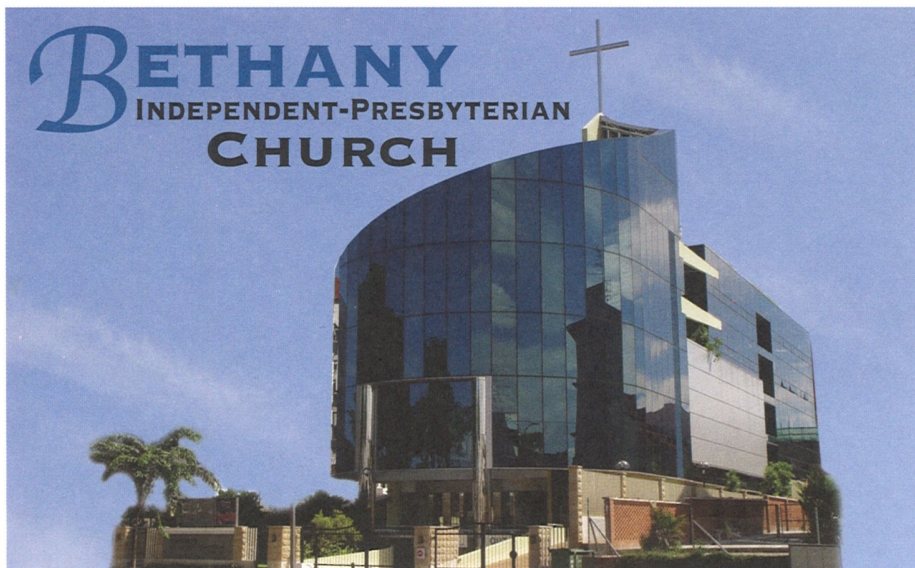


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INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN
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God's kind of Church...where God is touching lives...and people care for people

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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: Psalm 29



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"THE GLORY DUE TO HIS NAME"

SEEING THE GLORY OF THE LORD

How wonderful it is to be able to see the glory of the Lord God. The Psalmist David wrote a beautiful poem extolling the glory of the Lord.

Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones,

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MEDITATION

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Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

*Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name;
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

Psalm 29:1-2

1. The focus is on the LORD Himself
2. There is much glory to be seen in the LORD.

HOW DO WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD?

The Psalmist David offered a simple way of giving glory to God.

1. Give
 - a) This word may be translated “ascribe”
 - b) It is to acknowledge that glory belongs to God
 - c) We are to declare His glory
2. What may we ascribe to the Lord?
 - a) The glory that is due to His name
 - b) The Name of the Lord represents the Person of the Lord
 - c) The following things may be highlighted: -
 - i) StrengthWe acknowledge that ultimately strength comes from the Lord

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ii) Holiness

The Being of God is holy. His holiness is a theme sung by the angels (Isaiah 6:3)

OTHER OBSERVATIONS OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD

Psalm 29 attempts to describe the glory of the LORD seen in different settings of life: -

1. The voice of the Lord is the major theme in Psalm 29

The Psalmist sought to appreciate the mighty voice of the LORD in nature

2. He called the LORD “the God of glory” Psalm 29:3

a) The mighty oceans

The might and majesty of the mighty waters reflect the Voice of the LORD.

b) The stately cedars

Many admired the stately cedar. Only the rich could afford to use cedar wood in their stately homes. The glory of the Lord may be seen in beautiful trees.

c) The wilderness

To many the wilderness is forbidding. But there is glory to be found in the sheer starkness of the wilderness! The glory of the LORD may be seen in the wildness of uninhabited places.

d) The animal kingdom

How does the animal kingdom flourish? The glory of the LORD may be seen in how the animal kingdom continues to be populated.

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MEDITATION

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e) In the Temple of God

The glory of the LORD may be seen by all who love and worship the LORD. They will cry out “Glory” as they stand in the presence of the LORD.

THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD

We may see the Lord’s glory in the blessings He has bestowed on His people!

