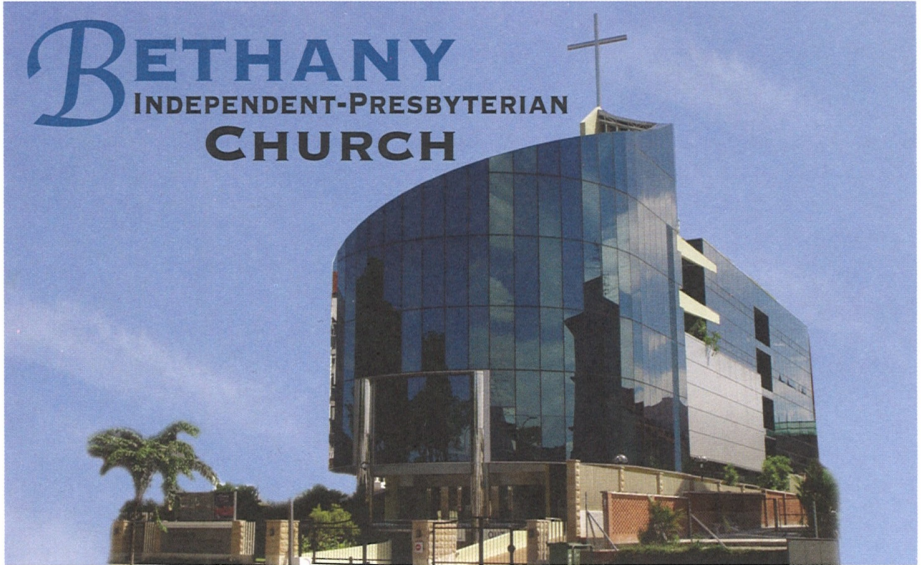


# BETHANY

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

Bethany III ... 4 September 2016 ... Holy Communion Sunday!

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## MEDITATION

*by Rev Dr Charles Tan*

Text: Psalm 3



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# **"BUT YOU ARE A SHIELD FOR ME"**

## **WHO ARE THE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT PRAY MUCH?**

Some do not think much about seeking God in prayer. The usual reasons given include the following: -

1. They have no pressing need

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2. They have all that they wish for in life
3. They don't even feel they need God

## **WHO ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ENGAGE IN PRAYER?**

The list of people who engage in prayer may astonish us!

1. Kings
  - a) David
  - b) Hezekiah
2. Prophets
  - a) Jeremiah
  - b) Isaiah
3. Wealthy and Influential people
  - a) Job
  - b) Governor Nehemiah

## **WHAT IS IT THAT DRAWS THEM TO PRAY?**

What are some reasons why people are drawn to prayer? Let us ponder some of the reasons why people seek God in prayer.

1. Spirituality
  - a) They are people who are spiritual
  - b) They are people who possess humility
2. Wisdom
  - a) They recognise human limitations
  - b) They know that God ought to be a part of their life
3. Faith
  - a) They possess faith in God
  - b) They walk by faith

It was in faith, in humility and wisdom that King David uttered these words to God in prayer.

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*But You, O LORD, are a shield for me,  
My glory and the One who lifts up my head. Psalm 3:3*

Let us commence Year 40+4 in humble recognition of the Lord in our life! †

**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 greatly blessed and encouraged through worship and fellowship! †

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

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## THE LORD'S SUPPER

We observe The Lord's Supper today. May we always remember the Lord lovingly in this special manner.

### The Bread

*And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Matthew 26:26*

### The Cup

*Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Matthew 26:27-28 †*

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## CATECHISM CLASS AND PINES

We will not be having Catechism Classes or Pines Meetings for the whole month of September 2016. We will resume in October 2016. †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## COMMENCING YEAR 40+4

1. Why do we speak of “40+4?”
  - a) We are counting down to celebrating our golden Jubilee
  - b) This will be in the year 2023
2. What are some of the plans that we may look forward to having?
  - a) Strengthening of present ministries
  - b) Development of new ministries
  - c) Further outreach with reference to evangelism
  - d) Building of an even stronger pastoral team
  - e) Equipping of more servants of the Lord to faithfully and fruitfully serve Him †

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## HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY!

Thank God for our faithful Sunday School Teachers ministering in the following departments Sunday after Sunday! May the Lord bless their lives for their faithful service! The Departments are listed to help us remember where they are serving each week.

1. Crèche
2. BSS
3. JSS 1
4. JSS 2
5. ISS
6. SSS 1
7. SSS 2
8. SSS 3
9. SSS 4 †



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## A BIG THANK YOU

Heartfelt appreciation for the many who did so much to make the 40+3 Anniversary memorable.

1. Donors
  - a) Anniversary Gift
  - b) Thessalonian Devotionals
2. Organisers
  - a) Photo Gallery
  - b) Anniversary Lunch
3. Combined Choir
4. Slides
5. All attendees
  - a) All who sponsored
  - b) All who were there to worship and bear witness of the Lord's goodness to us †

## WEEKDAY MINISTRIES



## SCHOOL VACATION WEEK

(5-10 September 2016)

We will not be having the usual weekday programs (PMC, PM, BS) this week because of the School Vacation. †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## A & A PROJECT

### 1. Inspection of Phase 1

This will take place in Mid-September 2016

### 2. Tentage

This will be taken down next week and will remain down for the rest of September 2016

### 3. New Airconditioners in the Kitchen and Cafeteria area

This would mean closure of the Kitchen for about 5-6 weeks.

We will thus not be having Fellowship Lunch during this period of time.

### 4. Worship at Shangri La

We will be worshipping at Shangri La on the following weeks:-

11, 18, 25 September 2016

Time of Worship: 10.30am

Children's Worship (for children aged 7-12) will be held concurrently with the Main Worship on 11, 18 and 25 September at Shangri-la in the Red Azalea room on the Mezzanine Floor at 10.30am. Please pick up your children from the room after the worship service.

Let us make every effort to offer to the Lord faithful and heartfelt worship!

Let us plan to be there at Shangri La! †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## BETHEL CELEBRATES ITS 20+2 ANNIVERSARY

*(5-11 September 2016)*

*Theme: "By Faith"*

Anniversary Program for Bethel IPC this week: -

### **MONDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2016**

1. ACM
2. Re-election of Office Bearers
  - a) Advisory Pastor (Pastor Charles Tan)
  - b) Resident Pastor (Pastor Christopher Lai)
  - c) Deaconess (Ms. Mary Gan)
  - d) Deacon (Mr. Henry Yap)

### **THURSDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Thanksgiving Worship at Bethel

### **FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Thanksgiving Dinner at PCEC

### **SUNDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Sunday School  
Worship Service

## **THANKSGIVING**

1. Thank God for Pastor Christopher and Session Members for another year of ministry

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2. Growth in the church
  - a) There has been steady growth
  - b) There has good support for the ministry of the church
3. Bethany members

The students studying in the Universities in Perth have been blessed by Bethel's ministry to them. †

## SUPPORT

1. More than 40 people from Bethany will be in Perth to rejoice with Bethel
2. Thank God for the close relationship we have been able to establish and sustain over the years †



## WORSHIP

### PSALM 68:4-5

*Sing to God, sing praises to His name;  
Extol Him who rides on the clouds,  
By His name YAH,  
And rejoice before Him.*

*A father of the fatherless,  
A defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation.*

1. By His name YAH
  - a) The word written is YAH
  - b) But it is not pronounced as it is written
  - c) It is often translated "LORD" (in the NKJV)

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2. Responding to the Lord appropriately
  - a) Singing of praises to Him
  - b) Extolling the Lord
  - c) Rejoicing before Him
3. Two reasons highlighted: -
  - a) He is a father of the fatherless
  - b) He is a defender of the widows †

## BIBLE MEMORY WORK

### Today, 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.*

1. Consciousness of who the Lord is
  - a) Our King
  - b) Our God
2. Consciousness of how prayer should be offered
  - a) As a subject of the King
  - b) Submission of a petition to a King

### Next Sunday, 11 September 2016

**Psalm 17:8      Keep me as the apple of Your eye**

*Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
Hide me under the shadow of Your wings. †*

## POETRY CORNER

### YOU ARE MY SERVANT

CALLED to be the servants of the LORD our God,  
What greater honour can life truly bestow or afford?  
CHOSEN by the Lord to fulfil a great eternal plan,  
Imagine the glory He gives to the sons of men!

Fear need not grip our hearts as we ponder God's work,  
The faithful seeks to renew strength, they will never shirk!  
The promise of the Lord is plain to see and understand,  
God will uphold those He has called to fulfil His great plan.

Dismay need not fill the heart no matter how hard life may be  
The Lord will uphold with His righteous hand with joyous glee.  
He reminds the fearful, "I am the LORD your God,"  
How strong we can be, when our faith is truly restored.

Restored, we begin to serve the Lord with renewed hope,  
There is nothing too hard, that with God, we cannot cope.  
In the Presence of the Lord we may come and seek His power,  
We will find that He is indeed our Fortress, a mighty Tower.

Inspiration: Isaiah 41:9

Charles Tan †

THEME : FOR TO YOU I WILL PRAY

# *This Week @ Worship*

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL  
“A Refuge in Times of Trouble”  
Psalm 9

**Chairmen**  
Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Chong  
Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah

**Pianist**  
Mrs Sally Tan

**Interpreter**  
Mr Foo Yit San

**Speaker**  
Rev Dr Charles Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE**

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —  
10.30 AM  
“Ask, Seek, Knock”  
Matthew 7:7-11

**COMBINED CC (P1—P6)**

**Speaker**  
Mr Jonathan Jacob  
*4th Floor Auditorium*

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

BREAKFAST & LUNCH : Chen Siang, Su Ping & Megan

# Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b>				
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
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>				
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		8.30am	Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School		8.30am	BTS	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School III				
<b>CHOIRS</b>				
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
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>				
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
<b>CATECHISM CLASS</b>				
	Sun	1.00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>PRAYER MEETING</b>				
	Mon	8.00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>FELLOWSHIP GROUPS</b>				
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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**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**4 September 2016**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing HWC No. 441	<i>Pianist : Mrs Sally Tan</i> Take Time To Be Holy
Prelude "Have Thine Own Way"	<i>The Singing Kakis</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong</i> <i>Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah</i>
Invocation	

**PRAISE**

Hymns Century Praise 314	We Gather Together
HWC No. 365	Close To Thee
Century Praise 331	Be Thou My Vision

**PRAYER**

Pastoral Prayer

**SPECIAL SONG ITEM**

"Is Anything Too Hard For Me?" *The Quartet*

**"PREACH THE WORD"**

Message: "A Refuge in Times of Trouble"  
"在患难的时候作高台"  
Text : Psalm 9  
诗篇 9  
Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Hymn Century Praise 328	Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us
Partaking of the Bread	
Hymn HWC No. 466	Jesus, Lover Of My Soul
Partaking of the Cup	

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 387

All The Way My Saviour Leads Me

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

4 September 2016

*Dear Brethren,*

## BEGINNING YEAR 40+4

We commence our first Sunday Worship Service of Year 40+4 with celebrating The Lord's Supper. There is much significance to be noted: -

1. New Pulpit Theme (September-October 2016)
  - a) "For to You I will Pray" Psalm 5:2
    - b) The theme on Prayer is appropriately chosen
2. What this theme on "Prayer" signifies: -
  - a) Recognition of our need for the Lord
    - i) For protection in a world where there is much wickedness
    - ii) For provision where there are economic challenges
    - iii) For power as we commence our 40+4 year of ministry
  - b) Determination to relate at a deeper level of faith
    - i) Faith is the realm in which we relate to the Lord
    - ii) It must be exercised diligently
    - iii) It must deepen or risk the danger of becoming flat and ineffective
3. The Lord's Supper
  - a) Let us remember that we are called to be servants of the Lord
  - b) Let us treasure the heritage that God has given to us as His servants
    - i) We may partake of a sacred meal in His name
    - ii) We may sense His presence with us
    - iii) We may renew ourselves spiritually

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*