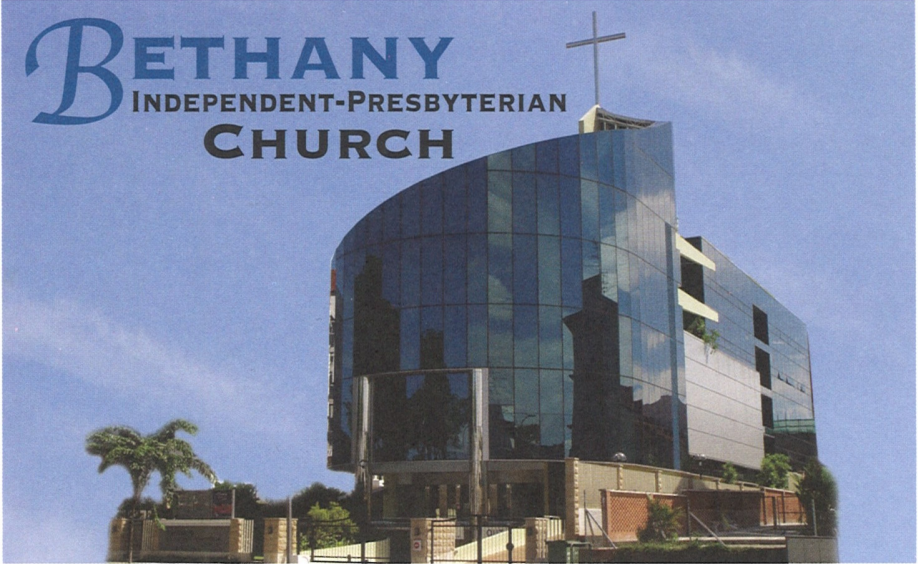


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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: Psalm 119:33-40



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“TURN AWAY MY EYES FROM LOOKING AT WORTHLESS THINGS”

THE THINGS THAT DISTRACT

There are many things in the world that will distract us from seeking the face of the Lord. The Psalmist noted one thing in particular.

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MEDITATION

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*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*

1. Covetousness

- a) Money
- b) Fame
- c) Power

2. Worthless things

- a) The above may seem important
- b) But at the end of the day they are truly “worthless things”
- c) They have no eternal value at all

THE THING THAT SHOULD ATTRACT OUR ATTENTION

What are some of the things that should draw our attention? The Psalmist highlighted just one thing... God’s “testimonies!” This is a reference to the Word of God. There are several synonyms used in Psalm 119 that are used interchangeably.

- 1. Law
- 2. Statutes
- 3. Word (or “word of truth”)

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4. Commandments
5. Ordinances
6. Judgments

A PRAYER FOR REVIVAL

The Psalmist noted that as he was drawn to covetousness, he would be spiritually affected adversely. He knew that he needed to pray that God would “revive” him.

1. May we find revival
 - a) In our heart
 - b) In our mind
 - c) In our spirit
2. May we stay revived
 - a) Putting away covetousness
 - b) Pursuing knowledge of the Word of truth †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us at Bethany. May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship! †

WELCOME
to Bethany III

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

13-18 March 2016

Theme: "Call to Me"

Plan to sign up as soon as possible! †

PRE-CAMP SPECIAL

Saturday, 27 February 2016

Time: 4.00pm

Text: Luke 18

Title: "Men always ought to pray and not lose heart"

1. Significance of this Meeting
 - a) This will introduce to us the significance of prayer
 - b) Faith and prayer are closely inter-related
2. All campers are urged to come for this meeting
 - a) As preparation for the Camp
 - b) As a good lead-up to the Camp †



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACM NEXT SUNDAY

We will be holding our ACM next Sunday. All members are asked to make a special effort to be present so that we can have a quorum and we can proceed with our ACM.

Venue: Fellowship Hall

Time: 1.00pm †

COMBINED SERVICE FOR MARCH 2016

We will be having Combined Worship for next month.
March is Easter month this year. †

EVANGELISTIC EMPHASIS MONTHS

March-April 2016 will see the Pulpit focussing on the theme “Abundant Life.” The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ will be expounded in greater depth. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS



EASTER 2016

1. Maundy Thursday (24 March 2016)
 2. Easter Sunday (27 March 2016)
- We will be having the Easter Worship Service at Shangri La

Plan to sign up as soon as possible! †

A & A PROJECT

Let us pray earnestly for the Lord's blessing on this project. Let us not take anything for granted! †

A LETTER FROM THE HEART

Dear Brethren,

An unfortunate event took place in our family recently. My daughter-in-law, Priscilla (aged 56), passed away on 16 January 2016. Our family was devastated but we submit ourselves to the will of God.

We want to thank Pastor Charles and the Church for the wreath. We also want to thank the Pastoral team, Teacher Joanna and the brethren for the sympathy expressed.

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A LETTER FROM THE HEART

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We are comforted and will remember all that you have done for us in our hearts.

We want to take the opportunity during this Chinese New Year to wish everyone good health, peace and happiness.

~ Lam Pin Choon and Lam Shirt Mooi ~



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 22 February 2016

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: The Upper Room †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 22 February 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 23 February 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †

PSALM 57:1 - 2

*Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me!
For my soul trusts in You;
And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge,
Until these calamities have passed by.*

*I will cry out to God Most High,
To God who performs all things for me.*

1. Pleading mercy

- a) Humility is appropriate when we pray
- b) Pleading God's mercy is the appropriate approach

2. Trust in the Lord

- a) That He will grant us His refuge
- b) That He will protect until the calamities of life pass over

2. Our part

- a) To pray to our God Most High
- b) To trust that He will perform all that we ask of Him humbly †

CALL UPON ME IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE

God knows the trials and tribulations we have in life,
He understands our fears and sadness in times of strife.
We are to remember that He is "The Mighty One, God the LORD,"
We are urged to cry out to Him with a faith built on a solid Rock.

True worship will see our hearts filled with strength and hope,
We can believe that God will give us grace that we might cope.
God delights to hear the prayers of His saints calling upon Him,
He will deliver His saints and give to their eyes a triumphant gleam.

The saints of old have experienced His deliverance time and again,
They had every reason to write glorious and historic refrains.
Dare we believe that God would hear and answer our prayers today?
Our worship of God would be so precious, our heart would not be in decay.

God wants His saints to receive the blessings that He has in store,
The problem we must address is our defective view of God, that is the core!
When we are restored to God we will be able to see how He will bless again,
Our worship of God would be dynamic, we will once again sing a joyous refrain!

Inspiration: Psalm 50:15

Charles Tan †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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.

1. Good example of the Psalmist
 - a) To seek the Lord
 - b) To have this desire that will drive and motivate
2. Content of this search for the Lord
 - a) To behold the beauty of the Lord
 - b) To grow deeper in knowledge of God through inquiry
3. Contentment
 - a) To be with the Lord
 - b) To dwell in the House of the Lord

28 February 2016

PSALM 105:4 SEEK THE LORD AND HIS STRENGTH

Seek the LORD and His strength;
Seek His face evermore. †

THEME : YOUR FACE, LORD, I WILL SEEK

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL
“As for me, I will call upon God”
Psalm 55

Chairman
Mr Ng Chee Meng

Pianist
Dr Daniel Chia

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Mrs Goh Weihui

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“But He kept silent
and answered nothing”
Mark 14:53-65

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker
Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah
4th Floor Auditorium

Chairman
Mr Eugene Seow

Pianist
Mr Gabriel Ou

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Interpreter
Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui
Ms Berlinda Cheong

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —
4.00 PM . FELLOWSHIP HALL
“Praise is Awaiting You, O God”
Psalm 65

BREAKFAST : Doria Teo
LUNCH : Joe, Josh, Angela & Steph
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		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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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
21 February 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing
HWC No.

Prelude *Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia*

Call to Worship *Mr Ng Chee Meng*

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns
Century Praise 323 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Century Praise 296 Redeemed

Century Praise 377 What A Friend We Have In Jesus

BIBLE MEMORIZATION & RECITATION

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “As For Me, I Will Call Upon God”
“至于我，我要求告神”

Text : Psalm 55
诗篇 55

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn
HWC No. 379 Take My Life And Let It Be

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

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

PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Eugene Seow

Interpreter : Ms Berlinda Cheong

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 91

Praise Him! Praise Him!
赞美耶稣

Century Praise 53

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
你信实何广大

Century Praise 339

Higher Ground
向高处行

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “Praise is Awaiting You, O God”
“神阿，锡安的人都等候赞美你”

Text : Psalm 65 诗篇 65

Speaker: Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong
Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 89

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty
赞美全能神

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

21 February 2016

Dear Brethren,

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

We began 2016 with the challenge of seeking the face of the Lord! Let us be encouraged to continue to seek the Lord's face throughout the year!

1. Many good examples in the Bible

- a) We have many examples of people who have sought the Lord's face meaningfully
- b) And to all who have sought Him with all their heart, they were greatly blessed
- c) Let us be encouraged to seek the Lord's face with as much diligence

2. Many bad examples found too

- a) Ancient Israel did not choose to seek the Lord's face
- b) Ancient Judah also chose not to follow the Lord
- c) Both nations brought about ruin to themselves

THE PURSUIT OF SEEKING GOD'S FACE

There are so many reasons why we need to seek God's face.

1. Sheer necessity

There are many things in our life which are beyond our control. The sheer necessity of God in our life ought to drive us to seek God urgently.

2. Natural inclinations of a true believer

If we are truly born of God we will naturally be inclined to seek the Lord. However, sin may prevent us from seeking the Lord effectively. Let us resist the temptations of the world and seek after God diligently instead!

3. It's worth it all

This thought must prevail in our hearts and minds. It is worthwhile to put in every effort to seek the face of the Lord!

FAMILY CAMP 2016

Plan to sign up for the Family Camp as part of your personal pursuit of God!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*



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