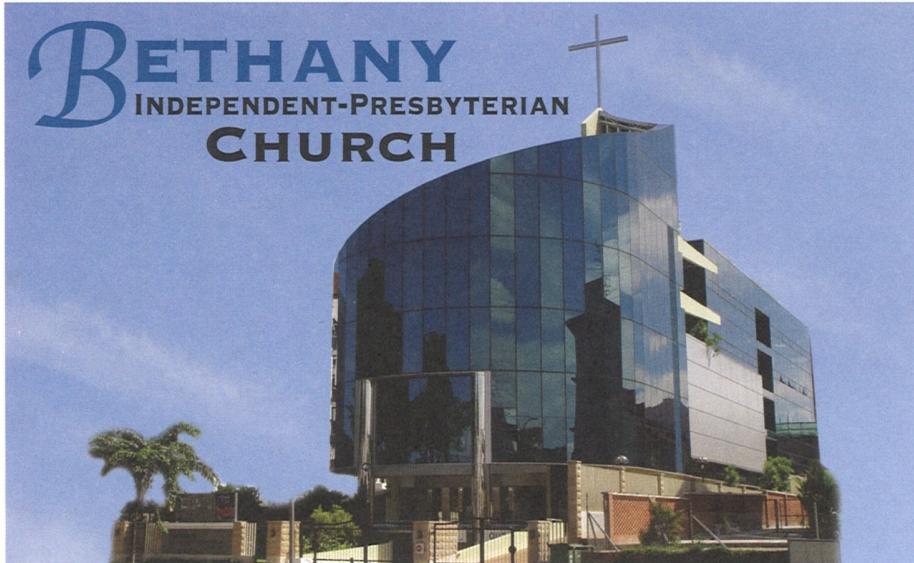


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God's kind of Church...where God is touching lives...and people care for people

Bethany III ... 18 September 2016

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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: Psalm 4



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“HEAR MY PRAYER”

A PLEA TO GOD

The Psalmist David learned much about prayer through actual experience in prayer. He did not take for granted that God had to hear his prayers at all.

*Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have relieved me in my distress;
Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.*

Psalm 4:1

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MEDITATION

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WHY WOULD GOD HEAR AND ANSWER OUR PRAYERS?

Let us ponder what the Psalmist David wrote in Psalm 4 to figure out the answer to this question.

1. Because of who God is
 - a) He is our God
 - b) He is a God of righteousness
 - c) He is the God who imputes righteousness to us
2. Because of His merciful nature
 - a) He is abundant in mercy
 - b) He will hear and answer because He is our God of great mercy
3. Because of how God has heard and answered prayer in the past
 - a) He has granted relief in times of distress
 - b) He will yet hear and answer prayers

UNDERSTANDING WHAT GOD EXPECTS OF US

Does God expect us to do our part before He hears and answers prayer? The answer is “Yes.”

1. God has set apart those who are godly Psalm 4:3

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a) Thus we must seek to be godly

b) We should naturally desire to be godly

2. God does not want us to sin Psalm 4:4

a) We need to deal with our anger problems

b) We need to learn how to be still and meditate before the Lord

3. God wants us to trust fully in Him Psalm 4:5

a) He wants us to worship Him with sacrifices of righteousness

b) He wants us to be righteous in our life

THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD

What are some blessings the Lord will graciously bestow as He answers our prayers?

1. He will put gladness in our heart

2. He will enable us to dwell in safety

3. We can rest in the Lord fully †

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today! May your heart be lifted up through worship and fellowship! ☩

WELCOME
to Bethany III

WORSHIP AT SHANGRI LA TODAY

Thank you for making the extra effort to come to Shangri La for worship!
We will be worshipping at Shangri La next Sunday again!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will not be having Sunday School for today and next Sunday. We resume Sunday School when we return to Bethany on 2 October 2016.

AM BETHANY

24 September 2016
Time: 5.00pm
4th Floor Auditorium



ANNOUNCEMENTS

a & a PROJECT

TOP Inspection
Date: 26 September 2016

Let us pray much for the Lord's blessings! †

SPECIAL PRAYER SUPPORT

1. Chia Beng Hoe

He suffered an aortic dissection last week (8 September 2016).

In the Lord's mercy Beng Hoe was spared from what is a potentially fatal problem. Thank God that he is recovering well.

2. Mrs. Jenny Sim

She underwent knee surgery this week (14 September 2016)

Let us remember our brethren in prayer faithfully. †

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Dr. Tan Huay Cheem and Dr. Tan Peng Hui on the homecalling of their grandmother on Friday, 9 September 2016. The late Mdm Heng Siang Eng was 100 years old.

