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MEDITATION

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*I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever;
With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness
To all generations.*

*For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever;
Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."*

Psalms 89:1-2

1. I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever
 - a) The mercies of God should inspire our hearts much
 - b) We may sing of the mercies of the Lord forever
 - c) The mercies of the Lord sadly are taken too much for granted
 - d) It is good and right that we remember the Lord's mercies in our life
2. With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations
 - a) God's mercies are given abundantly because of His faithfulness
 - b) His mercies and His faithfulness are inseparable
 - c) We receive God's mercies in our life because He is truly faithful in all His ways
 - d) It is good and right that we should proclaim His faithfulness to all generations
3. For I have said
 - a) This was the testimony of the Psalmist
 - b) He boldly declared his complete trust in God's mercy and faithfulness
 - c) He sets for us a wonderful example of how we should share our faith in God

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- d) Let us emulate the example of the Psalmist in declaring our faith in the Lord

MERCY SHALL BE BUILT UP FOREVER

Mercy is not just a great theological doctrine. It may be spoken of concretely. Thus it may be described as something “built up.”

1. God’s mercy becomes a great fortress in which we may find refuge
2. His mercy is something we may fall back on with great assurance of heart

YOUR FAITHFULNESS YOU SHALL ESTABLISH IN THE VERY HEAVENS

God’s faithfulness is an established fact. This knowledge of God is of great significance.

1. God’s faithfulness may be seen on earth
 - a) In His promises
 - b) In the keeping of His word
2. His faithfulness is established in the heavens
 - a) God’s angels would testify of His faithfulness
 - b) His faithfulness is part of His Holy and Divine Being

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Let us rejoice in our faith in the Lord. We have every reason to feel wonderfully blessed as we reflect on our knowledge of God! Let us be encouraged to seek the face of our merciful and faithful God! †

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We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be encouraged to seek the face of the Lord. †

WELCOME

to Bethany III

LUNAR NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The Pastoral Team and the Session Members wish all worshippers
“Happy New Year!” †

THE LORD’S SUPPER

We observe The Lord’s Supper today.
May we always remember the Lord lovingly in this special manner.

The Bread

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” Matthew 26:26

The Cup

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” Matthew 26:27-28 †

COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

8.20am Singspiration

8.30am Sunday School †



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CATECHISM CLASS

There will be no Catechism Class today. †

NO FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

We will not be having Fellowship Lunch today!
Inconvenience regretted. †

WEEKDAY PROGRAMMES

There will be no PMC, PM. BS, this week because of
the Lunar New Year holidays. . †

OPEN HOUSE AT 1 GERALD CRESCENT

Date: 8 Feb. 2-16
Time: 9.00am- 5.00pm
All are welcome! †

RESUMPTION OF MULTIPLE SERVICES

1. We will resume the Evening-Bilingual Worship Service next Sunday, 14 February 2016
 2. Venue: Fellowship Hall †
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ACM ON 28 FEBRUARY 2016

1. The ACM is for all members of Bethany only
2. We will need a quorum to hold the ACM
3. What we will be doing at the ACM
 - a) To review 2015
 - b) To consider our plans for 2016
 - c) To consider our financial commitment in 2016 †

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

13-18 March 2016

Theme: "Call to Me"

1. Theme of the Camp
 - a) We will be seeking to learn more about prayer
 - b) We could do with more lessons about prayer
2. Improving our prayer life
 - a) Sometimes our prayer life is deeply lacking
 - b) Many of us struggle with prayerlessness
3. What we should seek at the Family Camp
 - a) Renewal of our spirits
 - b) Great encouragement to pray more effectively

BE A CAMP SPONSOR

Pray about being a sponsor for the Family Camp! Through a strong sponsorship we will be able to help more people come to the Camp. †



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CELEBRATING EASTER

1. The Passover was observed by Israel to commemorate the following: -
 - a) 'The Lord's Power in redeeming His people from bondage
 - b) 'The Lord's Plan to bring His people to the Promised Land
 2. Easter is celebrated by the Church to commemorate the following:-
 - a) 'The Lord's Plan to redeem mankind from sin
 - b) 'The Lord's Power to overcome death and the power of Satan
 3. Easter is a wonderful time for us to renew our faith in the Lord
 - a) We will be having Communion on Maundy Thursday, 24 March 2016
 - b) Easter Sunday at Shangri La on Sunday, 27 March 2016 †
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A & A PROJECT

1. Let us continue to seek God in prayer: -
 - a) For His provision
 - b) For His protection
 2. Let us prepare our hearts for Bethany IV
 - a) For future numerical growth
 - b) For deeper growth of faith in the Lord †
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Cassandra and JJ on the occasion of their wedding on 6 February 2016. May the Lord's richest blessings be yours! †

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HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Mr. Johnny Yap was called home to be with the Lord on 3 February 2016.
Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Rosalind Yap and her children and grandchildren. †

Worship
in Spirit
& Truth

WORSHIP

PSALM 56:3-4

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

In God (I will praise His word),

In God I have put my trust;

I will not fear;

What can flesh do to me?

