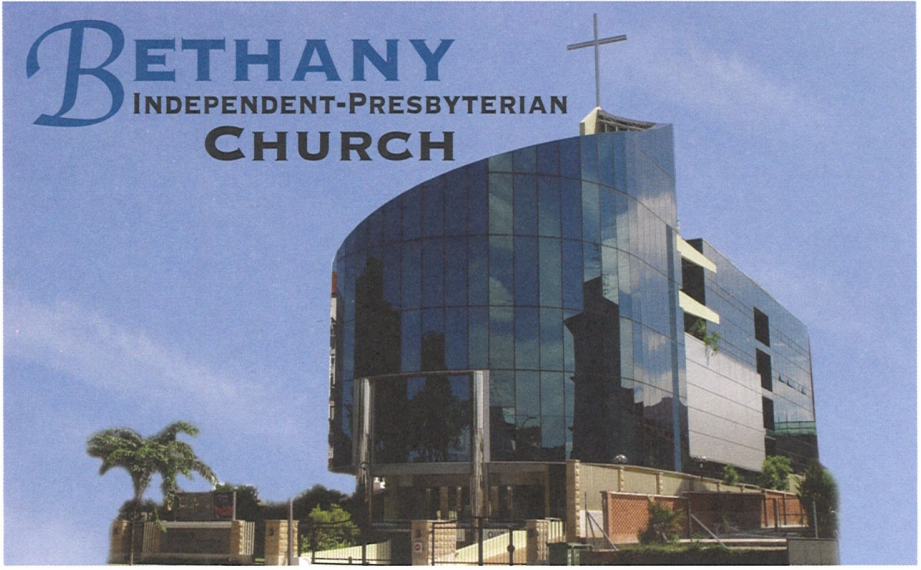


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Bethany III ... 3 April 2016 ... Holy Communion Sunday!

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MEDITATION

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THE WORK OF RESTORATION

HARD LESSONS

The disciples of the Lord Jesus realized that the lessons Jesus sought to teach them were not easy lessons to learn.

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MEDITATION

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1. It was hard to develop faith
2. And without faith they could be defeated in ministry
3. There were so many lessons that Jesus taught and they barely mastered any one well

FAILURES

These were failures experienced by the Disciples. They must have been really hard-hit as they faced up to the reality of the full-time ministry!

1. They had to learn how to be prayerful
2. They had to know the Scriptures well
3. They had to learn how to preach
4. They were expected to have great faith

Three years had passed and they had mastered none of the above! How could they ever succeed in ministry? They realized that sincerity was not enough for success!

THE LAST STRAW

Then came the day when Jesus was arrested and sentenced to death by crucifixion.

1. Peter had denied the Lord openly
2. All the disciples had fled

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This looked like the last straw! Peter decided that he was going to return to his fishing job! His decision influenced his friends and they too thought it best to give up on following the Lord Jesus. They felt that they had committed the worst sin ever! How could there be forgiveness after denying and deserting the Lord Jesus Christ?

THE RESTORATION PROCESS

The Lord Jesus loved His disciples, and after His Resurrection He sought to restore them. This was His love and His commitment to His disciples!

1. He sought His disciples
 - a) He knew them
 - b) The disciples were not yet a homogenous group
 - c) He reached out to them individually
2. The group of fishermen
 - a) Jesus found them in their old fishing ground
 - b) He sought to restore them
 - c) He did restore all the disciples except Judas who had committed suicide

AN INVITATION TO BE RESTORED

We too may feel that we have failed the Lord. We have sinned against Him and walked in the way of the world. But we can return to the Lord. The Lord will restore fully if we are willing to return to Him! †

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

WELCOME

to Bethany III

HOLY COMMUNION

We will be partaking of the Lord's Supper today!

The Bread

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Mark 14:22

The Cup

Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. Mark 14:23-24 †

WORSHIP AT SHANGRI LA

Our worship today and next Sunday will be at Shangri La.

Time: 10.30am

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1. Let us make every effort to worship the Lord meaningfully
2. We do not need to feel intimidated in any way because we worship at Shangri La
 - a) Let us remember that we have been worshipping here at Shangri La for many years
 - b) Let us focus on the Lord and offer Him worship that would be fitting
3. Session and Befrienders
Let us make a special effort to look after all the newcomers. Let the warmth of our friendship and fellowship enable us to have a great time of worship! †

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN AND FAMILY

Pastor sends greetings to all at Bethany from San Francisco.
He will be back in ministry in Bethany next Sunday! †

A & A PROJECT

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings.
Thank God for His gracious provision for all our needs! †



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS MINISTRY IN APRIL 2016

Let us practise what we learned at our Family Camp (13-18 March 2016).

Let us pray for the Lord to bless these ministries!

Bethel IPC Family Camp

Date: 18-22 April 2016

Theme: "The Spirit of the Lord Shall rest upon Him"

This Camp will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit in life and ministry.

The Lord Jesus exemplifies such a Spirit-filled Life and Ministry.

Myanmar

Date: 25- 29 April 2016

BTS and Missions work †



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 4 April 2016

Time: 7.00pm †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 4 April 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

BIBLE STUDY

Monday, 5 April 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

PSALM 61:3-4

*For You have been a shelter for me,
A strong tower from the enemy.*

*I will abide in Your tabernacle forever;
I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.*

1. The Lord as Shelter
 - a) He is our Tower from the enemy
 - b) He is our Tabernacle
 - c) His wings provide wonderful shelter
2. Appropriate response
 - a) To abide in the Lord's Tabernacle forever
 - b) To trust in the shelter of His wings

POETRY CORNER

RESTORED, I PARTAKE OF COMMUNION AGAIN

Backsliding, and far away from God I stayed away from the Lord's Table,
A sense of unworthiness, a great sense of guilt, they greatly disabled.
How could I partake of somethings so precious and so sacred and holy?
Now I am restored, I am able to come to the Lord's table, gratefully.

I examine my heart, and I know that I have grieved the Lord because of sin,
But I am reminded of how Jesus shed His blood, to cleanse me, deep within!
I come to the Lord's Table now, with a sense of new and holy appreciation,
I partake with great consciousness of the Lord's great love and compassion.

The Bread, His Body, which I partake of today, was cruelly broken to save my soul,
Cruel hands broke His Body, but this was done, that I may truly be made whole!
The Cup which I partake of, represents His precious blood shed for me,
I ponder, and tears come, that His blood had to be shed on dark Calvary!

Jesus died that my sins may all be forgiven, and I did not know how to appreciate,
The dreadful sins that drew me away, these sins, my soul now detests and hates!
Restored, forgiven, no longer would I willfully roam from the fold of the Lord,
Reinstated, reassured, I commune now with my wonderful Father-God!

Inspiration: John 20

Charles Tan ✠

Today, 3 April 2016

John 6:35 *I am the bread of life*

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.

*He who comes to Me shall never hunger,
and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."*

1. This is one of the Seven "I Am" sayings of Jesus
2. This is the first of the Seven sayings
3. The Bread of Life
 - a) This is a reference to Spiritual nourishment
 - b) The promise given
 - i) Those who turn to the Lord Jesus would never be disappointed
 - ii) They will find full satisfaction in the Lord Jesus Christ
 - iii) They need never be weak because of hunger and thirst
 - iv) They will find strength for life and ministry through feeding on the Bread

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BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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- c) Appropriate response
 - i) To learn how to feed on the Bread of Life
 - ii) To learn how to read the Scriptures that reveal much about the Lord Jesus Christ
 - iii) To grow stronger through feeding on the Bread of life
 - iv) Learn how to memorise the Lord's word!
 - v) This will go a long way to feed our souls

Next Sunday, 10 April 2016

John 7: 38 Rivers of living water

*He who believes in Me,
as the Scripture has said,
out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. †*

THEME : I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE

This Week @ Worship

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . SHANGRI LA HOTEL
“Out of his heart will flow
rivers of living water”
John 7

Chairmen
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Chong
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Pianist
Mrs Esther Ang

Interpreter
Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

Speaker
Rev Mark Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

NO BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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
3 April 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing
Century Praise 297 Wonderful Grace Of Jesus

Prelude
Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang

Call to Worship
Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong
Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns
Century Praise 218 Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Century Praise 295 I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

Century Praise 96 All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

BIBLE MEMORIZATION & RECITATION

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water”
 “从他腹中要流出活水的江河来”

Text : John 7
 约翰福音 7

Speaker: Rev Mark Tan

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn
Century Praise 327 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn
HWC No. 261 Fill Me Now

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 494

Like A River Glorious

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

3 April 2016

Dear Brethren,

POST-EASTER

The Risen Saviour continued to meet with His disciples after His resurrection. There were several reasons why He met with them: -

1. Confirmation
 - a) To confirm that He had indeed risen from the dead
 - b) To allay any doubts about the reality of His resurrection
2. Challenge
 - a) To bear witness of His resurrection
 - b) To reach out to many who had not come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
 - i) In Jerusalem
 - ii) In Judea
 - iii) In Samaria
 - iv) To the uttermost part of the world

ON THE PART OF THE DISCIPLES

There were many problems that had to be addressed. Among others, the following had to be resolved. Our challenges are not dissimilar!

1. Fears
These must go! They must not return.
2. Failure
This must be a thing of the past! They must look forward to the future with confidence!
3. Faith
This must now be stronger. This faith must be further developed!
4. Future
The Apostles must focus on developing a Church.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*



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