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

Mon

Tues

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 19 September 2016

Time: 7.00pm †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 19 September 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 20 September 2016

Time: 8.00pm

We begin the reading of the Book of Deuteronomy. What is the significance of this Book? Among other things the following may be highlighted: -

1. Foundational
2. Theological
3. Personally relevant

Plan to read and understand the Book of Deuteronomy! †

PSALM 68:8-10

*The earth shook;
The heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God;
Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.*

*You, O God, sent a plentiful rain,
Whereby You confirmed Your inheritance, when it was weary.*

*Your congregation dwelt in it;
You, O God, provided from Your goodness for the poor.*

1. At the Presence of God

- a) Rain descended
- b) Sinai was moved

2. The Provision of God

- a) Needed rain in a weary land
- b) Inheritance of God was confirmed
(A reference to the land of Canaan as God's gift to His people)
- c) Out of God's goodness †

I LAY DOWN AND SLEPT

Sleeping comes naturally to little babies,
Few things bother, there are no worries.
Sleeping becomes harder with anxiety,
Sleeping soundly is no longer a reality.

The body is tired but the mind cannot rest,
The heart is fearful, the spirit is pressed.
Only in prayer can the soul find repose,
In turning to God the soul can be composed.

In response to faith, the Lord becomes a shield,
He is the Giver of glory, the heart may be still.
The Lord will hear the heartfelt cry of His child,
He will protect them from enemies, wicked and wild.

The comforted soul may find sleep in the Lord,
He need not stay hopelessly awake in God.
The Lord gives His beloved child the rest he needs,
God will sustain him and strengthen him indeed!

Inspiration: Psalm 5:5-6

Charles Tan †

TODAY: 18 September 2016

PSALM 20:7

BUT WE WILL REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD

*Some trust in chariots, and some in horses;
but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*

1. What we tend to trust in

a) Chariots

b) Horses

These were part of a powerful army in the early days. Many trusted in military might. Many still have this same sense of trust!

2. We should be trusting in the Lord

a) This is the correct alternative

b) Let us remember the name of the Lord our God!

3. How do we practise remembering the Lord's name?

a) Let us recall what the Lord has done

i) For Israel

ii) For us

b) Let us read the Lord's word

i) In the Scriptures are recorded many wonderful deeds of God

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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- ii) They are highly instructive
- iii) They are highly inspirational
- c) Let us hide the knowledge of God
 - i) In our heart
 - ii) In our mind
- d) Let us actively remember what the Lord has done
 - i) We exercise faith
 - ii) We focus on having faith in the Lord

NEXT SUNDAY: 25 September 2016

PSALM 25:1 I TRUST IN YOU
*To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, I trust in You. †*

THEME : FOR TO YOU I WILL PRAY

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . SHANGRI LA HOTEL
“The helpless commits himself
to You”
Psalm 10

Chairmen
Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist
Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“By their fruits”
Matthew 7:15-20

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker
Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah
*Red Azalea Room on the Mezzanine Floor,
Shangri La Hotel*

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

NO 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
18 September 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Century Praise 375	I Must Tell Jesus
Prelude	<i>Pianist : Mrs Sally Tan</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Rev Mark Tan</i> <i>Rev Mitchell Tan</i>
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns HWC No. 87	May Jesus Christ Be Praised
Century Praise 77	Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing
Century Praise 305	Now Thank We All Our God

SPECIAL SONG ITEM

"Where No One Stands Alone"	<i>The Crossroads</i>
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"PREACH THE WORD"

Message:	"The helpless commits himself to You"
Text :	Psalm 10
Speaker:	Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering	
Hymn Century Praise 399	Make Me A Blessing
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

18 September 2016

Dear Brethren,

GOD HEARS AND ANSWERS PRAYER

The Pulpit theme for September-October 2016 could not be more apt and timely. The theme is actually taken from Psalm 5. Let us seek to increase prayer efforts!

*Give ear to my words, O LORD,
Consider my meditation.*

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

*My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD;
In the morning I will direct it to You and I will look up.*

Psalm 5:1-3

OUR PART

This is clearly stated in this Psalm. The Psalmist exemplifies for us the commitment to seek God in prayer.

1. The prayers we offer
They are wonderfully expressed in these ways.
 - a) Our words
 - b) Our meditation
 - c) Our voice
 - d) Let us offer prayers that are carefully thought through
2. The Person to whom we pray
Let us seek to be most conscious of who God really is!
 - a) He is the LORD
 - b) He is also our King
 - c) He certainly is God
 - d) Let us seek to be most conscious of the Lord God of Hosts!

***Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie***