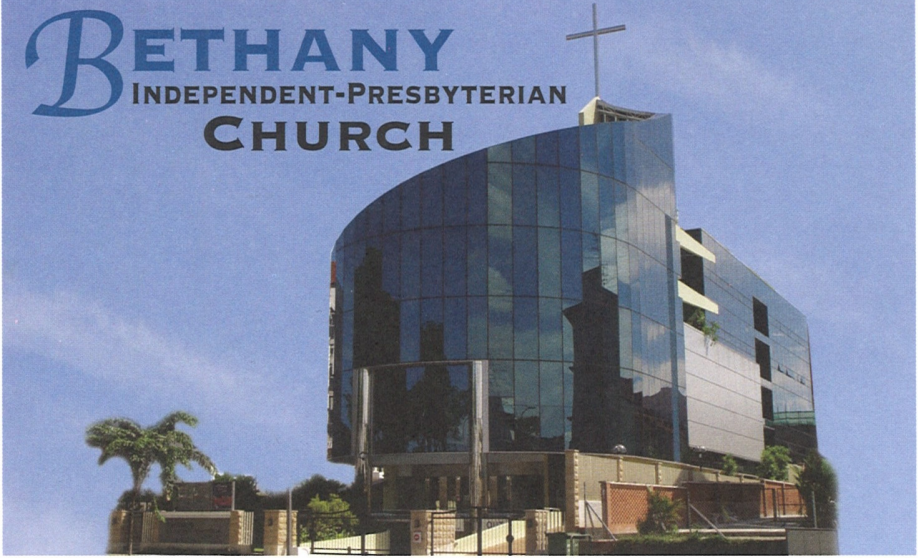


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God's kind of Church...where God is touching lives...and people care for people

Bethany III ... 13 March 2016 ... Family Camp!

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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: John 3



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“BORN AGAIN”

THE DOCTRINE OF THE NEW BIRTH

This was a doctrine that the Lord Jesus taught. However this was not a doctrine that was easily comprehended. This doctrine was carefully recorded in John 3.

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MEDITATION

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AN OUTLINE OF THIS TEACHING

The following features are highlighted for easier comprehension of this profound teaching.

1. Difficulty of comprehension
 - a) Don't be overly concerned if this teaching is not easily comprehended
 - b) Nicodemus, a famous religious teacher had difficulty understanding this teaching
2. Roadblocks to comprehension
 - a) When we limit our understanding of birth to the natural biological process
 - b) When we are not open to a new and different way of thinking
3. The explanation given by the Lord Jesus Christ concerning the New Birth
 - a) The Spirit of God does a special work deep within our heart
 - b) He brings about "regeneration"
 - c) This is otherwise called "born again"
 - d) This regeneration brings about a number of changes
4. Wonderful changes
 - a) Our sins have been dealt with
 - i) We are forgiven
 - ii) We are pardoned

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- b) We become children of God
 - i) By the grace of God
 - ii) Through faith in the Lord Jesus

- c) We have a new birth
 - i) New life
 - ii) Eternal life

- d) We are now received into the kingdom of God
 - i) We belong to God as His people
 - ii) He is our Lord and our King

RECEIVING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

All of the above commence with receiving the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. We receive Him as God's Son sent to be our Saviour
2. We receive Jesus as our Saviour and our Lord
3. We follow Him as His disciples

How wonderful it is to be able to be called "the children of God!" This invitation to believe and to receive this second birth is given to all! †

Write to me at: charleston@bethanyipc.sg

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



A SPECIAL WORD OF WELCOME

1. To our Indian brethren
2. To our Australian brethren

May the Lord bless your heart especially! You have come a long way to attend the Family Camp! †

NO CATECHISM CLASS

There will be no Catechism Class till after Easter. †

SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)

8.20am Singspiration

8.30am Sunday School

9.15am—9.30am (Class fellowship) †

A & A PROJECT

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings

1. Intensive work during the week
2. Completing of the Project on time †



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY CAMP

Date: 13-18 March 2016
Venue: Le Grandeur Resort, Johor
Theme: "Call to Me"

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings:-

1. For safety as we travel to Le Grandeur
2. For the Lord's blessings to be outpoured on all attending the Camp ✠

EASTER PROGRAM

1. Palm Sunday (Baptismal Service)

20 March 2016

Time: 10.30am

2. Maundy Thursday

24 March 2016

Holy Communion Service at 8.00pm

3. Easter Sunday

27 March 2016

Shangri La Hotel

Time: 10.30am

Easter Lunch: 12.30pm

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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EASTER LUNCH

Please sign up as soon as possible. Easter is just around the corner! Invite a relative or a friend for the Easter Service/ Lunch! †

MISSIONS

1. Thank God for people who have committed themselves to serve in the full-time ministry.
2. BTS (Myanmar) saw the graduation of 33 people.
 - a) Some will become missionaries
 - b) Some others will become pastors
 - c) Still others will work in churches fulfilling different responsibilities †

CONDOLENCE

Heartfelt condolences to Aleena and Ainsley Kua on the demise of their Aunty, Mdm. Kua Li Hua on 3 March 2016. †



IN RECESS

The following will be in recess for the next 2 weeks:

1. Pre-marital Counseling
2. Prayer Meeting
3. Bible Study

Reasons:

1. Family Camp week (13-18 March 2016)
2. Easter week (21-27 March 2016) †

PSALM 59:16

But I will sing of Your power;

Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning;

For You have been my defense and refuge in the day of trouble.

1. Singing to the Lord
 - a) A song of joy
 - b) A song of appreciation
 - c) A song of gratitude
2. Reasons for such singing to the Lord
 - a) Because of His mercy extended
 - b) Because the Lord is our defense
 - c) Because He is our refuge in the day of trouble †

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

God has many glorious attributes that reflect great glory,
He has Power, Wisdom, Holiness and of course, great majesty!
Each and every part makes up the whole Being of one we call God,
One of the most astounding features is the Love of the Lord!

Why would a great and mighty God who made a world deeply profound,
Seek to relate to puny human beings and allow Himself to be found?
God reached out to man and revealed Himself in a most amazing way,
He gave His only begotten Son to redeem man from sin's deadly decay!

He sent Jesus into the world to live as a humble, mortal Man,
He would show the world God's wonderful salvation plan.
Man does not need to live under the power of dreadful sin,
He came to offer salvation to all who would believe in Him.

God's love has been expressed in a million different ways,
Yet man had failed to recognise Divine love's glorious rays.
Jesus would show to erring mankind the profound love of God,
He would give His life, out of deep love, to bring man back to the Lord.

Inspiration: John 3:16

Charles Tan †

Today, 6 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.

1. The Promise of Eternal Life

- a) We have a glorious promise from God
- b) Let us rejoice in this wonderful promise

2. The Power of God

- a) God is able to grant this promise and fulfil it
- b) He sent His Son to effect His redemption plan

3. Personal Response

- a) This is necessary
- b) There must be knowledge and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

Next Sunday, 20 March 2016

John 4:14 A Fountain Of Water

But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life. †

THEME : I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL
“A Fountain Of Water Springing Up
Into Everlasting Life”
John 4

Chairmen

Mr Lai Chung Han
Mr Quek Li Yen

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

“Behold, Your King Is Coming To
You”

Matthew 21

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker

Student Pastor Benjamin Quah
4th Floor Auditorium

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

BREAKFAST: Si Si & Si Hui

LUNCH: Jewel, Charissa, Zara, Yan Yi & Su An

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
13 March 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing
HWC No. 56 Day By Day

Prelude *Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang*

Call to Worship *Mr Lai Chung Han*
 Mr Quek Li Yen

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns
Century Praise 39 This Is My Father's World

HWC No. 505 Love Lifted Me

Century Praise 289 And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

New Song Keep Me Near

BIBLE MEMORIZATION & RECITATION

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “A fountain of water springing up into everlasting life”
 “成为泉源, 直涌到永生”

Text : John 4
 约翰福音 4

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn
Century Praise 488 I Love To Tell The Story

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

13 March 2016

Dear Brethren,

COMMENCEMENT OF FAMILY CAMP

We commence Family Camp 2016 today! The sense of excitement has been building up for many weeks!

1. Anticipation
2. Preparation
3. Expectation

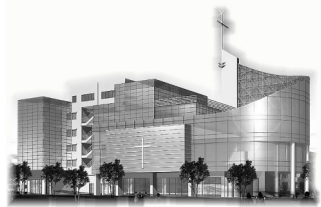
Let us look forward to a wonderful week together as a Church Family.

GOALS

It is good to have goals in mind as we commence the Family Camp. Let us pray that we will reach our goals at the end of the Family Camp!

1. Camp Goals
 - a) These have been planned by the Camp Committee
 - b) The following may be highlighted: -
 - i) Revival of our faith and spirit
 - ii) Further growth of knowledge
 - iii) Deeper level of fellowship
2. Personal goals
 - a) It is good to have personal goals
 - b) What are some personal goals worth considering?
 - i) A closer walk with God
 - ii) A deeper understanding of Interactive Prayer
 - iii) A stronger sense of bonding with each other in Church

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*



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