1. Fear
 - a) There are many things that cause us to be afraid
 - b) Fear is a very real problem in life
2. Fighting fear
 - a) Through trust in God
 - b) Through trust in the Lord's word
3. Fearless faith
 - a) We can have a faith that enables us to overcome our fears
 - b) We can praise God all the time when we exercise trust †

I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR YOUR SAKE

"Lord, where are you going?" So Peter asked the Lord,
His heart was troubled, he struggled to fully trust God.
How could His dearly beloved Master speak of dying?
He could barely control himself, he felt like crying.

"Where I am going you cannot follow Me now...!"
These words stung his heart, he answered with a vow.
"Lord, why cannot I follow You now?" Peter asked in pain,
He had given up many things! Had he sacrificed all in vain?

"Will you lay down your life for My sake?" Jesus gently said.
For He had foreseen that Peter would deny Him instead!
Peter had meant well when he cried out the way he did,
He thought that his strength was equal to his spoken creed.

How much better have we fared in our promise to walk with God?
How many times have we faltered and failed to live for the Lord?
Humbly, we come to the Lord's Table, and appreciate His grace afresh,
He bids us partake of His Body and Blood, that our souls may be refreshed.

John 13:37
Charles Tan ✚

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 7 February 2016

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.

1. An encouragement to seek God in prayer
 - a) With diligence
 - b) With perseverance
2. An assurance that our efforts in prayer would not be in vain
 - a) For we pray to a wonderful Heavenly Father
 - b) He will lovingly respond to our sincere and faithful prayers

Next Sunday, 14 February 2016

Matthew 7:8 He who seeks finds

For everyone who asks receives,

And he who seeks finds,

And to him who knocks it will be opened. †

THEME : YOUR FACE, LORD, I WILL SEEK

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL

“I sought the LORD and
He heard me”
Psalm 34

Chairman

Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist

Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Mr Foo Yit San

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM

“Nevertheless, not what I will but
what You will”
Mark 14:32-42

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker

Mr Jonathan Jacob
4th Floor Auditorium

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

BREAKFAST: Si Si
NO 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 Senior Sunday School		8.30am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School III		8.30am	BTS	4 th floor
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
7 February 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Century Praise 319	He Hideth My Soul
Prelude	<i>Pianist : Mrs Sally Tan</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Rev Mark Tan</i> <i>Rev Mitchell Tan</i>
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns Century Praise 77	Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing
Century Praise 57	Worthy Of Worship
HWC No. 494	Like A River Glorious

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

BIBLE MEMORIZATION & RECITATION

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message:	“I Sought The LORD And He Heard Me” “我曾寻求耶和华，他就应允我”
Text:	Psalm 34 诗篇 34
Speaker:	Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn HWC No. 358	I Am Thine, O Lord
Partaking of the Bread	
Hymn Century Praise 95	My Jesus, I Love Thee
Partaking of the Cup	

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 328

Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

7 February 2016

Dear Brethren,

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR

On behalf of the Pastoral Team and the Session, I would like to wish all at Bethany, "Happy New Year!"

A CHALLENGING YEAR AHEAD

The New Year ahead is predicted to be a very challenging one! The challenges are on many fronts: -

1. On the global scale
 - a) Economic
 - b) Political
 - c) Climatic
2. On the Personal scale
 - a) Family challenges
 - b) Individual problems

These challenges may sound very daunting. And we may have good reason to be concerned indeed! We cannot ignore the problems that are there. But we can face the challenges that lie ahead of us much better when we have a strong faith in the Lord!

CALL TO ME

The Lord spoke to the prophet Jeremiah on one occasion.

1. War was looming
2. Jeremiah had just bought a piece of property

In the midst of all these problems, God said to him,

*"Call to Me, and I will answer you
And show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."
Jeremiah 33:3*

Amidst life's many challenges, let us call on the Lord in prayer.

***Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie***