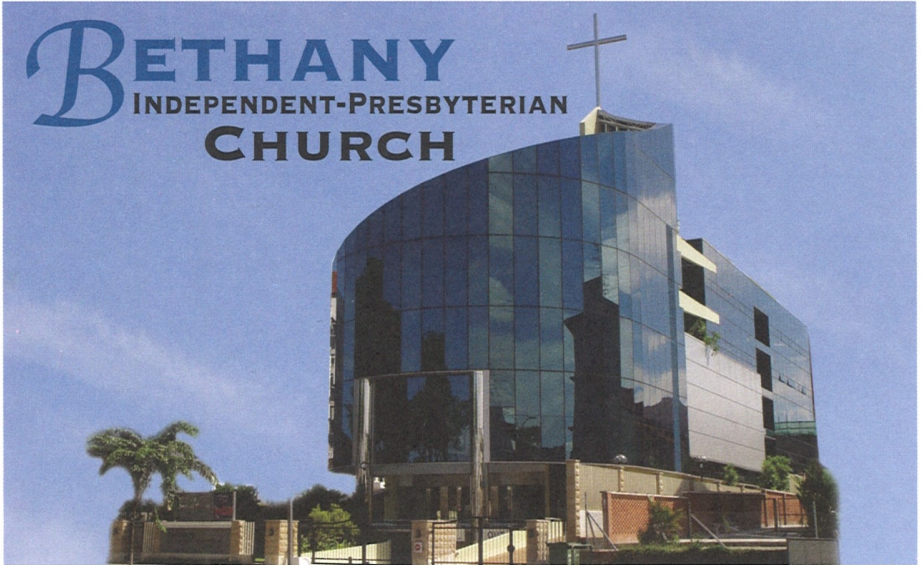


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AN EXAMPLE OF A TRANSFORMED LIFE

A MAJOR TASK OF THE LORD JESUS

One of the tasks of the Lord Jesus Christ was to help people understand God's offer of salvation. There were other tasks that were also significant. These include healing and the casting out of demons. But the focus on salvation is the most re-

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markable of all His works.

SALVATION HIGHLIGHTS

Many people came to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The most remarkable feature of true salvation is to note how that life is transformed. Matthew was one example.

1. Pre-salvation life

- a) Matthew was a tax collector for the Roman Emperor
- b) The tax collectors were generally despised by the local populace
- c) Some of the reasons why they were so despised were: -
 - i) They were seen as collaborators of Rome
 - ii) They were known to have used strong-arm tactics to collect taxes
 - iii) Some added additional taxes onto the people

2. Salvation in Christ Jesus

- a) Jesus stood for everything that Matthew was not
- b) The Lord offered the following things: -
 - i) Forgiveness of sins
 - ii) Eternal life
 - iii) A chance to follow Him

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iv) An opportunity to serve God

c) Matthew did not hesitate to take up the offer of the Lord Jesus

d) What an opportunity to have a wonderful change of life

3. Ramifications

a) Matthew was more than prepared to give up potential wealth

b) But of course that wealth would most likely be ill-gotten

c) He was prepared to be identified with the Lord Jesus

d) In time, Matthew wrote a Gospel to share his knowledge of the Lord Jesus

AN INVITATION TO BELIEVE IN THE LORD

What Matthew experienced of the salvation in Christ is not just peculiar to him. Through faith in the Lord Jesus anyone can see how his life may be transformed! Give serious thought to receiving Jesus as Saviour and Lord today! †

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 greatly encouraged through worship and fellowship! †

WELCOME
to Bethany III

ANNOUNCEMENTS



RETURN TO 301 UPPER PAYA LEBAR

We return to our beloved Church premises today! Thank God that Shangri La was able to accommodate us over the last two Sundays. †

SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)

8.20am Singspiration

8.30-9.15am Sunday School

9.15-9.30am Fellowship

Let us keep focused in our commitment to study the Word of the Lord. †

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium

We will be looking at having a Baptismal Service in December 2016. †

EVENING-BILINGUAL SERVICE

We resume our Evening-Bilingual Worship today!

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: Fellowship Hall †



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BETHEL FAMILY CAMP

18-22 April 2016

“I have put My Spirit upon Him”

Bethel has recorded 105 campers for their Camp. This is the highest in their Family Camp history. Let us pray for the Lord’s blessings to be bestowed on our brethren. †

A & A PROJECT

Let us continue to pray for the Lord’s blessings. Let us faithfully commit this project into the Lord’s hands.

1. Thank God for the significant support that has continued
2. Thank God for safety for all the workers
3. Let us pray that we will be able to see Phase 1 completed by November 2016.

THE BUBBLE LIFT

A new lift will be installed shortly. The present Bubble Lift is out of commission. This may take about 2 months. Inconvenience regretted. †

MANY ASPECTS OF SALVATION

There are many aspects of Salvation offered by the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not unusual to see different aspects appreciated by individual believers.

1. The Sin Aspect is one of the most glorious features

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2. Wonderful features: -

- a) That there is total forgiveness from God for all our sins
 - i. No sin is too big to be forgiven
 - ii. We stand cleansed before God
 - iii. We are justified (declared righteous) before the Lord
 - iv. Our sins have been taken away and buried in the deepest sea

- b) The old nature of sin
 - i. The old things have passed away
 - ii. All things have become new

- c) A new nature has been given to us
 - i. The seed of Christ is planted in every true believer
 - ii. Our challenge is to cultivate the new nature

3. Ramifications:-

The following are some ramifications that we must consider:-

- a) Gratitude
- b) Joy
- c) Praise
- d) Desire to serve God †



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 18 April 2016

Time: 7.00pm • Venue: The Upper Room †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 18 April 2016

Time: 8.00pm • Venue: 4th floor auditorium †

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 19 April 2016

Time: 8.00pm • Venue: 4th floor auditorium †

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Bethany,

My heart overflows with thankfulness as I recall the love that I have received from you during my dad's illness and my family's time of bereavement.

In the short two and a half months of my dad's battle with pancreatic cancer, many of you prayed for my family, visited, showed concern and extended your hands of support in a myriad of ways. Your words of encouragement and prayers often lifted us up when we were overwhelmed.

When my dad passed away on 4 April, my family and I experienced an outpouring of love from Bethany. From the hugs, to the food deliveries. From being an extra pair of helping hands to notes of encouragement. All these made our grief easier to bear. These acts can only be explained as a love from the Lord that is shared among the family of God.

The love shown by Bethany has also been a wonderful testimony to my relatives who do not believe in the Lord. They repeatedly mentioned how they have never experienced so much support before and how they were touched and overwhelmed by how the church stood by us in our time of need.

Thank you for being a channel of the Lord's blessing and comfort to my family and I.

Truly, our God is the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.

*With love,
Jan Ann*

WORSHIP

Worship
in Spirit
& Truth

Psalm 61:7-8

*He shall abide before God forever.
Oh, prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him!*

*So I will sing praise to Your name forever,
That I may daily perform my vows.*

1. Blessing of those who abide in the Lord
 - a) They will abide in His tabernacle
 - b) They will abide before God forever
2. The blessing of Preservation from the Lord
 - a) His mercy
 - b) His truth
3. Appropriate response
 - a) To sing praises to the Lord
 - b) To fulfil what has been vowed †

PASSED FROM DEATH INTO LIFE

The thought of judgment drives many to feel fear and dread,
Condemnation is feared, for sin truly makes one spiritually dead.
Many resent the thought of being judged by a holy God they reject,
But there is no need to fear for he who has faith becomes God's elect.

Many do not know why they should consider faith in Jesus the Lord,
If only the heart could be open to know that He was truly sent by God!
He came not to condemn the world but to deliver people from sin,
He came to deal with our sins, offering cleansing from deep within.

