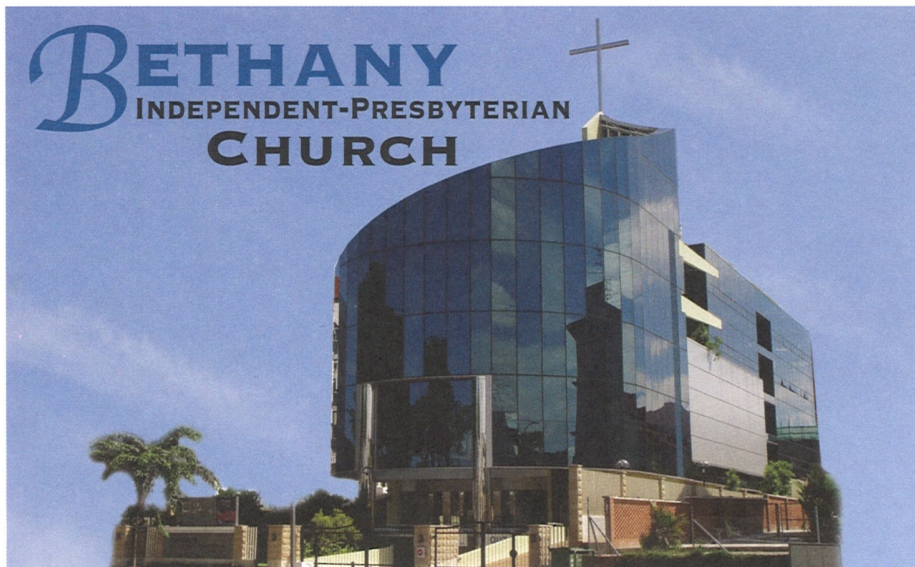


# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN

## CHURCH



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

*Bethany III ... 24 July 2016*

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## MEDITATION

*by Rev Dr Charles Tan*

*Text: Psalm 26*

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## THE PLACE WHERE YOUR GLORY DWELLS

### THE GLORY OF THE LORD

The concept of “the glory of God” was a major theme in the Old Testament. This is correct. It is vital that we do not lose sight of the significance of the glory of God in our time!

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# MEDITATION

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## MANIFESTATION OF THE GLORY OF GOD

The glory of God was manifested many times and in different ways! Here is a short list of how the glory of God was revealed.

### 1. In miracles

- (a) Crossing the Red Sea dry-shod
  - (b) Triumpling over the Egyptians
- Exodus 15:1

### 2. In His Presence

- (a) When God manifested His Presence at Mount Sinai
  - (b) Features of His glory: -
    - i. Thunder
    - ii. Lightning
    - iii. Thick cloud
    - iv. Fire
    - v. Smoke
- Exodus 19:16-18

## A SPECIAL OBSERVATION

King David made a special observation about the glory of the Lord in this text.

*LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house,  
And the place where Your glory dwells.* Psalm 26:8

### 1. Where is the “habitation of (God’s) house?”

- (a) The Tabernacle where the Ark of the Covenant was housed
  - (b) God’s Glory was placed upon the Tabernacle
- Exodus 40:34

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- (c) 'The glory was so strong that Moses could not enter in  
Exodus 40:34-35

## 2. The Tabernacle in the days of King David

- (a) 'The Tabernacle had seen better days  
(b) But David saw the glory of the Lord through enlightened eyes

## CAN WE SEE THE GLORY OF THE LORD?

The glory of God may be seen in so many different ways! Let us pray that God would open our eyes that we may behold His wonderful glory! †

*Write to me at:* [charlestan@bethanyipc.sg](mailto:charlestan@bethanyipc.sg)

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

**WELCOME**  
**to Bethany III**

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## CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

*Time: 1.00pm*

*Venue: 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium †*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+3 ANNIVERSARY

*Date: 28 August 2016*

*Venue: Shangri La Hotel*

*Time: 10.30am*

*Anniversary Lunch: 12.30pm*

Plan to sign up as soon as possible.

Remember to sign up your children too for the Special Worship Program planned for them. †

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## A & A PROJECT

### **1. Submission for TOP**

This would be done at the end of August 2016.

### **2. Inspection by BC**

Possibly Mid-September

### **3. Tentage to be removed during inspection**

Hence we will not be able to worship in Bethany for 2 weeks.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **4. Worshipping at Shangri La**

We will be worshipping at Shangri La for two Sundays:  
11 and 18 September 2016

Let us continue to pray diligently for the Lord's blessings on the A & A Project.

### **5. Lots of work still**

Let us pray that the A & A Project will be able to make important strides over the next several weeks! †

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## ***SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PAEDO-BAPTISM***

A special request has been made by Yi Yong and Si Yu for their second daughter, Grace. The Church Session has consented to this request. The Paedo-Baptism will be held on 7 August 2016. †

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## **A TESTIMONY OF GOD'S PROTECTION**

A few weeks ago, The Straits Times covered a story of an SIA plane that had caught fire. Ms. Tan Hwee Cheng was on board that plane! She has written an eye witness' account of this incident.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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## *The Glory of God's Protection*

On 27 June 2016, my sister and I boarded SQ386 for the first stop of our summer vacation in Italy - Milan. There was nothing unusual about this flight. We checked in, boarded the plane and fell asleep soon after the plane took off at 2.05 am. However, about 2.5 hours into the flight, we were woken up by an announcement by the pilot who informed us that a right engine fault has been detected and we would need to turn back to Singapore for safety reasons. I wasn't too disturbed by it and went back to sleep after saying a prayer to God for His protection. About 1.5 hours later, we finally landed in Singapore safely to cheers and clapping from the passengers, all so relieved that we have arrived safely. However, the relief was short lived. Shortly after the landing, the plane's right wing caught fire. Being seated only 3 seats away from the window next to the burning right wing, everything was in full view. I saw the right wing engulfed in flames with thick smoke building up quickly. Fear struck and in what seemed like the longest 5 minutes of my life, several thoughts went through my mind:

Wow, so this is IT. My life is going to end here. Oh well, but if my time is up, I am at peace to go home to God.

Then I was reminded of my parents and I found myself saying No! I can't die yet because it would be most cruel and tragic to my parents to lose both daughters in the evening years of their lives all at once.

And so I prayed and pleaded to God to spare my life and that of my sister. It seemed almost like a miracle when the fire was put out 5 minutes later and we could all disembark safely.

Recalling the fierce blaze and the badly mangled blackened right wing, it feels surreal to be alive today. The prospect of losing my life in this incident was so real. Many things could have gone wrong but none came to pass. I could only attribute this to God's protection and His special grace and mercies. I recalled a car accident in Year 2004 where my car collided with another oncoming car, swerved

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and hit a tree. The car was declared total loss but I escaped unscathed with just minor whiplash. A week later, I read of a similar accident where the car hit the tree and the driver was killed. I often look at the pictures of the wreckage of my old car and it never fails to send chills down my spine, to know that I could have been seriously injured or even died from the crash.

In all these incidents, I recognize that I am alive today because of God's special keeping and protection (Psalm 121:7-8). This is the glory of God's preservation, His grace and His mercies upon my life. I am thankful to be able to catch a glimpse of it and to taste the goodness of God. This is the glory of God and I want to be ever so conscious of it. My prayer is that it would always serve as a reminder to me to live my life well for He has so graciously spared and preserved me.

- Tan Hwee Cheng



## WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

### PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 25 July 2016

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: 4th floor auditorium †

### PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 25 July 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: 4th floor auditorium †

### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 26 July 2016

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: 4th floor auditorium †

## Psalm 66: 11—12

*You brought us into the net;  
You laid affliction on our backs.*



*You have caused men to ride over our heads;  
We went through fire and through water;  
But You brought us out to rich fulfilment.*

### 1. Trials and tribulations of life

- (a) Affliction
- (b) Figures of speech used to describe trials/ tribulations
  - i. Net
  - ii. Men riding over our heads
  - iii. Fire
  - iv. Water

### 2. God's hand acknowledged

- (a) "You brought us into the net"
- (b) "You laid affliction on our backs"
- (c) "You have caused men to ride over our heads"

### 3. In grateful reflection

- (a) But You brought us out to rich fulfilment
- (b) The end result must cause us to give thanks to God for His mercy bestowed †



### HAVE YOU NOT KNOWN?

Many appear to have such a dim and defective view of God,  
Few seem to understand what it means to believe in the Lord!  
God declares what He, the Creator of the earth can do for man,  
His understanding and power are way beyond man's ken!

He is able to give power to those who are weak and weary,  
He can give strength to those who find life sad and dreary.  
The natural strength of youth will fail them before too long,  
But to those who wait on the Lord, He gives a joyful song!

The faithful turn to the Lord and find their strength renewed,  
They learn just how God, would cause their sins, to be subdued.  
The reliance on our flesh and our human will end in futility,  
God will bless and honour those who seek Him in humility.

The Scriptures contain many promises to all who believe in God,  
What is required is the exercise of our faith in the Lord!  
We will then discover for ourselves the meaning of "glory,"  
God will grant us His power and we can live triumphantly!

