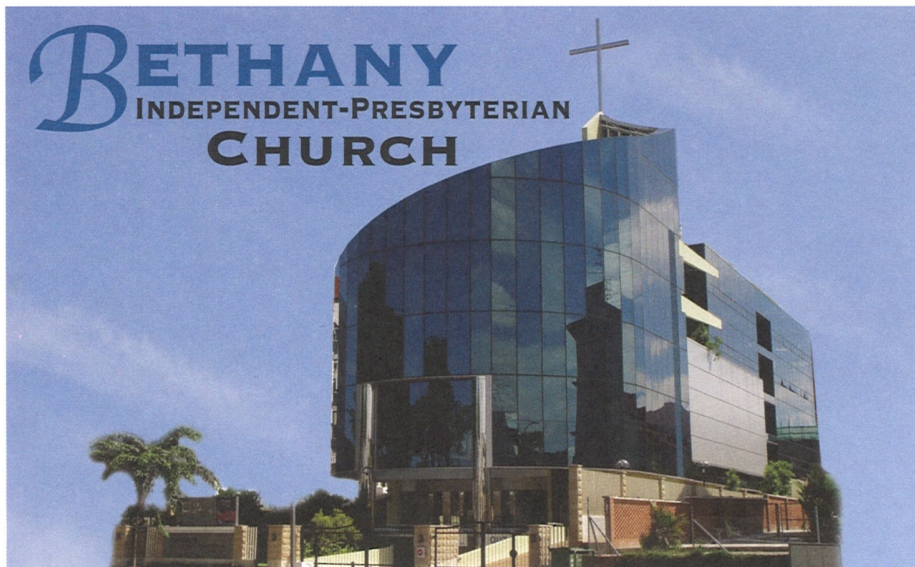


BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



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

Bethany III ... 28 August 2016 Happy 40+3 Anniversary!

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"BLESSED!"

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+3 ANNIVERSARY

We celebrate Bethany's 40+3 Anniversary today. Our hearts rejoice in the Lord for many reasons.

1. Protection
That we have been protected as the Lord's People.

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2. Provision

That we have been so well-provided for so that His ministry has not been affected adversely

3. Presence of God and His glory

That we have been able to catch so many instances of God and His glorious presence in our midst.

DRAWING MUCH INSPIRATION FROM THE SCRIPTURES

As we celebrate our 40+3 Anniversary, we conclude 43 years of ministry and we commence our 44th year. Let us draw much inspiration from Psalm 84.

1. Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they will still be praising You Psalm 84: 4
 - a) 'The Sons of Korah wrote this Psalm
 - b) 'They were Levites who assisted in the Tabernacle Ministry
 - c) 'They assisted the Priests in the Tabernacle
 - d) 'They felt themselves greatly privileged that they were able to serve the Lord at all
 - e) 'To serve in the Lord and His House was to be "blessed!"
 - f) 'May we have this tremendous spirit of service

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2. Blessed is the man whose strength is in You Psalm 84:5
 - a) 'The Sons of Korah thought of all the worshippers who made great effort to offer to the Lord special worship three times a year (Passover, Tabernacles, Pentecost)
 - b) It would take strength to continue to keep this up
 - i) Mental strength
 - ii) Physical strength
 - iii) Spiritual strength
 - iv) 'This kind of enduring strength is to be found in the Lord
 - v) May we find that strength from the Lord in the next year (40+4)
3. O LORD of hosts! Blessed is the man who trusts in You! Psalm 84:12
 - a) Blessings abound to those who trust in the Lord indeed
 - b) Let us conclude our 40+3 year of ministry on a note of trust in the Lord
 - c) Let us commence our 40+4 year of ministry on an even stronger note of trust!

May the LORD of hosts reveal His glory in the work that He would do in our midst! May we learn to hallow the Lord our God and fear Him (Isaiah 29:23). †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus with us today at Shangri La Hotel. May the Lord bring a special uplift to your heart through worship and fellowship! †

WELCOME

to Bethany III

HAPPY 40+3 ANNIVERSARY!