The LORD will give strength to His people;

The LORD will bless His people with peace. Psalm 29:11

Let us ever extol the LORD for the God that He has proven Himself to be! Let us seek to give the LORD the glory that is due to Him. †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad to bid you a very warm welcome to Bethany. May your heart be lifted up through worship and fellowship! †

WELCOME
to Bethany III

SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)

8.15am Singspiration

8.30am Class

9.15am Class Fellowship †



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium

Time: 1.00pm †

CW TEAM MEETING

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium †

AM BETHANY MEETING

Saturday, 6 August 2016

Time: 5.00pm †

NEXT SUNDAY 7 August 2016

1. We commence our 40+3 Anniversary Month
2. We will be celebrating The Lord's Supper
3. We will also be having a Special Baptismal Service
To baptise Baby Grace Ho
4. We will also be receiving into our membership Mdm. Teo Bee Geok †

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MISSIONS MINISTRY

1. India

Pastor Charles Tan will be ministering in India next week. He will be leaving tonight after the Evening-Bilingual Worship.

2. Visuvasam IPC (Perambalur, Trichy)

The church celebrates its 22nd Anniversary next week.

3. Baptismal services

- a) In Visuvasam (Trichy)
- b) In Jayam (Chennai)

4. Seeing the glory of the Lord

- a) In the growth of the church
- b) In the saving of souls
- c) In the faithfulness of the Church members ✠

BETHANY'S 40+ 3 ANNIVERSARY

Date: 28 August 2016

Venue: Shangri La

Time: 10.30am (Worship Service)

12.30pm (Anniversary Lunch)

We enter into our Anniversary month in August. Let us take time to think about how the Glory of the LORD is reflected in His blessings upon Bethany! Let us seek to give honour and glory to the LORD!

ANNIVERSARY MONTH

August is our Church Anniversary month. We will be having Combined Worship for the whole month of August! There will not be the usual Bilingual-Evening Worship Service. ✠



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A & A PROJECT

August is a very important month in our A & A Timeline. The Contractor is seeking to prepare the Church Auditorium and Offices for TOP inspection.

There will be two rounds of inspection in September 2016.

In order for the church grounds to pass the inspection we would need to have the tentage removed.

This would mean that we would have to worship at Shangri La on 2 Sundays.

11 and 18 September 2016

Our booking for worship at Shangri La has been confirmed.

Thank God for His wonderful mercy and grace!

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings
2. Let us support the A & A Project in practical ways too ☩



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 1 August 2016

Time: 7.00pm ☩

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 1 August 2016

Time: 8.00pm ☩

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 2 August 2016

Time: 8.00pm ☩

Psalm 66:13—15

*I will go into Your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay You my vows,*

*Which my lips have uttered
And my mouth has spoken when I was in trouble.*

*I will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat animals,
With the sweet aroma of rams;
I will offer bulls with goats.*

1. Remembering a time of trouble

- a) Afflictions
- b) Severe trials

2. Remembering an oath made

- a) A vow to God
- b) To offer a special thanksgiving offering when the trials are over

3. Remembering to keep the oath made

- a) The vow was paid
- b) A great offering was given to the Lord (bulls, rams and goats) †

THE HAND OF THE LORD HAS DONE THIS

The poor and needy search for water but it seems in vain,
The sun is hot, the sky seems merciless and there is no rain.
The land is in danger of a severe drought that could kill,
Surely the only hope is to be found in the Lord God still!

There must be a cry of faith with a heart that is humble,
God hears and He sends an answer in a thunder's rumble.
The faithful need not fear that they would be forsaken by God,
Rivers of water would be opened in desolate heights by the Lord!

God would do more than just provide water for the thirsty,
He would create a forest of trees for those who trust Him fully.
The dry land need not be a desert if God were to grant grace,
Mankind would find that God has not forsaken the human race.

