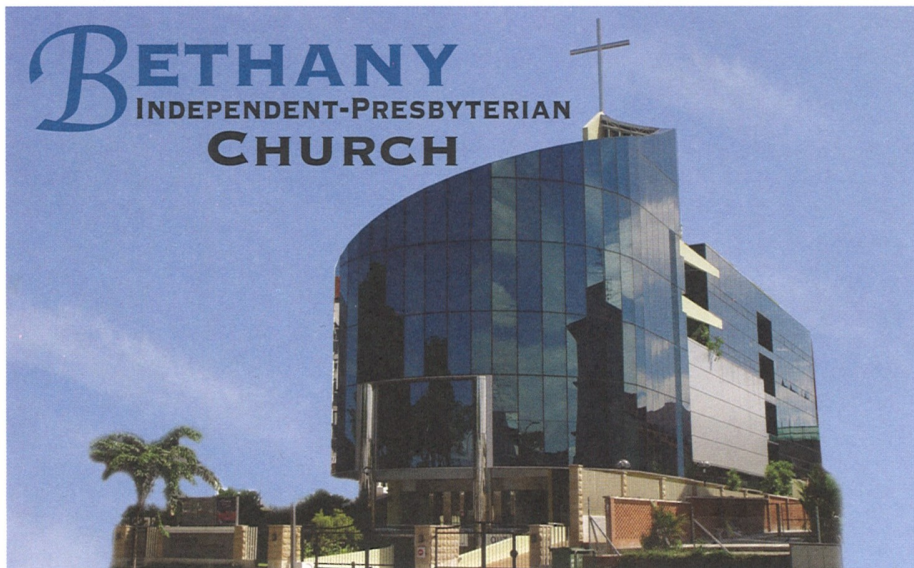


BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



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

Bethany III ... 14 February 2016

MICA (P) No.: 030/10/2012

MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: Psalm 119:1-16



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Meditation 1

Announcements 3

Weekday Ministries 7

Worship 8

Poetry Corner 9

Bible Memory Work 10

This Week @ Worship 11

“BLESSED ARE THE UNDEFILED IN THE WAY”

OBSERVATION OF THOSE WHO ARE BLESSED

The Psalmist noted the lives of those who were blessed by the Lord.

(continued on page 2)

MEDITATION

(Continued from page 1)

*Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of the LORD!*

*Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,
Who seek Him with the whole heart!*

Psalms 119:1-2

FEATURES OF THE BLESSED

Four features were carefully noted about those who are greatly blessed by the Lord.

1. They are undefiled by the world
 - (a) The world can have a corrupting influence
 - (b) The blessed determined that they would not be defiled by the world
2. They walk in the law of the Lord
 - (a) They choose to walk in the law of the Lord instead
 - (b) This may be a narrow and difficult path but it leads to blessing from the Lord
3. They keep His testimonies
 - (a) They determine to keep the testimonies of the Lord close to their hearts
 - (b) Hence they find grace and strength to keep His law faithfully

(Continued on page 3)

(Continued from page 2)

WHERE DOES IT BEGIN?

The Psalmist noted where it all began.

1. Seeking the Lord
 - (a) This is where it all begins
 - (b) Having understood the value of the Lord's word the heart desires to seek Him
2. Seeking with the whole heart
 - (a) Seeking the Lord must be done with a genuine heart
 - (b) The whole heart must be engaged to seek the Lord meaningfully

AN HONEST APPRAISAL

The Psalmist was honest enough to recognise that he had some ways to go before he can be counted among "the blessed."

1. He cried out
"Oh, that my ways were directed to keep Your statutes" Psalm 119:5
2. He looked forward to that day when he has learned the law of God
"I will praise You with uprightness of heart when I learn Your righteous judgments." Psalm 119:7
3. He prayed
"Oh, do not forsake me utterly." Psalm 119:8

Let us seek the Lord with our whole heart. Let us determine to keep seeking the face of the Lord! ✠

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

RESUMPTION OF EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP

Today: 14 February 2016

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: Fellowship Hall †

CATECHISM CLASS

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †

AM BETHANY MEETING

Saturday, 20 February 2016

Time: 5.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL

8.20am Singspiration

8.30am Sunday School

Let us keep seeking to grow in our knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ! ✝

A & A PROJECT

1. Let us continue to seek the Lord's blessings upon this project!
2. Let us do our part in supporting the project. ✝

ACM- 28 FEBRUARY 2016

1. We will need to hold an ACM on the last Sunday of this month
2. Venue: Fellowship Hall
Time: 1.00pm
3. All members are requested to attend the ACM
 - (a) To form a quorum
 - (b) To review ministry in 2015
 - (c) To consider ministry in 2016
 - (d) To look at our financial statement
 - (e) To plan to support the budgetary concerns for the year ahead of us✝

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

13-18 March 2016

Venue: Le Grandeur, Johor

Theme: "Call to Me"

Some reasons for attending the Camp: -

1. Many deep lessons to be learned about prayer
2. Further growth of faith
3. Strengthening of Church through worship and fellowship

Plan to sign up as soon as possible. †

PRE-CAMP SPECIAL

Date: 27 February 2016

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Fellowship Hall

All who are planning to attend the Family Camp are urged to attend. †



ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER

Let us prepare our hearts so that we will always be able to remember what Easter is all about!