The glory of the Lord is evident in the strength of one who is weak,  
That strength is seen in the way the servant of God attempts to speak.  
He will always testify of the Lord's grace and mercy from on high,  
His heart is filled with joy for he knows that the Lord is truly nigh.

*Inspiration: Isaiah 40:28-31*

Charles Tan ✠

# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

**Today, 24 July 2016**

**Isaiah 25: 4 A strength to the needy in his distress**

*For You have been a strength to the poor; a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat, for the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.*

1. God's Hand deeply appreciated
2. What God has been to His people
  - (a) Strength
  - (b) Refuge
  - (c) Shade
3. Let us give glory to the Lord for His gracious blessings!

**Next Sunday, 31 July 2016**

**Isaiah 26: 3 In perfect peace**

*You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.*



THEME : CREATED FOR MY GLORY

# *This Week @ Worship*

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL  
“Great is the Holy One”  
Isaiah 12

Chairman  
Mr Milton Ong

Pianist  
Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker  
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter  
Mr Alex Tan

— TEENS’ WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE**

— CHILDREN’S CHURCH —  
10.30 AM  
“Forgive our debts”  
Matthew 6:9-13

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker  
Rev Mark Tan  
4th Floor Auditorium

Chairman  
Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Chong  
Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah

Speaker  
Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist  
Mr Gabriel Ou  
  
Interpreter  
Deacon  
Dr Tan Peng Hui  
Ms Berlinda Cheong

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE —  
“Be not dismayed, for I am your God”  
Isaiah 41

BREAKFAST : Joel Lee; Lee Yan-Yi  
LUNCH : Ho Lian Ya  
EVENING TEA : Joanna Yam

# Bethany Church Activities

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

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**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**24 July 2016**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing HWC No. 189	Calvary Covers It All
Prelude	<i>Pianist : Mrs Sally Tan</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Mr Milton Ong</i>
Invocation	

**PRAISE**

Hymns	
Century Praise 45	For The Beauty Of The Earth
Century Praise 68	The Love Of God
Century Praise 389	He Leadeth Me
New Song	I Will Glory In My Redeemer

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message:	“Great is the Holy One”
Text :	Isaiah 12
Speaker:	Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering	
Hymn HWC No. 275	How Firm A Foundation
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

**COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**24 July 2016**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION 预备**

Prelude 前奏

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong  
Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah  
Interpreter : Miss Berlinda Cheong

Invocation 祈祷

**PRAISE 赞美诗**

Hymns

Century Praise 27

O Worship The King  
荣耀大君王

HWC No. 46

God Leads Us Along  
神带领我们

Century Praise 81

O God, Our Help In Ages Past  
千古保障

**PRAYER 牧祷**

**“PREACH THE WORD” 证道**

Message: “Be not dismayed, for I am your God”  
“不要惊惶, 因为我是你的神。”

Text : Isaiah 41 以赛亚书 41

Speaker: Rev Mitchell Tan  
Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

**RESPONSE**

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 363

God Will Take Care Of You  
天父必看顾你

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

24 July 2016

***Dear Brethren,***

## READING THE SCRIPTURES

There is so much wisdom that may be gained from reading the Scriptures! Our hearts may be greatly uplifted from reading the Lord's Word diligently.

## READING THE PSALMS

Everyone has his personal favourites. The Book of Psalms is the favourite portion for many faithful readers. Reading Psalm 66, we can understand why the Psalms draw so many people to them.

*Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!*

*Sing out the honour of His name;  
Make His praise glorious.*

*Say to God,  
"How awesome are Your works!  
Through the greatness of Your power  
Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.*

*Psalm 66:1-3*

### 1. Singing to the Lord

- a) Let every song be a "joyful shout to God"
- b) Let every hymn bring out the honour of God's name
- c) Let us at all times "make His praise glorious"

### 2. The glory of God

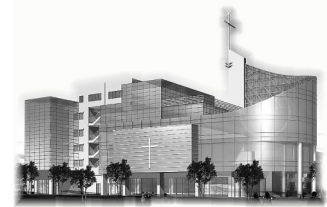
- a) This is seen in His awesome works!
- b) The greatness of God's power is to be marvelled at

## AMIDST THE TURMOIL THAT IS IN THE WORLD

Let us determine to never lose focus on who the Lord God is! Let us never allow our hearts to feel despair no matter how many times we read about unrest, mayhem and atrocities!

Let us seek to renew our faith in the Lord again and again. This can be done through the reading of the Scriptures faithfully. Let us look forward to giving heartfelt personal worship every day, and wholesome glorious worship as a church on Sundays!

***Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie***



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