"Passed from death into life" - is a wonderful promise of God,
Only Jesus can save to the uttermost, because He is Lord!
All He requires is to have faith in God's salvation plan,
Surely it is not too much to believe that Jesus is the of Man!

"Passed from death into life"- this offer from God still stands,
Oh for humility to admit and to confess we are sinful men!
Tears come to the eyes at this glorious promise from God
The soul is stirred to consider faith in Jesus Christ the Lord.

Inspiration: John 5:25

Charles Tan



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 17 April 2016

JOHN 10:10 ABUNDANT LIFE

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

1. The life that the Lord Jesus promised

Three aspects may be highlighted:-

- a) Eternal life
- b) New life (through being “born again”)
- c) Abundant life

2. Who may have this life?

- a) All who turn to the Lord Jesus in faith
- b) They would have repented from their sins
- c) They would express their new-found faith by following Jesus

NEXT SUNDAY: 24 April 2016

JOHN 8:32 THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. †

THEME : I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL

“For this purpose
I came to this hour ”
John 12

Chairman

Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —

10.30 AM

“Blessed are the poor in spirit”
Matthew 5:3

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah
4th Floor Auditorium

Chairman

Mr Gavin Teo

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Interpreter

Mrs Goh Weihui

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

4.00 PM . FELLOWSHIP HALL

“Greater love has no man than this”
John 15

BREAKFAST : Sui Hui
LUNCH : Ai Lin and Ai Meei
EVENING TEA: Andrew & Hwei Li

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
17 April 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing
Century Praise 282 Jesus I Come

Prelude *Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia*

Call to Worship *Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui*

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns
Century Praise 39 This Is My Father's World

Century Praise 44 I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

HWC No. 46 God Leads Us Along

BIBLE MEMORIZATION & RECITATION

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “For this purpose I came to this hour”
 “我原是为这时候来的”

Text : John 12
 约翰福音 12

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn
HWC No. 280 I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
17 April 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏	Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou
Call to Worship 齐来称颂	Mr Gavin Teo Interpreter : Ms Eng Yu Wen

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns	
Century Praise 100	Fairest Lord Jesus 美哉主耶稣
Century Praise 297	Wonderful Grace Of Jesus 奇异恩典
Century Praise 68	The Love Of God 真神之爱

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message:	“Greater love has no man than this” “人的爱心没有比这个大的”
Text :	John 15 约翰福音 65
Speaker:	Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah Interpreter : Mrs Goh Weihui

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献	
Hymn	
Century Praise 358	Living For Jesus 奉献身心为主
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

17 April 2016

Dear Brethren,

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

We resume worship at our beloved Bethany, 301 Upper Paya Lebar Road today. Thank God that Shangri La was available for the last two Sundays. But truly there is no place like home, even if we have to put up with the dust and some other inconveniences!

THE EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

We resume our Evening-Bilingual Worship Service this Sunday. Let us take a bit of time to appreciate this Worship Service.

1. It is special to our Bilingual brethren
 - a) The hymns
 - b) The message
 - c) They are all done in Mandarin and dialect
2. It was designed
 - a) For our non-English speaking brethren
 - b) And also for those serving in Sunday School, crèche etc.
 - c) The Evening-Bilingual service affords an opportunity to worship the Lord
3. Theme and Topics
 - a) The theme is the same as that of the Morning Service
 - b) The topics are of course different
 - c) Each worship service is carefully planned and prayed for

Let us plan to attend the Evening-Bilingual Worship Service program.

BETHEL FAMILY CAMP

Bethel conducts its Family Camp this week (18-23 April 2016). Let us pray for the Lord's blessings to be bestowed on our brethren. The focus for this Camp is about how the Spirit of God was meant to fill us so that we can have a truly fruitful and blessed ministry.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*