The Pastors and Session Members wish one and all “Happy Anniversary!” †

PRE-WORSHIP HYMN

“We’re Marching to Zion” HWC 555

We draw great encouragement from the following text.

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

To the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

To Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. Hebrews 12:22-24 †

NEXT SUNDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2016

We will be celebrating The Lord’s Supper. We will be back at Bethany, 301 Upper Paya Lebar Road for worship and ministry. †



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BACK AT SHANGRI LA FOR WORSHIP

Date: 11 and 18 September 2016

Time: 10.30am

Reason: TOP Inspection †

NO PM AND BS THIS COMING WEEK

As usual we will not be having PM and BS the week following the Anniversary. Let us take time to reflect on the Lord's blessings upon the last 40+3 years of ministry. †

NEXT SUNDAY: 4 SEPTEMBER 2016

4 September 2016

Psalm 5:2 To You I will pray

Give heed to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for to You I will pray.

New series of Pulpit Messages for September-October 2016

We will commence our 40+4 year next Sunday. Our focus is to begin the new year of ministry with a prayer on our lips! †

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Let us continue to pray for the Lord's special grace and mercy. The next few weeks are of critical importance as the contractor prepares our Auditorium and Church Office (Phase 1) for inspection by BCA. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS



40+3 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

1. Photo Gallery

- Thank God for those who contributed the meaningful photographs
- Unfortunately, not all the photos submitted could be selected
- Thank God for Mrs. Chin Lai Heong who co-ordinated this project

2. Anniversary Door Gift

- Thank God for this donation of the Door Gift
- The Pines will be distributing the Gifts to all worshipping at Shangri La today

3. Devotional: 1 AND 2 THESSALONIANS

This Devotional has been printed and will also be given to all who request for them. Thank God for the sponsorship to print this set of Devotionals. Please go to the Book Table to get your personal copy. ☩



WORSHIP

PSALM 67:5-7

*Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.*

*Then the earth shall yield her increase;
God, our own God, shall bless us.*

*God shall bless us,
And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.*

1. Call to praise the Lord

- To all believers
- To all who truly trust in the Lord and His promise of blessings

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2. Confidence in God's promise of blessing
 - a) Because He is indeed God... our very own God
 - b) 'The earth will yield its increase with God's blessings
3. Commemorating Bethany's 40+3 Anniversary
 - a) It is good and right that we offer great praise to the Lord today
 - b) Let all who love the Lord offer heart-felt praise to Him in worship! †

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dearest Pastor Charlie,

On behalf of my mother, my brothers and my family, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you, Pastors Mark and Mitch, and all the members of Bethany IPC who selflessly availed themselves to comfort us in many ways during our recent bereavement.

At a time when we were in grief, the members of your church quietly galvanized themselves much akin to the civil defence of bereavement.

Lunch, dinner, cakes freshly baked, members marshalling the traffic, but most of all, comforting us with their presence. The emotional support rendered helped us through this trying period of grief.

The love and unity evident in the church under your care and leadership are a sign and testimony that both you and your church have been blessed.

Please express our heartfelt gratitude to members of your church. We shall rest in the assurance that we shall meet our father again at Jesus' feet.

Pastor Charlie and all members of Bethany IPC – thank you.

*With love,
Grace Chacko*

BEHOLD, THIS IS OUR GOD

Desolation and destruction were all that could be seen,
In the city, in the countryside, everywhere was ruin.
Despair had begun to threaten to settle in the heart,
Joy and delight had gone; darkness refuses to depart.

Woe after woe was felt, and songs of joy seems to mock,
Could the heart sing again? Is there yet hope from God?
The soul seems robbed of all things that truly matter,
Even a simple prayer to God seems so difficult to utter.

But faith enables the spirit to see the work of God,
The sad things of life were also allowed by the Lord.
The heart affirms that the Lord is indeed our God,
We need not give in to fear for He is our great Rock.

We may boldly proclaim, "This is our God!"
Our faith in Him is not in vain, He is the LORD!
He will yet bring a song of joy to our sad heart,
He will always be beside us; He will never depart.

Inspiration: Isaiah 24-25

Charles Tan †

MAY THE GLORY OF THE LORD ENDURE FOREVER

The spiritual psalmist was able to note the greatness of God,
Creation reflected the great glory and majesty of the LORD.

All creatures wait upon their wonderful Creator,
He is their most faithful and glorious Provider.

He opens His hand and all are filled with that which is good,
Were He to withdraw, we would have every reason to brood.
He sends forth His life-giving Spirit and all creation is renewed,
May the glory of the Lord always be appreciated as it should!

How should we appreciate the glory of our wonderful God?
Let us determine that we should always praise the Lord!
As long as we live, may our hearts be inspired to have a song,
May the Lord be our joy; for all glory to Him truly belongs.

May we love to meditate on the majesty of our precious God!
Let there be gladness in our heart as we think about the Lord.
It is the Lord who has created us and redeemed our very soul,
This word must ever be proclaimed with a faith that is bold.

Inspiration: Psalm 104:31

Charles Tan †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 28 August 2016

Isaiah 43:7 Created for My glory

*Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory;
I have formed him, yes, I have made him.*

1. Everyone who is called by My name
 - a) All who are redeemed
 - b) All who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord
2. Whom I have created for My glory
 - a) Created... by the Lord
 - b) Re-created in God's redemption plan
 - c) This is a wonderful and precious thought indeed
 - d) We are created to reflect God's glory
3. Strong affirmation
 - a) I have formed him
 - b) Yes, I have made him

Next Sunday, 4 September 2016

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THEME : CREATED FOR MY GLORY

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . SHANGRI LA HOTEL

“This is the heritage
of the servants of the LORD”
Isaiah 54

Chairmen

Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles 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 COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

LUNCH @ Shangri La Hotel

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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40+3 ANNIVERSARY

28 August 2016

Shangri La Hotel

10.30am

PRE-WORSHIP

HWC 555 "We're Marching to Zion"

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

Bible Memory Verse: Isaiah 43:7

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

Combined Choir: Lord Most High

Hymn Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee

Pastors Mark/ Mitch

Hymn I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Hymn To God Be the Glory

Special Video: Bethany IV (Tan You Chai and Edlyn Chong)

Message: "This is the heritage of the Servants of the LORD"

Text: Isaiah 54

Anniversary Offering

Combined Choir: "Then Sings My Soul"

Hymn HWC 569

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the glory of the coming of the Lord"

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

❧ 40+3 Anniversary Series ❧

28 August 2016

Dear Brethren,

PRAISE THE LORD AND HAPPY 40+3 ANNIVERSARY!

Psalm 150 wonderfully concludes the Book of Psalms with these words:

Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:1a

It is good and right that we borrow the thoughts and the words of the Psalmist as we celebrate Bethany's 40+3 Anniversary today!

1. Where may we express Praise to the LORD?

- a) In the sanctuary
- b) In His mighty firmament Psalm 150:1

2. What are some reasons why we should praise the LORD?

- a) Because of His mighty acts Psalm 150:2
- b) Because of His excellent greatness Psalm 150:2

3. How may we praise Him?

- a) With the sound of the trumpet, lute, harp, timbrel, stringed instruments, flutes and cymbals (musical instruments)
- b) With dance Psalm 150:3-5

4. Who ought to give praise to the Lord?

- a) Everything that has breath Psalm 150:6
- b) And we may safely add: -
 - i) Everyone who has been redeemed
 - ii) Everyone who has been blessed
 - iii) Everyone who has been enlightened
 - iv) Everyone who loves the LORD God

***Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie***