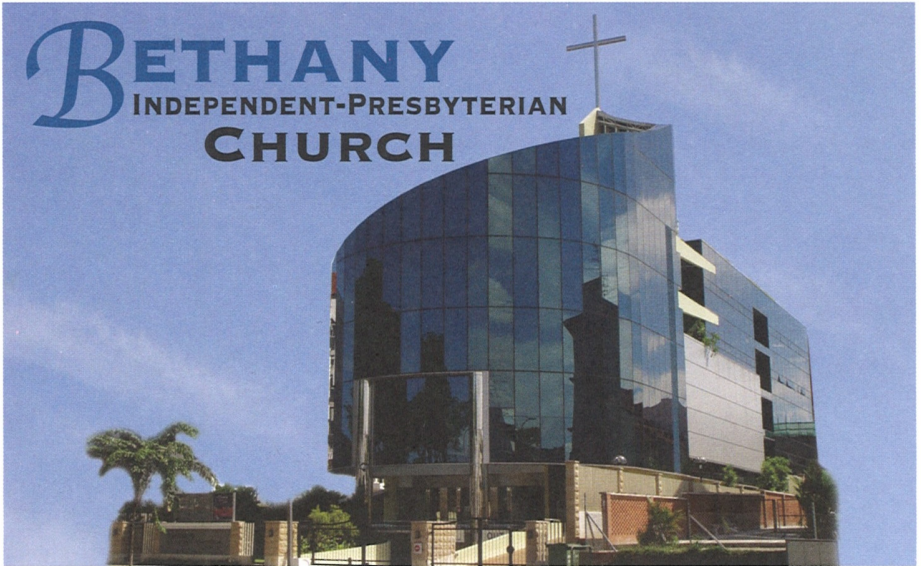


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by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: Psalm 18



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“I WILL LOVE YOU, O LORD”

DECLARATION OF LOVE FOR GOD

The Psalmist David had cried out to the Lord time and time again. The Lord had heard and answered his prayers according to His will. How did David respond to the Lord? His response was wonderfully inspiring. He declared his love for the LORD!

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MEDITATION

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I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

*The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

*I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised;
So shall I be saved from my enemies.* *Psalm 18:1-3*

HAVE YOU EVER DECLARED YOUR LOVE FOR GOD?

It would be good to ask ourselves honestly this question? Have we ever told the Lord that we love Him and we always will? Prayer is not just confession of sin. It is not limited to asking the Lord for His mercy. It involves our declaring of love for the Lord!

EVERY REASON TO LOVE THE LORD

David looked at what the Lord was to him! There were so many reasons why his heart should be filled with love for the Lord! David highlighted eight things he treasured.

1. My strength
2. My rock
3. My fortress
4. My deliverer
5. My God
6. My shield
7. My horn of salvation
8. My stronghold

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EXPERIENCING THE LORD'S MERCY IN OUR LIFE

Let us recall and muse on the experience of the Lord's mercy in our life. Let us allow these experiences to fill our hearts and minds till we can feel a sense of love for the Lord, welling up in our hearts!

I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD

The Psalmist David's love for the Lord may be analysed and appreciated along the following lines.

1. Establishing a firm relationship with the Lord as his God
2. Experiencing the reality of God in his life
 - (a) In praying to God and receiving answers from Him
 - (b) In seeing how the Lord protected him and provided for him
3. Extolling the Lord
 - (a) In prayer
 - (b) In praise
 - (c) In magnifying the Lord's name
 - (d) In declaring a firm and strong love for the Lord

Let us be greatly challenged to cultivate a strong relationship with the Lord. May we learn how to love the Lord with all our heart, our strength and our soul! †

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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 greatly encouraged through worship and fellowship! †

WELCOME
to Bethany III

COMBINED WORSHIP

We will be having Combined Worship till the end of 2016. The A & A Project is still on-going! Thank you for your understanding! †

SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)

1. *Singspiration*
8.15am
2. *Sunday School*
8.30am- 9.15am
3. *Class fellowship*
9.15am- 9.30am †



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

1. Time

1.00pm

2. Venue

4th Level Auditorium †

A & A PROJECT

1. Prayer

Let us turn to the Lord in prayer faithfully, seeking His mercy for the successful completion of the Project.

2. Practical support

Let us continue to do our part in supporting the Lord's work. Thank God for all who have faithfully given to support the A & A Project. †

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A. Worship Schedule

1. 1st Sunday of Advent

27 November 2016

(Lighting of the Prophecy Candle)

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2. 2nd Sunday of Advent

4 December 2016

(Lighting of the Bethlehem Candle)

3. 3rd Sunday of Advent

11 December 2016

(Lighting of the Shepherd's Candle)

We will be having a Baptismal Service on this Sunday!

4. 4th Sunday of Advent

18 December 2016

(Lighting of the Angels' Candle)

5. Christmas Worship

25 December 2016

Venue: Shangri La

Time: 10.30am

(Please book your table as soon as possible)

Special Commissioning Service at our Christmas Service

1. Moses Kwek

2. Eugene Seow

They will be commissioned as our student-pastors! Thank God for another pair of choice young men who are eager to train for the Pastoral Ministry.

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B. Special Program

Christmas Carolling Service and Dinner

Date: 17 December 2016

Time: 4.00pm- 5.30pm

Christmas Dinner: 5.30pm

Children under 12

Please register

Senior Citizens: 65 and above

Please register †



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 24 October 2016

Time: 7.00pm †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 24 October 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 25 October 2016

Time: 8.00pm †

We conclude our weekday ministries this week. Thank God for His grace to comprehend His word! Let us seek to remember the many lessons that have been taught! †

Psalm 69:13

*But as for me, my prayer is to You,
O LORD, in the acceptable time;
O God, in the multitude of Your mercy,
Hear me in the truth of Your salvation.*

1. Prayer is made to the LORD

- (a) Consciousness of who the LORD is
- (b) Consciousness of “the acceptable time”



2. Pleading with the LORD

- (a) In the multitude of His mercy
- (b) In the truth of His salvation ✠

IN RENEWED ASSURANCE

Affrighted by the horror of evil, I seek the Lord,
Wickedness seems too powerful - but not to God!
Fear drives my heart to seek solace in prayer,
Surely, I will find some measure of peace there.

Affronted by the evil I see all over the world,
Many are killed; evil is truly vicious and cruel.
The soul aggrieved seeks the Lord in humble prayer,
Surely, I will find some comfort and solace there.

A tottering faith needs to be affirmed again,
Only then will the soul be as right as rain.
Through faith affirmed, I seek strength in prayer,
Surely, the Lord will stand with me right there.

In renewed assurance, the soul finds revival true,
Evil is no longer feared, faith triumphs anew.
With greater resolve, I seek the Lord in prayer,
Thank God, renewed strength in spirit is there!

Inspiration: Psalm 10

Charles Tan †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 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!

1. The goodness of the Lord
 - (a) To be appreciated
 - (b) The greatness of the Lord is to be wondered at
2. The goodness of the Lord is prepared
 - (a) For those who fear Him
 - (b) For those who trust in Him
3. The challenge to trust in the Lord
 - (a) In the public presence of everyone
 - (b) There is firm courage expressed

NEXT SUNDAY: 30 October 2016

Psalm 28:9 Save Your people

Save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; shepherd them also, and bear them up forever. †

THEME : FOR TO YOU I WILL PRAY

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . FELLOWSHIP HALL
“The steps of a good man”
Psalm 37

Chairmen

Dr Tan Huay Cheem

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“And she arose and served them”
Mathew 8:14-15

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker
Ms Camille George
4th Floor Auditorium

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Jovan, Ilias, Gavriel Wong
Fellowship Lunch : Seekers

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
23 October 2016
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Song No. 1	God Is Good All The Time
Prelude	<i>Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Dr Tan Huay Cheem,</i>
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns VIP No. 370	Walk With Faith
Century Praise 321	Blessed Assurance
Century Praise 399	Make Me A Blessing

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message:	“The Steps of a good man”
Text :	Psalm 37
Speaker:	Rev Mark Tan

RESPONSE

Offering	
Hymn HWC No. 379	Take My Life And Let It Be
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

23 October 2016

Dear Brethren,

PRECIOUS PROMISES

Many precious promises may be found in the Lord's Word. Let us not take for granted these promises that we have from the Lord Himself. One such promise is taken from Psalm 32.

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will guide you with My eye. Psalm 32:8*

How wonderful it is to know that God has given us such a personal word of promise!

APPRECIATING THE PROMISES OF THE LORD

Let us learn how we may appreciate His word even more. Let us take time to ponder this further word. Let us renew our faith in the Lord!

*Thus God, determining to show more abundantly
To the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel,
Confirmed it by an oath,*

*That by two immutable things, in which it is impossible
For God to lie, we might have strong consolation,
Who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.*

*This hope we have as an anchor of the soul,
both sure and steadfast... Hebrews 6:17-19*

1. We are the heirs of God's promise
2. God cannot and will not break His promises given to us
 - a) He has given us His counsel (His word)
 - b) He has given us an oath that He would always keep His word
3. We have a strong consolation in the Lord and His word
4. We have a certain hope in the Lord
4. We have a firm anchor for our soul, "sure and steadfast"

***Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie***