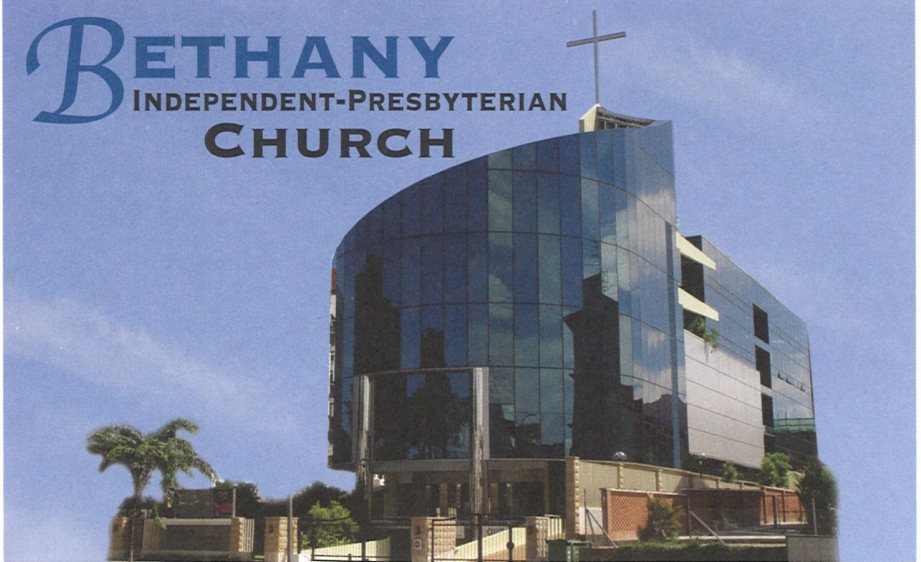


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Bethany III ... 2 October 2016 ... Holy Communion Sunday

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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: Psalm 5



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THE MULTITUDE OF YOUR MERCY

THE THEME OF "GOD'S MERCY"

This theme was touched upon in many Psalms. The following text is just one example.

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MEDITATION

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*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. Psalm 5:7*

SOME EXPRESSIONS OF GOD'S MERCY

Let us look at some of the expressions of God's mercy in Psalm 5.

1. That God would receive prayers
 - (a) The Psalmist David was confident that God would hear prayers
 - (b) Hence he directed his prayers to the Lord (the first thing in the morning)
2. Those who know and trust in the Lord
 - (a) They know that He is righteous
 - (b) They know about how merciful He is
 - (c) They know that God would defend them
 - (d) That God would bless the righteous
 - (e) That God would grant them His favour
 - (f) That God would protect them with a shield

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THE LORD

Let us learn from the Psalmist David how we may make appropriate responses to the Lord. Four things may be highlighted: -

1. Coming to the Lord's House

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- (a) Going to the Lord's House was a natural inclination
- (b) May we never tire of desiring to go to the Lord's House
- (c) May we have a deepening love for the House of the Lord

2. The multitude of God's mercy

- (a) The above list of expressions of mercy is not exhaustive
- (b) The mercy of God is too huge to fully describe
- (c) The challenge is to cultivate a great sense of consciousness of God's mercy

3. In fear of You

- (a) Let us cultivate a sense of holy fear for the Lord
- (b) May we always be reverent towards the Lord
- (c) Thus will our worship be accepted

4. I will worship

- (a) Offering worship to the Lord should be our heartfelt response
- (b) Let us determine that we will always offer grateful worship to the Lord our God †

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



COMBINED WORSHIP

We will be having a Combined Worship today! †

NO BREAKFAST/ NO FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

We regret that we will not be able to serve any meals in Church today.
The Kitchen is still not fully functional. †

SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)

8.15am *Singspiration*
8.30am *Sunday School*
9.15am *(Class Fellowship)* †

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We observe The Lord's Supper today. May we always remember with deep gratitude that by grace we are able to partake of the Lord's Supper!

The Bread

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to His 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 †



ANNOUNCEMENTS

AM BETHANY

Saturday, 8 October 2016

Time: 5.00pm †

NEXT SUNDAY

We will be worshipping at Shangri La next Sunday (9 October 2016).

Time: 10.30am †

Children's Programmes at Shangri La Next Sunday (9 Oct 2016)

There will be two Children's Programmes held next Sunday 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 your children up from the rooms after the worship service. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS



A & A PROJECT

1. PRAYER SUPPORT

Let us not fail to pray for the Lord to bless the A & A Project.

- (a) Our prayers count for something
- (b) Let us continue to pray with faith and humility of spirit

2. PRACTICAL SUPPORT

Thank God for the many who have given so sacrificially to support this Project! The support given has been deeply encouraging!

3. PERSEVERANCE

We have endured much. Let us persevere till the whole project is completed in March 2017.

So much more work to be done. There is a lot more work to be done! †

BETHANY IV

1. Further growth

Let us pray that with the expanded facilities, we will be able to grow further.

2. New ministries

New ministries are being prayed over and crafted out.

3. Seeking the Lord for His grace and strength

Let us never fail to seek the grace and strength of the Lord for our ministries! †

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 3 October 2016

Time: 7.00pm †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 3 October 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 4 October 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

Worship
in Spirit
& Truth

WORSHIP

Psalm 68:26-28

*Bless God in the congregations,
The LORD, from the fountain of Israel.*

*There is little Benjamin, their leader,
The princes of Judah, and their company,
The princes of Zebulun and the princes of Naphthali.*

*Your God has commanded your strength;
Strengthen, O God, what You have done for us.*



1. Blessing the Lord
 - (a) This should be the fountain head
 - (b) Worship must stem from a desire to bless the Lord's name

2. One special reason to bless the Lord's name
 - (a) He gives strength
 - (b) The lesser known tribes (Benjamin, Zebulun and Naphthali) were not as prominent as Judah and Ephraim
 - (c) But when God gives strength, "little Benjamin" can play a leader's role

3. Prayer to the Lord
 - (a) He has given strength
 - (b) May He always give strength for life and ministry †

COMMUNION POEM

I WILL BE WITH YOU

There are trials in life that seem like flood-waters,
Dangers abound, and the Enemy gives no quarters.
Fear surges and the heart is nearly overwhelmed,
Who can fathom the despair? Who can understand?

The Lord draws close and He speaks a word of comfort dear,
“Fear not... I will be with you; there is really nothing to fear!
There will be storms but I will calm the angry seas.
There will be danger, but let your heart be at ease!”

The servant of the Lord lifts up his eyes and to see His face,
But the dark clouds seem to hide His glorious grace!
The servant lifts up his faith and dwells on the LORD,
He is near as he has promised. He is a faithful God!

The waters will not harm; nor will the fire destroy,
The only thing it will burn away is sin’s dread alloy!
There is indeed no need to give in to our foolish fears!
The Lord’s promise of His Presence will yet bring cheer!

Inspiration: Isaiah 43:1-3

Charles Tan †

BE STILL

So many things in life can make us feel mad,
Gone is the stillness, and our soul is not glad!
Angry thoughts can fill our minds till we sin,
Our faith in the Lord can become very thin!

The soul must learn how to be still before God,
Let us cease from anger, before the holy Lord.
Let go of the anger that makes us lose control,
Instead, let us yield our spirit for God to hold.

Meditation is what we need to learn in life,
It will help us overcome stress and strife.
Let the mind be filled with the word of God,
Let us find that peace of mind in the Lord.

It is hard to be still but we must persevere,
The Lord will guide us; to Him, we are dear.
He wants us to know that we can trust Him fully,
There is no need for our spirit to become unruly.

Inspiration: Psalm 4:4

Charles Tan †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 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.*

1. Needful prayer

- (a) For the Lord to lead us in His truth
- (b) For the Lord to teach us

2. Would the Lord respond to such prayer requests?

- (a) Yes!
- (b) Because He is the God of our salvation

3. Our part

- (a) To pray
- (b) To wait on the Lord
- (c) To learn as He leads us and teaches us

Next Sunday: 9 October 2016

Psalm 28:6 Blessed be the LORD

*Blessed be the LORD,
because He has heard the voice of my supplications! ☩*

THEME : FOR TO YOU I WILL PRAY

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL
“Do not be silent to me”
Psalm 28

Chairman
Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui

Pianist
Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Dr Jane Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“The Wise and the Foolish”
Matthew 7:24-29

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker
Mr Jonathan Jacob
4th Floor Auditorium

— 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
2 October 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing
HWC No. 354

Pianist : Mrs Sally Tan
Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Prelude

Call to Worship

Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 222 Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Century Praise 297 Wonderful Grace Of Jesus

Century Praise 350 I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Do not be silent to me”

Text : Psalm 28

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

Century Praise 319 He Hideth My Soul

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 451 It Is Well With My Soul

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 448 Abide With Me

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

2 October 2016

Dear Brethren,

WHAT WE SHOULD LOOK FOR AS WE SEEK GOD IN PRAYER

Let us take time to recall what we learned from Psalm 17. Let us look at the lessons we must seek to learn as endeavour to deepen our prayer life.

1. Closeness to the Lord
 - a) Let us ever seek to draw closer to the Lord
 - b) Let us desire a close relationship with God
2. Checking of our heart and life
 - a) The Lord examines our heart before He answers our prayers
 - b) He does not expect “sinless perfection” (an impossibility!)
 - c) But He does want us to check our hearts candidly
 - d) Let us seek to align our heart/ life to the Lord’s word
3. Confronting evil
 - a) We may pray that God Himself would confront wickedness
 - b) We may believe that God will deal with the wicked in divine judgment
4. Comfort and consolation
 - a) The Lord will keep the righteous as the apple of His eye
 - b) He will hide them under the shadow of His wings
5. Conformity to the Divine Image
 - a) Let us pray that we may behold the Face of the Lord
 - b) Let us desire to be more and more like the Lord as we cultivate our walk with the Lord.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*