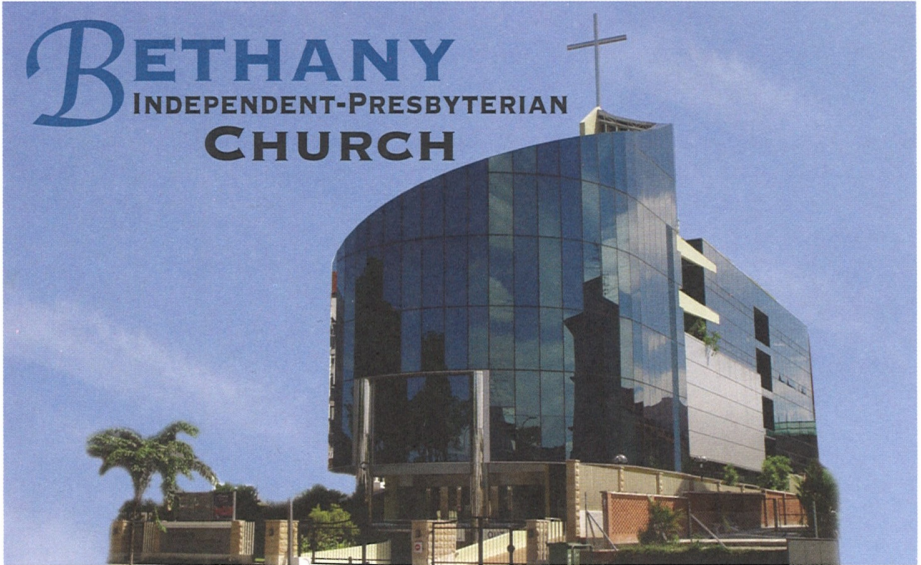


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God's kind of Church...where God is touching lives...and people care for people

Bethany III ... 6 March 2016 ... Holy Communion Sunday

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“AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM”

THINGS WORTH SHARING

Sharing is a natural thing we do every day. We share good news. We share things that are positive. Things that promote good health. Things that are good and wholesome. These are things that are worth sharing.

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MEDITATION

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A FAITH WORTH SHARING

We have a faith that is truly worth sharing. In March and April, over the pulpit we will be sharing with one and all our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Our faith in the Bible
 - (a) Our faith is derived from the Scriptures
 - (b) We declare our faith in the Bible

2. Our faith in the Gospel
 - (a) The word “gospel” simply means “good news”
 - (b) We share the gospel because we truly believe in the “good news” that we find written in the Scriptures

3. Our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as presented in the Gospel of John
 - (a) The following things are written in John 1
 - (b) Here is a summary of the following things we may find in John 1: -
 - i. Jesus is called “the Word of God”
 - ii. He is the Light of God
 - iii. He came to the world to tell people about the Kingdom of God
 - iv. He was Divine Himself but put on flesh and blood

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- v. He came to give life eternal to all who turn to Him in faith
- vi. His life was wonderfully characterized by truth and grace

RESPONSES TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

There were essentially two types of responses: -

1. Rejection

- (a) Some rejected Him because they did not know him well enough
- (b) Some rejected Him even though they saw His miracles. Their hearts remained hardened with unbelief.

2. Reception

- (a) There were some who understood and appreciated the Lord Jesus Christ
- (b) They recognized Him for who He was
 - i. He was sent by God
 - ii. He was sent to be the Saviour and the Lord
 - iii. They received Jesus as their Saviour and Lord

RESPONSE OF THE LORD JESUS

To all who turned to the Lord Jesus in faith, He gave them the right to become children of God. What a glorious faith we have to share! Let us share our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ with great joy in our heart! †

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be lifted up and encouraged through worship and fellowship! †

WELCOME

to Bethany III

ACM LAST SUNDAY

Thank God for all who attended the ACM last Sunday. We were able to have a quorum and the ACM was conducted with good consciousness of the Lord's Presence in our midst! Let us look forward to another significant year of ministry and growth. †

COMBINED WORSHIP

We will be having Combined Worship for the whole month of March 2016.

13 March

Commencement of our Family Camp. We will be leaving for Le Grandeur, Johor after the Fellowship Lunch on Sunday.

20 March

Baptismal Sunday (Palm Sunday)

27 March

Easter Sunday (Shangri La) †



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will be partaking of Holy Communion today. Those who have been baptized/ confirmed may partake of The Lord's Supper.

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." Matthew 26:27 †

MEET THE SESSION TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium

All baptismal candidates will be meeting with the Session. †

MAUNDY THURSDAY

We will be having a special Maundy Thursday Communion service on 24 March 2016.

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Fellowship Hall †

ANNOUNCEMENTS



EASTER AT SHANGRI LA

Date: 27 March 2016

Time: 10.30am

Please book your table as soon as possible! †

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Lim Yeong Seng and Lim Yeong Kiat on the demise of their mother, Mdm Molly Tan Geok Yong on Friday, 26 February 2016. †

MYANMAR MISSIONS

Pastor Charles Tan ministers in Myanmar next week. Bethany Theological Seminary will graduate 33 seminarians. †

CONGRATULATIONS

Heartfelt congratulations to Poh Gek and Andrew on the occasion of their marriage on 5 March 2016. Every blessing from the Lord as you begin life together as man and wife! †

Mon

Tues

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 7 March 2016

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: The Upper Room †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 7 March 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 8 March 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †

Psalm 57: 9–11

*I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing to You among the nations.*

*For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens,
And Your truth unto the clouds.*

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Your glory be above all the earth.*

1. Offering praise to God

- (a) This is appropriate
- (b) This is natural



2. Reasons for exalting God

- (a) Because of His great mercy
- (b) Because of His word of truth

3. The glory of God

- (a) Let us exult in the glorious nature of God
- (b) Let us offer heartfelt worship to our great and merciful God †

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

God's love for the world is manifest in many ways,
But mankind continues to set aside all that He says!
Why does God want to tell the world about His love?
Surely because He wants man to live in Heaven above.

Mankind seeks to experience love, but sometimes there is no reply.
A father's affection and a mother's devotion are sometimes in short supply.
Many families are broken and love-relationships are sadly all too weak,
The love of God is missing, and this is what mankind needs to seek.

God's love is precious and beautiful and to be much desired,
What do we need to possess His love, what is truly required?
God's love does not have to be earned for it is freely given to all,
Our part is to believe that God sent His Son, and on Him we must call.

God's love was most wonderfully expressed when He sent Jesus to earth,
He came to heal the sick, to comfort the broken-hearted, to bring much mirth.
To all who believe that Jesus was indeed the only begotten Son of God.
He gave them the authority to become true spiritual children of the Lord!

This loving God bids us come and partake of the Lord's Supper,
We are gently reminded, that truly there is no one like God ever!
In love He forgives us of our many sins and weaknesses time and again,
In love, He pardons us and continues to give us a joyous refrain.

Inspiration: John 3:16

Charles Tan †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 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."

1. What does it mean to be a true Christian?
 - (a) Jesus explains this clearly in John 3
 - (b) It is to be "born again"

2. How may a person be born again?
 - (a) The Spirit of God does a special work in the life of the believer
 - (b) The believer is given a spiritual regeneration

3. What happens when a person truly believes that Jesus is the Son of God, the Saviour of the world?
 - (a) God forgives his sins
 - (b) He is given the authority to become a child of God
 - (c) He is added into the kingdom of God
 - (d) He can see and understand the meaning of belonging to the Kingdom of God

Next Sunday, 13 March 2016

John 3:16 Eternal Life

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. †

THEME : I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL
“That the world may be saved
through Him”
John 3

Chairmen

Mr Milton Ong
Dr Tang
Kong Choong

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

“To give His life a ransom for many”

Matthew 20

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker

Mr Jonathan Jacob
4th Floor Auditorium

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

BREAKFAST: Chew Cheok Kwee

LUNCH: Asher, Ashley & Ashton (House Of Ash)

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
6 March 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing
Century Praise 295 I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

Prelude *Pianist : Mrs Sally Tan*

Call to Worship *Mr Milton Ong*
Dr Tang Kong Choong

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns
Century Praise 297 Wonderful Grace Of Jesus

Century Praise 316 Have Faith In God

Century Praise 490 People Need The Lord

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

BIBLE MEMORIZATION & RECITATION

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “That the world may be saved through Him”
 “叫世人因他得救”

Text : John 3
 约翰福音 3

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn
Century Praise 332 I Need Thee Every Hour

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn
Century Praise 333 More Love To Thee

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn
Century Praise 498

We've A Story To Tell

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

6 March 2016

Dear Brethren,

POST ACM

Thank God for a good spirit at our ACM last Sunday. What remains now is for us to fulfil what we are seeking to do!

1. Complete the A & A Project
2. Commence Bethany IV

EASTER 2016

Let us look forward to an uplifting time as we celebrate Easter! There is so much to rejoice in.

SHARING OUR FAITH IN THE LORD

The Pulpit Messages will be evangelistic. We will be looking at the Gospel of John and learn how to appreciate the New Life that the Lord Jesus proclaimed. Here is the challenge of Easter.

1. Review
 - a) Our faith in the Lord
 - b) Our salvation in Christ
2. Refresh
 - a) Let us seek a new sense of appreciation of what it means to be children of God
 - b) Let us seek to deepen our understanding of salvation
3. Re-dedicate
 - a) Let us seek to re-dedicate ourselves to the Lord
 - b) Let us seek to be “fishers of men”

FAMILY CAMP 2016

Thank God for the wonderful response to the Family Camp. All the rooms we have booked have been taken up. We are hoping to be able to squeeze a few more people in! Let us pray for a wonderfully blessed Family Camp!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*



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