God wants man to know and see what He can do in His might,
He wants man to consider and understand what is good and right.
God's glory is not hidden at all when spiritual eyes are truly opened,
How good to see faith revived; let us treasure mercy as God's token.

Inspiration: Isaiah 41:20

*That they may see and know, and consider and understand,
That the hand of the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel
has created it*

Charles Tan †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.*

1. Peace of heart and mind
 - a) This is difficult to obtain
 - b) This is also difficult to sustain
2. How peace of heart and mind may be sustained
 - a) Through staying the mind on the Lord
 - b) Through exercising trust in Him

NEXT SUNDAY: 7 August 2016

ISAIAH 28:5 A CROWN OF GLORY

*In that day the LORD of hosts will be for a crown of glory
and a diadem of beauty to the remnant of His people. †*

THEME : CREATED FOR MY GLORY

This Week @ Worship

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL
“Behold, this is our God”
Isaiah 25

Chairman
Rev Mark Tan
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Chong
Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist
Mrs Esther Ang
Interpreter
Dr Jane Tan

— TEENS’ WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN’S CHURCH —
10.30 AM

“Yours is the kingdom, and the glory
and the power”
Matthew 6:9-13

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker
Rev Mitchell Tan
4th Floor Auditorium

Chairman
Mr Eugene Seow

Pianist
Ms Tay Soo Leng

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Ms Eng Yuwen
Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

“My glory I will not give to another”
Isaiah 42

BREAKFAST : Batch of ‘94 girls
LUNCH : Fellowship Hall Team
EVENING TEA : Geena Ng

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 Senior Sunday School		8.30am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School III		8.30am	BTS	4 th floor
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
31 July 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Century Praise 363	God Will Take Care Of You
Prelude	<i>Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Rev Mark Tan</i> <i>Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong</i>
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns	
Century Praise 51	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Century Praise 6	How Great Thou Art
Century Praise 59	To God Be The Glory

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message:	“Behold, this is our God”
Text :	Isaiah 25
Speaker:	Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering	
Hymn HWC No. 267	Come, Thou Almighty King
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
31 July 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏	Pianist : Ms Tay Soo Leng
Call to Worship 齐来称颂	Mr Eugene Seow Interpreter : Ms Eng Yuwen
Invocation 祈祷	

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns	
Century Praise 45	For The Beauty Of The Earth 大地好风光
Century Praise 321	Blessed Assurance 有福确据
HWC No. 56	Day By Day 每一天

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message:	“My glory I will not give to another” “我必不将我的荣耀归给假神”
Text :	Isaiah 42 以赛亚书 42
Speaker:	Rev Dr Charles Tan Interpreter : Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献	
Hymn	
Century Praise 295	I Will Sing Of My Redeemer 歌颂救赎主
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

31 July 2016

Dear Brethren,

DECLARE HIS DEEDS

Call after call was made by the prophet Isaiah to declare what the Lord had done for His people. The following text is just samples of his emphatic calls.

*Praise the LORD, call upon His name;
Declare His deeds among the peoples,
Make mention that His name is exalted.*

*Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things;
This is known in all the earth.*

*Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion,
For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst. Isaiah 12:4-6*

HOW MAY WE TRULY GLORIFY THE LORD?

We have some very good suggestions given in this text.

1. Praise the LORD/ Sing to the LORD
Make praising the Lord an integral part of our life!
2. Declare His deeds
Many are the deeds the Lord has done. Let us declare them with great joy.
3. Cry out and Shout
'This is a word of encouragement to give strong and distinctive glory to God.

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS WE SHOULD GLORY IN?

Here are some worthwhile thoughts to ponder over deeply.

1. His name is exalted
The Lord's name is truly great and exalted!
2. He has done excellent things
These things are recorded in the Scriptures. Look also at how the Lord has blessed us personally! How excellent His works are!
3. Great is the Holy One of Israel
Indeed, the LORD is great! And as He was in the midst of Israel, so He is in our midst as well.

***Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie***