

Bethany III ... 28 February 2016

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### MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 119:49-80

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## "TEACH ME GOOD JUDGMENT AND KNOWLEDGE"

## END OF THE SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES

We have come to the end of the series of Pulpit Message on the theme "Seek My Face." Let us continue to seek the Lord's face even though we will be concluding this series of messages.

### MEDITATION

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#### **AFFLICTIONS IN LIFE**

There will be times when we may have to face "afflictions" in our life. The Psalmist reflected on the afflictions he had to face and endure (Psalm 119:50, 67, 71).

- 1. He did not question the Lord for the afflictions he suffered
- 2. He looked deep inside his heart and he began to appreciate why he suffered afflictions

a) He had gone astray from the Lord Psalm 119:67

b) In faithfulness God had afflicted him Psalm 119:75

## DEEP LESSONS LEARNED THROUGH SEEKING GOD AMID AFFLICTIONS

What are deep lessons we may learn as we seek the Lord with all our heart?

- 1. We will learn deep lessons when we search for God in the Scriptures
  - a) The Psalmist sought the Lord in the Scriptures
  - b) He searched the Scriptures diligently
  - c) This is a vital lesson that we must learn too
- 2. Lessons from the Scriptures

a) We will find hope Psalm 119:49

b) We will find comfort Psalm 119:50

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c) We will find life	Psalm 119:51
d) We will find a song to cheer our heart	Psalm 119:54
e) We will discover how good God is	Psalm 119:68
f) We will find deeper understanding	Psalm 119:73
g) We will find that His judgments are right	Psalm 119:75

#### VITAL PRAYERS TO OFFER

The Psalmist found himself offering many prayers to God as he sought Him. The following may be highlighted: -

1. Entreating the Lord's favour	Psalm 119:58
2. Pleading the Lord's mercy	Psalm 119:58
3. Asking the Lord to teach good judgment and knowledge	Psalm 119:66

4. Asking for comfort in God's merciful kindness Psalm 119:76

Let us continue to seek the Lord's face as long as we have life and breath. May we discover the Lord as the Psalmist did!  ${\bf \hat t}$ 

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We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us. May your heart be encouraged through worship and fellowship!  $\hat{V}$ 





### COMBINED WORSHIP

We will be having a combined worship service today. We will be having Combined Worship for the whole month of March 2016.

6 March 2016 Holy Communion Sunday

13 March 2016 Commencement of Family Camp

20 March 2016 Palm Sunday/ Baptismal service

27 March 2016 Easter Sunday (Shangri La) 🕆

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

We will be observing the Lord's Supper next Sunday. Let us come with prepared hearts and minds. \$\forall\$

### **MEET THE SESSION**

All baptismal candidates will meet the Session next Sunday at 1.00pm (4th Floor Auditorium). T

### **ACM TODAY**

We will be holding our ACM today. This Meeting is for Members only. Let us seek to be conscious of the Lord's Presence at our ACM. May we always honour the Lord in our midst!  $\hat{\tau}$ 

#### ACM AGENDA Bethany IPC Time: 1.00pm

28 February 2016

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Ascertaining of Quorum
  - a) Number of Communicant Members in Singapore (604)
  - b) Quorum needed: 201
- 2. Devotions: Psalm 111
  - a) Theme: The works of the Lord
  - b) What the works of the Lord teach us about God
  - c) Appropriate responses to the Lord
- 3. Minutes of ACM 2015
- 4. Approval of Minutes (Proposer and Seconder)
- 5. Matters Arising
- 6. Treasurer's Report
- 7. Reviewing 2015 (Pastoral Report: Pastor Charles Tan)
- 8. Prayerful Considerations: 2016
- 9. Budget 2015

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10. Approval of Budget (Proposer and Seconder)

11. A.O.B.

Prayerfully, Pastor Charles Tan (Senior Pastor) v

## BTS AGENDA 2.30pm

28 February 2016

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Minutes of ACM 2015
- 2. Approval of Minutes (Proposer/Seconder)
- 3. Matters Arising
- 4. Treasurer's report
  - a) Review 2015
  - b) Budget 2016
- 5. Approval of Budget (Proposer/Seconder)
- 6. Election of Officer Bearers 2016
- 7. Election of honorary auditors

Prayerfully, Pastor Charles Tan (Senior Pastor) 🕏

### **CHURCH FAMILY CAMP**

13-18 March 2016
Theme:"Call to Me"

Plan to sign up as soon as possible! The Bible Camp Ministry is special in more ways than one. We have been running Bible Camps for decades! Why do we do this? Sign up for the Family Camp and find out for yourselves why we continue to encourage many to sign up for this annual event!  $\Im$ 

### EASTER AT SHANGRI LA

Let us look forward to celebrating Easter meaningfully. Plan to attend the following special services: -

1. Maundy Thursday Communion Service

24 March 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Fellowship Hall

2. Easter Sunday Service 27 March 2016 Time: 10.30am Easter Lunch: 12.30pm Venue: Shangri La v

### A & A PROJECT

Let us continue to ask the Lord to bless this Project! May the Lord meet all our needs!  $\hat{V}$ 



### WEDDING SERVICE

Andrew and Poh Gek will be joined in holy wedlock on Saturday, 5 March 2016. The Wedding Service will be held at the Fellowship Hall at 11.00am. \$\frac{1}{3}\$

### CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Ms. Ho Lianya on the demise of her uncle, Mr. Ho Yi Fang. The late Mr. Ho passed away on 23 Feb 2016. He was 72 years old. \$\forall\$



WORSHIP

### PSalm 57:7-8

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise.

> Awake, my glory! Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn.

- 1. A steadfast heart
  - a) How wonderful it is to have a steadfast heart
  - b) The steadfast heart is able to sing and give praise to God always
- 2. My glory
  - a) This "glory" is what God gives to the person who has sought to walk with God

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### **WORSHIP**



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- b) God blesses the individual immensely so that he can speak of his "glory"
- c) The worshipper offers to God due praise and honour
- 3. Commencing the day with praise
  - a) What an outstanding practice
  - b) May we always give to the Lord praise as we begin each new day \$\frac{1}{3}\$

### POETRY CORNER

# IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE I SOUGHT THE LORD

"Call upon 'Me" is a gracious invitation from the Lord,
The heart is moved to seek a truly merciful God.
The day of trouble comes soon enough,
The trials of life can be unnervingly rough.

How should one call upon the Lord Most High? Surely not with a complaining spirit that is nigh. It is so easy to let frustration go to our heart, We feel that we are almost coming apart!

We are challenged instead to remember the Lord, The great works of God were not done for nought. When they are remembered they give hope to the soul, Through meditation our restless spirit are made whole.

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### POETRY CORNER

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Meditation on the works of God is almost a lost art today, We would like God to answer us quickly, without delay. God calls us to seek Him with faith and wisdom to wait, He will answer us and He will not leave us to fate.

9nspiration: Psalm 50:14; Psalm 77:2 Charles Tan &

### **BIBLE MEMORY WORK**

### Today, 28 February 2016

### Psalm 105:4 Seek the LORD and His strength

Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!

- 1. Exhortation to seek the face of the Lord
- 2. What should we seek specifically?
  - a) We seek the Lord God Himself
  - b) We seek His strength

### Next Sunday, 6 March 2016

### John 3:3 Born Again

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." T

THEME: YOUR FACE, LORD, I WILL SEEK

# This Week @ Worship

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE –
 10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL

"My God of mercy" Psalm 59 Chairmen

Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah

**Speaker** 

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

#### NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —— 10.30 AM

"Then Peter called to mind what Jesus had said to him"

Mark 14:66-72

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan 4th Floor Auditorium

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

BREAKFAST: Clement Tan, Tan Chee Wei LUNCH: Roger & Lena

### **Bethany Church Activities**

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service		10.30 am	Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Children's Worship (P1 – P6)	Sun	10.30 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Evening-Bilingual	Sun	4.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Worship Service				
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche		8.30am	Church Office	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
		10.30am		
Beginners' Sunday School	1	8.30am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Auditorium	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School	Sun	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				
Senior Sunday School III	1	8.30am	BTS	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
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Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
One Voice	0-1	5.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Youth Choir	Sat	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
BIBLE STUDY		9		
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>	3.00 pm	-	-
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Mandarin Bible Study	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
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CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
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PRAYER MEETING	Mon	8.00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
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FELLOWSHIP GROUPS			Lard , the	ard a 4th
Young People's Group	Sat	3.00 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>
			Auditorium	floor
Young Adults' Group	Sat	3.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor

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#### COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 28 February 2016 Order of Worship

#### **PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

Century Praise 451 It Is Well With My Soul

Prelude Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang

Call to Worship Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah

Invocation

**PRAISE** 

Hymns

Century Praise 59 To God Be The Glory

Century Praise 51 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Century Praise 89 Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Song No. 4 Be Still And Know

**BIBLE MEMORIZATION & RECITATION** 

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "My God Of Mercy"

"赐恩与我的神"

Text: Psalm 59

诗篇 59

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE** 

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 448 Abide With Me

**Prayerful Meditation** 

Benediction

Postlude

## PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

28 February 2016

#### Dear Brethren,

### **ACM TODAY**

We will be holding our ACM after the Fellowship Lunch. We commence at 1.00pm. What is our ACM all about?

#### 1. A time to remember

- a) The Lord's goodness to us for yet another year
- b) His grace extended to us
- c) His mercy bestowed on us

#### 2. A time to renew ourselves

- a) As we look forward to another year of life and ministry
- b) As we look at the many challenges ahead
- c) Let us seek to fortify ourselves as a Church
- 3. A time to commit ourselves afresh
  - a) Let us ponder the work that God has for us individually and as a church
  - b) Let us pray much for grace and strength to serve faithfully and fruitfully
  - c) Let us pray for courage and wisdom as we look ahead to Bethany IV

### PRAISING GOD FOR HIS WONDERFUL WORKS

Let us gather as a Church congregation with this word from the Scriptures. Let us praise the Lord for all His works done in our midst. Let us ever seek to study the works of the Lord humbly and gratefully.

Praise the LORD!

I will praise the LORD with my whole heart,

In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

Psalm 111:1-2

Prayerfully,

Pastor Charlie





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