1. We remember the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus
2. We especially remember His suffering and His death
3. We also remember how He rose from the dead
4. These are great truths that have deep theological and personal significance!
 - (a) We may be redeemed from our sins
 - (b) We may have the hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus
 - (c) We may have a new life through being born again
5. Sharing our faith
 - (a) The series of messages for March- April 2016 will focus on what Christ came to do
 - (b) He came that we may have eternal life through faith
 - (c) Let us seek to share this faith with others who are seeking meaning in life



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 15 February 2016

Time: 7.00pm †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 15 February 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 16 February 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

Psalm 56: 12–13

*Vows made to You are binding upon me, O God;
I will render praises to You,*



*For You have delivered my soul from death,
Have You not kept my feet from falling,
That I may walk before God in the light of the living?*

1. Appreciating God's deliverance

- (a) From death
- (b) From falling

2. Appropriate response

- (a) Making a vow to praise God
- (b) Keeping the vow to render praise to God †

HEAR, MY PEOPLE, AND I WILL SPEAK

To many, God spoke only at Mount Sinai to His people,
And to His servants, the prophets, faithful and reliable.
But God has been speaking to His people throughout history,
He even speaks through His creation, most eloquently.

God speaks to His people through the sacred Scriptures,
The Word of God was meant to be holy literature.
Jesus came as the Living Word, to address many needs.
How much we must miss when we do not hear Him speak.

God speaks to His people as they gather for worship each time,
He wants them to be able to understand true worship sublime.
Worship is not merely offering sacrifices when the heart is not there,
Such worship is pointless for it leaves the heart unfilled and bare.

God desires His people to hear Him speak to their heart,
He wants them to examine their soul that may be falling apart.
Worship was meant to be an uplifting experience for the soul,
To hear God speaking is to have one's life truly made whole!

Inspiration: Psalm 50:7

Charles Tan †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 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.*

1. This is a special word of encouragement from the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Our challenge is to exercise faith in Him and His word of encouragement
3. Let us seek to persevere in our prayer efforts.

NEXT SUNDAY: 21 February 2016

Psalm 27:4 That will I seek

*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. ☩*

THEME : YOUR FACE, LORD, I WILL SEEK

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL
“My soul thirsts for God”
Psalm 42-43

Chairman
Dr Daniel Chia

Pianist
Mrs Esther Ang

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Mr Alex Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“But The Scripture Must Be Fulfilled”
Mark 14:43-52

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker
Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong
4th Floor Auditorium

Chairman
Mr Moses Kwek
Speaker
Rev Mitchell Tan

Interpreter
Ms Tan
Hwee Cheng
Ms Yvette Chua

Pianist
Ms Tay Soo Leng

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —
4.00 PM . FELLOWSHIP HALL
“Early will I seek You”
Psalm 63

BREAKFAST : Michael, Juliana & Kriston
LUNCH : George Thomas, Linda & Kenneth Tan, Joanna Yam
EVENING TEA: Mark & Chen Kee

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

Bethany Independent-Presbyterian Church

301 Upper Paya Lebar Road. Singapore 534934

tel : 65-62877713 . fax : 65-62877980 . website URL : bethanyipc.sg

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
14 February 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Century Praise 341	Knowing You
Prelude	<i>Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Dr Daniel Chia</i>
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns Century Praise 27	O Worship The King
Century Praise 81	O God, Our Help In Ages Past
Century Praise 53	Great Is Thy Faithfulness

BIBLE MEMORIZATION & RECITATION

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message:	“My Soul Thirsts For God” “我的心渴想神”
Text :	Psalm 42—43 诗篇 42—43
Speaker:	Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering	
Hymn Century Praise 66	As The Deer
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
14 February 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏	Pianist : Ms Tay Soo Leng
Call to Worship 齐来称颂	Mr Moses Kwek Interpreter : Ms Yvette Chua

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns	
Century Praise 61	The God Of Abraham Praise 亚伯拉罕的神
Century Praise 389	He Leadeth Me 天父领我
Century Praise 399	Make Me A Blessing 借我赐恩福

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message:	“Early will I seek You” “我要切切地寻求你”
Text :	Psalm 63 诗篇 63
Speaker:	Rev Mitchell Tan Interpreter : Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献	
Hymn	
HWC No. 358	I Am Thine, O Lord 主阿我属你
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

14 February 2016

Dear Brethren,

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

Our Family Camp is just one month away. How important is the Family Camp?

1. Personal time out

- a) It is good to take time out to be spiritually revived
- b) Our daily work can take a toll on our spiritual life
- c) Plan to come for the Family Camp and seek a wonderful re-charge

2. Keeping the Church strong and healthy

- a) Let us never take for granted what it means to be a vibrant church
- b) The health of the church must never be taken for granted
- c) Family Camps have the potential to keep the church family strong and healthy

CELEBRATING EASTER

The week after Camp is Easter. Let us never take Easter for granted.

1. Sharing our Faith

For the months of March and April, our pulpit theme is about eternal life. Let us seek to reach out to relatives and friends. Let us share with them our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. As usual, we will be celebrating Easter with special services: -

- a) Palm Sunday (20 March 2016)
Baptismal Service
- b) Maundy Thursday (24 March 2016)
Holy Communion on Thursday night in Church (8.00pm)
- c) Easter Sunday at Shangri La (27 March 2016)
Plan to worship our risen Saviour and Lord!

3. Let us find great renewal of our faith and life.

***Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie***



BETHANY
INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

MAILING ADDRESS :

301, Upper Paya Lebar
Road.

Singapore 534934

TEL : (65) 62877713

FAX : (65) 62877980

WEBSITE :

www.bethanyipc.sg