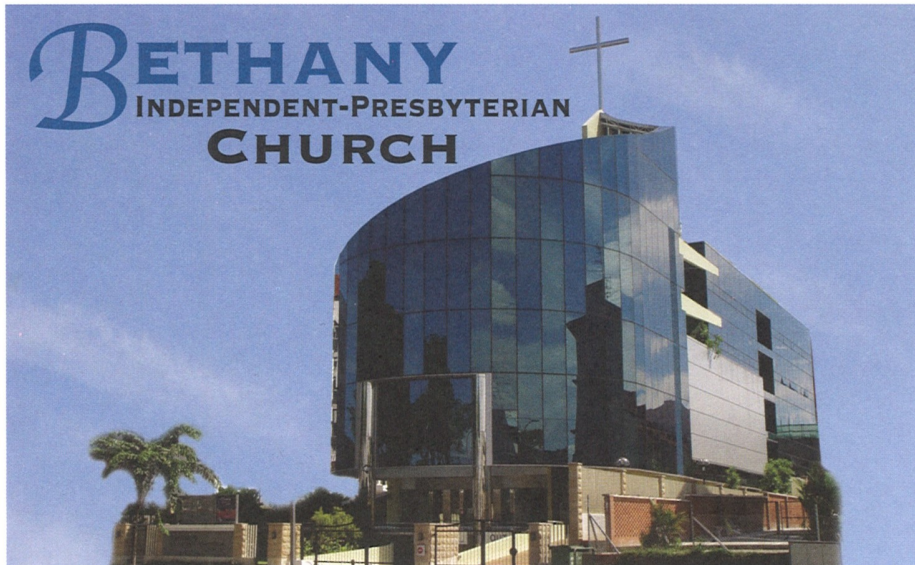


# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN

## CHURCH



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

Bethany III ... 25 September 2016

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## MEDITATION

*by Rev Dr Charles Tan*

Text: Psalm 5



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# “MY VOICE YOU SHALL HEAR IN THE MORNING”

## BEGINNING THE DAY WITH GOD

Do you begin your day by seeking the Lord in prayer? If you do, then you are in good company! King David was one of those who would begin his day regularly in prayer!

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# MEDITATION

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*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.*

*Psalms 5:1-3*

## A DEEPER APPRECIATION OF PRAYER

King David had a deeper appreciation of prayer because of his experience as the king of Israel. And as the ruler of the land, he would hear many petitions brought to his attention. The following lessons stand out.

1. Approach
  - a) The petition approaches God as his King
  - b) The LORD is his King
2. Petitions
  - a) Prayers were like petitions
  - b) Petitions must of course be carefully thought through and articulated
  - c) Prayers must be meditated upon and then presented to the Lord
3. Significance of the word “morning”
  - a) It represents urgency
  - b) It represents earnestness on the part of the petitioner
  - c) It represents his trust in the Lord
  - d) The petitioner is driven to seek the Lord as early in the day as he can make it

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## LOOKING UP TO THE LORD

King David prayed earnestly in his life because of what he saw in the land.

1. There was much wickedness in the land
2. He recognised how powerful evil was
3. He may be the ruler of the land but he was limited in power against wickedness!

Thus he chose the wisest recourse of all. He would do what he can to uphold justice, but it would take nothing less than the grace and mercy of the Lord to survive and to thrive!

*But as for me, I will come into Your house  
In the multitude of Your mercy;  
In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.*

*Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness,  
Because of my enemies;  
Make Your way straight before my face. Psalm 5:7-8 †*

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

We are glad that you have taken the trouble to come for worship at Shangri La today. Your efforts are commendable and greatly appreciated! †

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## NEXT SUNDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2016

We will be celebrating The LORD's SUPPER  
Let us come prepared to partake of the Bread and the Cup meaningfully. †

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## MISSIONS MINISTRY

Pastor Charles Tan ministers in Myanmar this week  
(26-30 September 2016). †

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## AM BETHANY

*Saturday, 1 October 2016*  
*Time: 5.00pm †*

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## IMMEDIATE PLANS (2 and 9 October 2016)

### 1. RETURN TO BETHANY

Date: 2 October 2016

We will be back in 301 Upper Paya Lebar Road next Sunday.

- a) Combined Worship
- b) No Fellowship Lunch (Kitchen is still closed)
- c) Communion Sunday

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **2. BACK TO SHANGRI LA**

Date: 9 October 2016

Time: 10.30am

BCA Inspection during this period.

Thank you for your understanding. Deep appreciation! †

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## **CHILDREN PROGRAMMES AT SHANGRI-LA TODAY (25 SEP 2016)**

There are two Children Programmes held today on the Mezzanine Floor.

1. Children's Worship (for children aged 7-12) - Red Azalea Room
2. Crèche (for children aged 6 and below) - Pink Azalea Room

Both programmes will begin at 10.20am and will run concurrently with the Main Worship.

Parents, please pick up your children from the rooms after the worship service. †

## LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor,

On behalf of our uncle and aunts, my brother and I would like to thank you and everyone in Bethany who had ministered to our family when our grandma passed on recently. In our grief, God and His people comforted us.

Thank you for the beautiful poem "In My Father's House", which focused our mind in time of bereavement. In our sadness, the promises of the poem brought much reassurance and pointed us to our Heavenly Father.

We are grateful for Pastor Mark and Pastor Mitch who conducted the Encoffining Service at short notice, the encouraging Word and the meaningful number by the One Voice Choir.

Thank you all for showing care through your condolences, love gifts, visits and repeated visits during the wake and funeral. And the lovely flowers from the Church and The Session too. We are grateful.

Separation from loved ones is tough. Grandma is dearly missed. We take comfort in the knowledge that she had lived a long life and is now in a better home.

A friend in need is a friend indeed. We thank God for all your Christian love in our hours of need.

With deep gratitude,  
Huay Cheem, Peng Hui and families †

# A HEART WARMING TESTIMONY

Dear Pastor,

I left Singapore to work in Hanoi in mid February 2016. Time has passed by so quickly - it has already been 7 months! It has been a challenging 7 months; this being my first time away from Singapore, family and Bethany for such a long period of time.

Although work keeps me busy most of the time, I take time to exercise and take long walks to stay physically strong and healthy. More importantly, I keep spiritually strong by nourishing my soul with God's Word. I read Pastor's iCare and Daily Devotions which I receive through my email. My family also shares lessons that they have learnt from Bible Study and AM Bethany with me to encourage me. Living alone in Hanoi, weekends can be long and lonely; but I always look forward to receiving the video recording of Bethany's Morning Worship Service. Though I may not physically be in Bethany, I continue to participate in every part of the worship service: from the singing of hymns to rising for the third and last hymn. I also continue to take notes when Pastor speaks and am thankful to receive the benediction each Sunday.

I am very thankful for the web ministry, through which I am able to worship and feed on God's Word despite being miles away from Bethany. I appreciate their labour of love in recording, editing and broadcasting it so that we can receive it as soon as it is ready. A big thank you to all and may this ministry bless and reach out to more people who have yet to know God.

As I continue to work in Hanoi, I humbly seek your prayer support!

With much gratitude,  
Gerald Tham †

# WEEKDAY MINISTRIES



## PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

26 September 2016

Time: 7.00pm †

## PRAYER MEETING

26 September 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

## BIBLE STUDY

27 September 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

# WORSHIP



## PSALM 68:19-20

*Blessed be the LORD, who daily loads us with benefits,  
The God of our salvation.*

*Our God is the God of salvation;  
And to God the LORD belongs escape from death.*

1. Deep appreciation of God and His salvation
  - a) He is indeed the God of our salvation
  - b) To Him belongs escape from death
  
2. Deep appreciation of God who blesses
  - a) He blesses us daily
  - b) He blesses us with wonderful benefits †



## HEAR ME WHEN I CALL

Doubts often assail each time we pray,  
They cause deep sorrow and dismay.  
So many bad thoughts rush to the mind,  
They can make our spirit almost blind!

The soul must learn to call aloud to the Lord,  
Pushing aside the doubts that question faith in God!  
Faith must be active as we pour out our heart,  
God will hear and answer! He is not far apart!

Our soul may be tainted with anguish and fear,  
But we may yet find hope and much-needed cheer.  
We must persist in calling upon the Lord,  
He will answer! He is a great and merciful God!

The Lord has set apart for Himself the godly man,  
He has chosen him to be part of His divine plan.  
Thus the heart must find new hope in prayer;  
Kneel at His throne! The Lord our King is there!

Inspiration: Psalm 4:1  
Charles Tan †

# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

**Today, 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.*

1. What is trust in the Lord?
  - a) It is believing in God
  - b) It is believing in His promises
2. A trust-relationship with God
  - a) It is a living relationship
  - b) It can be a deep soul-relationship
  - c) It expresses itself well in prayer
3. The soul that has learned to trust God
  - a) It will pray
  - b) It will look up to God in confident prayer

**Next Sunday, 2 October 2016**

*Psalm 25:5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me*

*Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation;  
On You I wait all the day. †*

THEME : FOR TO YOU I WILL PRAY

# *This Week @ Worship*

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . SHANGRI LA HOTEL  
“Keep me as the apple of Your eye”  
Psalm 17

**Chairmen**

Rev Mark Tan  
Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Chong  
Mr Moses Kwek

**Pianist**

Dr Daniel Chia

**Interpreter**

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

**Speaker**

Rev Dr Charles Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE**

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —

10.30 AM  
“Entrance into the  
Kingdom of heaven”  
Matthew 7:21-23

**COMBINED CC (P1—P6)**

**Speaker**  
Rev Mitchell Tan  
*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
<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**  
**25 September 2016**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing  
HWC No. 431

I Am Praying For You

Prelude

*Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia*

Call to Worship

*Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong*  
*Mr Moses Kwek*  
*Rev Mark Tan*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 319

He Hideth My Soul

Century Praise 339

Higher Ground

HWC No. 354

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

**SPECIAL SONG ITEM**

“There Is None Like You”

*The Singing Kakis*

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “Keep me as the apple of Your eye”

Text : Psalm 17

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 525

I Will Praise You

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

25 September 2016

*Dear Brethren,*

## ANSWERS TO PRAYER

Thank God for the answers the Lord has given to many prayers offered to Him. Two may be highlighted.

1. In sparing the life of Mr. Chia Beng Hoe who suffered an Aortic Dissection on Friday, 9 September 2016.
2. In significant support for our A & A Project

## WHAT THE WORKS OF THE LORD TEACH US

There are many lessons that we may learn from the way the Lord has heard and answered prayers.

1. Answered prayers are “the works of the Lord”
2. The works of the Lord indicate the following: -
  - a) They are to be appreciated as “great” Psalm 111:2
  - b) His works are always honourable and glorious Psalm 111:3
  - c) They reflect His righteousness Psalm 111:3
  - d) They were made to be remembered Psalm 111:4
  - e) The power of the Lord is wonderfully declared Psalm 111:6

## HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO THE WORKS OF GOD?

It would be good and important for us to consider how we ought to respond to the works of the Lord. Here are some thoughts drawn from Psalm 111.

1. They are to be studied by all who have pleasure in them Psalm 111:2
2. We are to remember and to appreciate afresh
  - a) The graciousness of the Lord
  - b) The compassion of our wonderful God Psalm 111:4
3. Let us learn to fear the Lord our God Psalm 111:10

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*