not be moved †

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES



PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 1 February 2016

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: The Upper Room †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 1 February 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 2 February 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †

OFFER TO GOD THANKSGIVING

Man can be so engrossed in his own ideas about worshipping God,
He often assumes that he understands true worship of the Lord.
He plans to set aside time to offer worship on the Sabbath Day,
He thinks that when he does what is required he has done what God says.

But what if the Lord begs to differ and He tells man that he is wrong?
He is not interested in the technical ways of singing religious songs!
He looks for the worshipper who comes to Him offering thanksgiving,
Whose heart is so full of gratitude, it expresses itself with heartfelt singing.

God is always looking at the heart we have when we offer worship,
The service we give matters little if there is a poor relationship.
Thanksgiving should be the most natural response to the Lord,
That we are pardoned from our sins should humble us before God!

“Offer to God thanksgiving-“ This is direct command from the Lord,
If we wish our worship to be accepted, we must seek to obey God!
Each day the heart must seek to be filled with a heart of thanksgiving,
Only then can we fulfil what is desired by God, and this is truly worshipping!

Inspiration: Psalm 50:14

Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

31 January 2016

PSALM 63:1 EARLY WILL I SEEK YOU

O God, You are my God;
Early will I seek You;
My soul thirsts for You;
My flesh longs for You
In a dry and thirsty land
Where there is no water.

1. What does it mean for the Lord to be our God?
2. For the Psalmist David
 - a) This means seeking God earnestly
 - b) There was a spiritual thirst that he knew that only God could quench
 - c) This longing was so real it was visceral

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MATTHEW 7:7 SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND

Ask, and it will be given to you;
Seek, and you will find;
Knock, and it will be opened to you. †

THEME : YOUR FACE, LORD, I WILL SEEK

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL
“I have found My servant David”
Psalm 89; 1 Samuel 16

Chairman

Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —

10.30 AM

“All of you will be made to stumble”
Mark 14:26-31

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker

Rev Mitchell Tan
4th Floor Auditorium

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

BREAKFAST : Sherman Sim
FELLOWSHIP LUNCH : Berlinda & Si Hui

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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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
31 January 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Century Praise 193	Rock Of Ages
Prelude	<i>Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui</i>
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns Century Praise 222	Lord, I Lift Your Name On High
Century Praise 297	Wonderful Grace Of Jesus
Century Praise 302	You Are My All In All

BIBLE MEMORIZATION & RECITATION

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “I have found My servant David”
“我寻得我的仆人大卫”
Text : Psalm 89; 1 Samuel 16
诗篇 89; 撒母耳记上 16
Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn Century Praise 467	Faith Of Our Fathers
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Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

31 January 2016

Dear Brethren,

SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

We began the year with reading the Psalms. The challenge for the year was to seek the face of the Lord (Psalm 27:10). How have you been seeking the Lord's face?

THE EXAMPLE OF KING DAVID

Seeking the Lord's face was a major priority in the life of King David. Let us learn how we may seek the Lord as he did!

1. A desire to seek the Lord

- a) One thing I have desired of the Lord that will I seek Psalm 27:4
- b) We need to have this strong desire too and that will provide a great sense of drive

2. Dwelling in the house of the Lord

- a) Of course, it was not a physical dwelling place
- b) David was referring to a love to be in God's house
 - i) He wants to behold the beauty of the Lord
 - ii) He wants to inquire and to learn as much as he can about the Lord

3. Determination to seek the face of the Lord

- a) The Lord saw David's heart and invited him to seek His face
- b) David's response was swift and certain
 - i) He will indeed seek the Lord's face
 - ii) He will seek the Lord with all his heart!

LET US PRESS ON

Let us determine to press on with our determination to seek the Lord's face! Let us persevere! Let us do everything we can to seek the Lord believing that our efforts would not be in vain! He will be our light and our salvation!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*