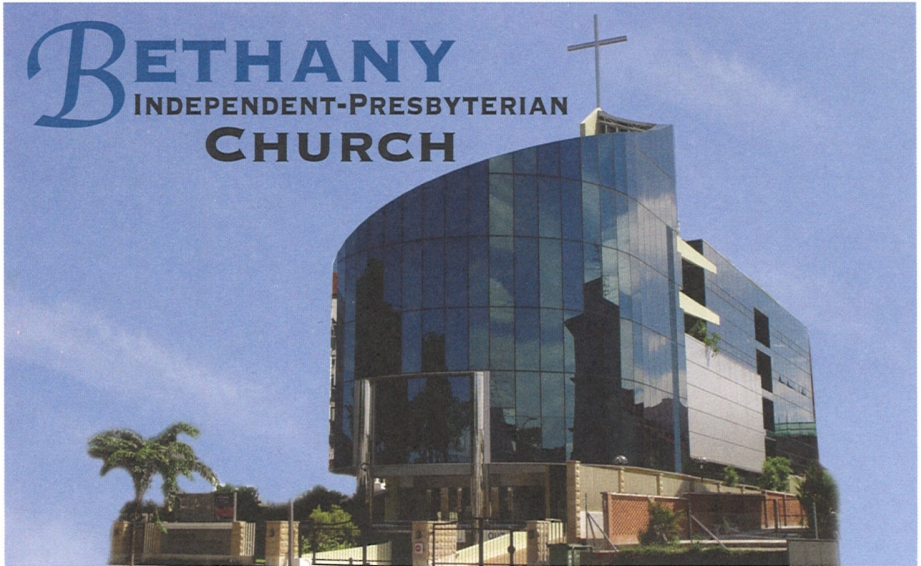


# BETHANY

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

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## MEDITATION

*by Rev Dr Charles Tan*

Text: Psalm 11

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# “IN THE LORD I PUT MY TRUST”

## THE FEARS THAT THREATEN

If we are honest with ourselves, we are sometimes nearly overcome by our fears. Many doubts come along our way and they can cloud our minds badly. Some of these fears were identified in Psalm 11. Two may be highlighted.

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# MEDITATION

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1. The power of the wicked
  - a) They bend their bow
  - b) They make ready to strike
  - c) They shoot at the righteous secretly
2. A sense of helplessness is sometimes felt
  - a) We want to flee like a bird
  - b) We fear that the very foundations of society will come undone

## OVERCOMING FEARS

How may we overcome our fears? Let us learn vital lessons from the Psalmist David.

1. Let us place our trust in the Lord
2. Let us believe in this word we read: -

*The LORD is in His holy temple,  
The LORD's throne is in heaven;  
His eyes behold,  
His eyelids test the sons of men.*

*For the LORD is righteous,  
He loves righteousness;  
His countenance beholds the upright.*

*Psalm 11:4, 7*

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## ESSENTIAL TRUTHS WE MUST HOLD FAST

Let us hold fast to the following essential truths revealed in the Scriptures.

1. The Lord is on His throne in heaven
  - a) His eyes behold all things
  - b) He tests the sons of men
    - i) The wicked
    - ii) The upright
2. The Being of God is Righteousness itself
  - a) He loves righteousness
  - b) His countenance beholds the upright

## OUR CHALLENGE

Let us hold fast to our faith in the Lord. No matter how bleak life may be, let us believe that He is in absolute control of all things at all times! Let us say like King David,

*"In the LORD I put my trust." Psalm 11:1 †*

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

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

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

*Time: 1.00pm*

*Venue: 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium †*

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)

*1. Singspiration  
8.15am*

*2. Sunday School  
8.30am*

*3. Class Fellowship  
9.15am †*

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

### **1. Titus and Sujitha**

On the occasion of their wedding on 12 October 2016.

### **2. Nelson and Justina**

On the occasion of their wedding on 15 October 2016

May the Lord's rich blessings be yours! †



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## ***IPC INDIA***

1. Thank God for His safe-keeping in India
  - a) Kirubai celebrated its 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Baptismal Service on 10 October 2016 (in Andra Pradesh)
  - b) IPC India celebrated its 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary also with a Baptismal Service on 11 October 2016 (Chennai, Tamil Nadu)
2. In grateful thanksgiving
  - a) We recognise and acknowledge the great mercy of God over all these years
  - b) Thank God for His gracious provision
  - c) Thank God for the faithful service of our Indian pastors and members †

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## **LOOKING AHEAD AT OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

*1. Baptismal Service*

*11 December 2016*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 2. *Christmas Carolling*

*Saturday, 17 December 2016*

*Time: 4.00pm*

*Followed by Christmas Dinner at 5.30pm*

## 3. *Christmas Service*

*Sunday, 25 December 2015*

*Venue: Shangri La †*

## WEEKDAY MINISTRIES



### PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

17 October 2016

Time: 7.00pm †

### PRAYER MEETING

17 October 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

### BIBLE STUDY

18 October 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

## PSALM 68:34-35

*Ascribe strength to God;  
His excellence is over Israel,  
And His strength is in the clouds.*

*O God, You are more awesome than Your holy places.  
The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people.  
Blessed be God!*

1. Ascription of strength to the Lord
  - a) His strength is so great it reaches the clouds
  - b) He gives strength and power to His people
2. Adoration of the Lord
  - a) Adoring His excellence
  - b) Adoring His awesome Being
  - c) He is our blessed God indeed! †



## FOR I AM WEAK

How we deceive ourselves when we think we are strong!  
And this deception is often deep and is sometimes life-long!  
Weaknesses are revealed in the circumstances of life,  
We must address them or we may be overcome by strife.

There must be candid confession that we are truly weak,  
Our bones are troubled and to God we hardly speak.  
Only when we confess our utter wretchedness to God,  
Can we hope that we would be healed by the Lord!

Weakness helps us to recognise the state of our soul,  
How we need to seek the Lord to make us truly whole.  
Tears bring about a weariness that drains our strength,  
We must seek God's help to deal with weaknesses at length.

Thank God that there are abundant mercies to be found,  
The Lord can stretch His hand out and make us sound.  
The Lord will hear the cry of His weak and erring child,  
He will deliver us from the wolves that are in the wild.

Inspiration: Psalm 6:2  
Charles Tan ✠

# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

**Today, 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.*

1. Declaration of faith in God
  - a) He is our Rock
  - b) He is our Fortress
2. Prayer to the Lord
  - a) To lead in life's pathway
  - b) To guide in life
3. Basis of this request
  - a) For His name's sake
  - b) The glory of God is to be borne in mind

**Next Sunday, 23 October 2016**

*Psalm 31:19 How Great Is Your Goodness*

*Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men! †*

THEME : FOR TO YOU I WILL PRAY

# *This Week @ Worship*

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL  
“I will guide you with My eye”  
Psalm 32

Chairmen  
Mr Eugene Seow  
Mr Moses Kwek

Pianist  
Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker  
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter  
Mr Foo Yit San

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE**

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —  
10.30 AM  
“I have not found such great faith”  
Mathew 8:5-13

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker  
Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah  
*4th Floor Auditorium*

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Sharon Wong, Sarah, Ashley  
Fellowship Lunch : Francis & Penny, Nelson & Justina

# 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**  
**16 October 2016**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing VIP No. 479	His Eye Is On The Sparrow.
Prelude	<i>Pianist : Mrs Sally Tan</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Mr Eugene Seow</i> <i>Mr Moses Kwek</i>
Invocation	

**PRAISE**

Hymns	
HWC No. 76	O For A Thousand Tongues
HWC No. 358	I Am Thine, O Lord
Century Praise 29	My Tribute

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message:	“I will guide you with My eye”
Text :	Psalm 32
Speaker:	Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering	
Hymn	
Century Praise 332	I Need Thee Every Hour
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

16 October 2016

*Dear Brethren,*

## RETURNING TO 301

We return to our beloved Church premises at 301 Upper Paya Lebar Road. Thank God that we were able to use Shangri La on so many Sundays. But there is nothing like returning to 301 for worship, fellowship and ministry.

## A MEDITATION FROM PSALM 84

The Sons of Korah were Levites whose chief ministry was to care for the House of the Lord. Over the years of ministering in God's sanctuary they developed a special fondness for the Lord's House.

*How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!*

*My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD;  
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.*

*Psalm 84:1-2*

1. How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts
  - a) This was an expression of a genuine love
  - b) There grew a love for the physical tabernacle/temple
  - c) This is not wrong at all
  - d) In fact, it is highly commendable!
2. The tabernacle
  - a) It is seen as something that belongs to the Lord
  - b) The tabernacle is the House of none other than "The LORD of hosts!"
  - c) What a high regard for God's House
3. Longing even fainting for the courts of the Lord
  - a) What a beautiful expression of love for God's House!
  - b) Do we have a similar love for the Lord's House at 301?

***Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie***