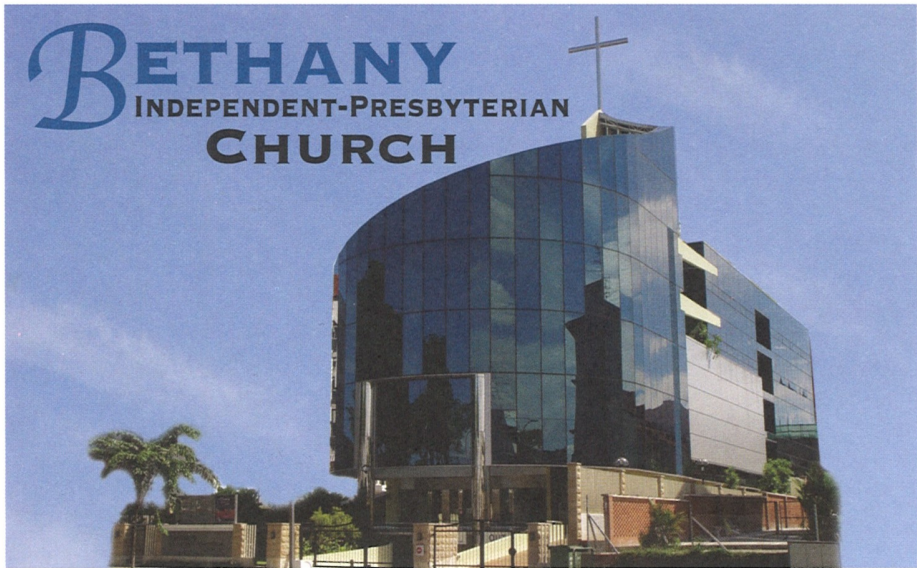


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"I WILL PRAISE YOU WITH MY WHOLE HEART"

MANY ELEMENTS IN PRAYER

There are many elements in prayer. The following may be highlighted: -

1. Penitential confession
- a) This is where we confess our sins humbly

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b) This is also where we seek the Lord's forgiveness

2. Petitions

a) We bring our needs to the Lord

b) We plead for His grace and mercy

c) We submit all our petitions to the Lord according to His will

3. Praise

a) This is most appropriate

b) This is how we should respond to God when He hears and answers our prayer

AN EXAMPLE OF HOW WE OUGHT TO PRAISE GOD

Psalm 9 is an example of how we may offer praise to the Lord.

1. I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart

a) True praise must be given with a whole heart

b) Perfunctory words of praise are unworthy of the Lord

2. I will be glad and rejoice in You

a) There should be gladness

b) There should be great rejoicing

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3. I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High
 - a) We should remember the name of the Lord
 - b) His name is indeed “Most High”
4. I will tell of Your marvelous works
 - a) Our praise should focus on what God has done
 - b) Our praise should speak of His marvelous works

A CHALLENGE TO OFFER PRAISE TO GOD IN PRAYER

Let us be challenged to make praise a greater part of our prayers offered to God!

1. Let us thank God that He remembers the cry of the humble Psalm 9:12
2. Let us be grateful for the salvation that may be found in Him Psalm 9:14
3. Let us praise the Lord that He upholds justice in righteousness Psalm 9:8

Let us ever say to the Lord these words:

*I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all Your marvelous works.*

*I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. Psalm 9:1-2 †*

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

WELCOME
to Bethany III

WORSHIP AT SHANGRI LA TODAY

Thank God for His gracious provision. Praise the Lord for a good team of people who have been looking after us whenever we worship at Shangri La. May our hearts always see the good hand of the Lord in all things! 🕊

CHILDREN PROGRAMMES AT SHANGRI-LA TODAY (9 OCT 2016)

There will be 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. 🕊



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PRAYER MEETING/ BIBLE STUDY

We will not be having Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study this week. The Pastoral Team will be celebrating with our Indian brethren in India.†

RETURNING TO 301 UPPER PAYA LEBAR

We return to 301 Upper Paya Lebar next Sunday, 16 October 2016. God willing, we will be able to resume regular worship at Bethany from next week onwards.†

RESUMPTION OF CATECHISM CLASS

We resume Catechism Class next Sunday (16 October 2016)

Venue: 4th Floor Auditorium

Time: 1.00pm †

A & A PROJECT

Let us continue to pray for the Inspection of our A & A Project. Let us pray for a favourable outcome. God willing, we will be able to worship in the New Sanctuary in November 2016.

1. In Anticipation

- a) Let us look forward to worshipping the Lord in the new sanctuary

- b) Let us think of how the Lord has blessed this A & A Project all this while

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- c) Let us prepare our hearts for worship
- 2. Let our hearts be filled
 - a) With gratitude
 - b) With joy
 - c) With humility
- 3. Let us offer
 - a) Heartfelt worship
 - b) Grateful worship †

IPC INDIA

IPC India celebrates its 27th Anniversary with a Thanksgiving Service next week. There are four churches that make up IPC India.

- a) Sathiyam
 - b) Jayam
 - c) Visuvasam
 - d) Kirubai
- Thank God for the faithful pastors shepherding the flock there. They are:
- a) Pastor Baskaran
 - b) Pastor Stephen James
 - c) Pastor Victor Venkatesh
 - d) Pastor Titus Balaji

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We have one student-pastor, Simon Nagaraj. He is married to Jothy. They have a son who will be presented for baptism next week.

The Pastoral Team will be ministering in India next week. Pastor Christopher Lai will also be going to India. They will be accompanied by some church members.

Let us continue to pray for the Lord's blessings to be outpoured on our Indian brethren.

MARRIAGE OF TITUS BALAJI

Next week, Titus Balaji will be getting married. May the Lord bless this marriage. †

WEDDING BELLS

Nelson and Justina will be married in Bethany on Saturday, 15 October 2016. They extend a cordial invitation to all at Bethany to attend their wedding service. The service will commence at 2.00pm.

1. A wedding service is Worship of the Lord
2. The focus is still the Lord
3. A worship is planned for the following reasons: -
 - a) In recognition of the need for the Lord to bless
 - b) In acknowledgement of the Lord's hand of blessing
 - c) In praise and thanksgiving that He is our Lord and our God

Let us ever seek to honour the Lord at our Wedding Services! †

PSALM 68:32-33

*Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth;
Oh, sing praises to the Lord.*

*To Him who rides on the heaven of heavens,
Which were of old!
Indeed, He sends out His voice, a mighty voice.*

1. To whom do we sing hymns as we worship?
 - a) We sing to God
 - b) We sing praises to the Lord
2. Appreciating who God is
 - a) He is the One who rides on the heaven of heavens
 - b) He is awesome in His being and majesty
3. Who should be offering Him worship?
 - a) The mighty kingdoms of the earth
 - b) All should acknowledge the greatness of the LORD God †

CONSIDER MY MEDITATION

Often we barge into the holy Presence of the Lord,
Our excuse is that we are speaking to "Father-God."
We show little regard for the LORD of Hosts,
We are too full of ourselves, we even boast!

Do we really know what it means to come before God?
He is the Creator, He is the Almighty, the great LORD!
Should we not learn how to present our prayer-petition?
Do we know that our prayers should reflect meditation?

Meditation is never rushed, the soul must be still,
The heart and mind ponder, as one climbs His holy hill.
There must be a stillness of the soul when prayer is made,
Meditative prayer is the true petition that may be laid.

The soul has much to unlearn from bad habits of the past,
Fervent faith cannot otherwise be sustained; it cannot last.
Only in quiet repose can the soul hear the tender voice of God,
We will grow deeper when we learn to meditate on the Lord.

Inspiration: Psalm 5:1

Charles Tan †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 9 October 2016

PSALM 28:6 BLESSED BE THE LORD

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

1. Blessed be the Lord
 - a) This is a special way of offering praise to the Lord
 - b) It is an acknowledgement of His blessings
2. Because He has heard the voice of my supplications
 - a) The Lord is not silent
 - b) He will hear our supplications
 - c) He has heard the voice of His children who trust in Him

NEXT SUNDAY: 16 October 2016

PSALM 31:3 LEAD ME AND GUIDE ME

For You are my rock and my fortress;
Therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me. †

THEME : FOR TO YOU I WILL PRAY

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . SHANGRI LA HOTEL
“O LORD, I will give thanks to You
forever”
Psalm 30

Chairmen
Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist
Mrs Esther Ang

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“Lord, if you are willing”
Mathew 8:1-4

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker
Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong
*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
9 October 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing *Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang*
 Century Praise 321 Blessed Assurance
Prelude
 I Will Praise You With Song *The Crossroads*
Call to Worship *Rev Mark Tan*
 Rev Mitchell Tan
Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns
 Century Praise 47 All Creatures Of Our God And King
 Century Praise 89 Praise To The Lord, The Almighty
 Century Praise 6 How Great Thou Art

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “O LORD, I will give thanks to You forever”
Text : Psalm 30
Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering
Hymn
 Century Praise 295 I Will Sing Of My Redeemer
Prayerful Meditation
Benediction
Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

9 October 2016

Dear Brethren,

IPC INDIA

IPC India celebrates its 27th Anniversary this week on Tuesday, 11 October 2016. How should we view this event? Psalm 111 comes to mind.

1. Praise the Lord Psalm 111:1
 - a) Let us offer praise to the Lord
 - b) Let us offer whole-hearted praise to Him
2. The works of the Lord Psalm 111:2
 - a) IPC India is a work of the Lord
 - i) We began the ministry in 1989
 - ii) It was a very humble beginning
 - iii) There are now four churches making up IPC India
 - b) The works of the Lord are a reflection
 - i) Of His honour
 - ii) Of His glory
 - iii) Of His righteousness
 - iv) Of His power
 - v) Of His redemption

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Let us rejoice with our Indian brethren. They are indeed “our brethren” in every sense of the word.

1. They are “joint heirs” with us in Christ
2. They are “holy brethren” to be honoured and loved

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*