

Bethany III ... 18 December 2016 ... Baptismal Worship Service!

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Text: Ephesians 3

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A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

A COMMON QUESTION

What would you like for Christmas? Children may request for toys. Older ones may ask for electronic devices.

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AN UNCOMMON QUESTION

What would you pray for this Christmas? Paul offered two prayers for the Ephesians church in his epistle. Let us consider his second prayer. Perhaps we should consider making this our prayer at Christmas.

1. Strength in the inner man

That He would grant you,
According to the riches of His glory,
To be strengthened with might through His Spirit
In the inner man Ephesians 3:16

- a) Strengthened with might
- b) Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit
- c) In the inner man
- 2. That Christ may dwell in us

That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; Ephesians 3:17a

- a) The idea of Christ dwelling with us is deep and profound
- b) Paul is not talking about just having faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
- c) He is talking about a wonderful relationship with the Lord
 - i) If Christ were to dwell in your house which room would you give Him?

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- ii) Would you include Him in all the activities of the home?
- iii) Would He be the centre of your home?
- iv) Much depends on the kind of faith we have

Rooted and grounded in love

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May be able to comprehend with all the saints What is the width and length and depth and height-

To know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; That you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19

- a) To know the Lord Jesus at all is to love Him deeply
- b) Our love for the Lord should be so deep that we never tire of speaking about His love
- c) The love of Christ surpasses all knowledge
- d) The path to discovering the fullness of God is through knowledge of the love of Christ

Would you consider making this your Christmas prayer? T

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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 and blessed through worship and fellowship! $\hat{\tau}$





BAPTISMAL SERVICE TODAY

1. Adult Baptism

- a) Kwang Toh Kay Gary
- b) Ng Wei Da Jeremy

2. Paedo-Baptism

- a) Cai Yaxuan Kaitlyn (daughter of David & Marianne Cai)
- b) Chew Zhi En Jayne (daughter of Michael & Jillian Chew)
- c) Natalie Kam (daughter of Andrew Kam & Rachael Leong)
- d) Teo Wen Ai Kaelyn (daughter of Michael & Juliana Teo)
- e) Kok Yi Hern Ian (son of Alson Kok & Lynn Lam)

3. Re-affirmation

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CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

Date: 25 December 2016 Time: 10.30am Worship 12.30pm Christmas Lunch

Today is the last opportunity for you to sign up for the Christmas Lunch! ਪੈ



DOWN MEMORY LANE

Date: 31 December 2016 Time: 8.00pm

A & A PROJECT

Let us continue to pray for the Lord's blessings! There is still a lot of work yet to be completed.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Terence Lee and Roxanne Lim on the occasion of their wedding on 16 December 2016. May the Lord continue to bless them richly. \$\frac{1}{3}\$



REPORT ON MISSIONS MINISTRY

1. Australia

- a) Bethel is well-led by Pastor Christopher Lai
- b) The church has grown steadily for yet another year
- c) The challenge of finding more leaders is something that we must pray much about

2. IPC India

- a) We have four churches
 - i) Sathiyam
 - ii) Jayam
 - iii) Visuvasam
 - iv) Kirubai
- b) We have 4 ordained pastors
 - i) Pastor S. Baskaran
 - ii) Pastor Stephen James
 - iii) Pastor Victor Venkatesh
 - v) Pastor Titus Balaji
- c) We have 1 student-pastor Simon Nagaraj
- d) This year A. Joseph resigned (September 2016)

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- e) Challenges ahead
 - i) More pastors
 - ii) More to be won to the Lord

3. IPC Myanmar

- a) Bethany Theological Seminary
 - i) We began this ministry in 1996
 - ii) This year BTS celebrated 20 years of ministry in Myanmar
- b) Number of graduates actively engaged in ministry: 290 pastors/ missionaries
 - i) In IPC Myanmar
 - ii) In other denominations
- c) Historic Milestones
 - i) Commencement: June 1996
 - ii) Dedication of BTS building: November 1998
 - iii) First batch of graduates: 1999
 - iv) Graduates going into the Mission field: 2003
 - v) BTS Building for Faculty 2008
- d) BCDC (Bethany Centre for the Development of Children)
 - i) Thara is the present Supervisor of the Centre
 - ii) Thank God that some of our children could enter local Universities
 - iii) Thank God for His protection of the children all these years 🕈

ADVENT POEM

THE ANGELS CANDLE

Mighty angels make up the glorious "hosts of the LORD,"
They stand in splendid battle array, ready to serve God.
They stand before the heavenly throne singing His glory,
They will go anywhere they are sent; they are always ready.

The mighty Angel Gabriel was sent to Zacharias who lived in piety, He was also sent to bring a message to Mary who lived in simplicity. Another Angel declared the birth of Christ to shepherds in the cold, A whole host of Angels sang together in harmony, strong and bold.

The Angels Candle reminds us that we are not alone in life,
The Angels are our guardians, in a world full of hostile strife.
They attend to us faithfully, for this is the loving will of God.
This Word should bring great joy to all who believe in the Lord.

Four Candles are lit at Advent, each one brings special delight, Taken together, we truly have profound and precious insight. We have every reason to celebrate Christmas with pure joy, This glorious happiness is ours to own, untainted by sin's alloy.

Inspiration: Luke 1-2; Hebrews 1:14
Charles Tan &



PSaLM 71:5-6

For You are my hope, O LORD God; You are my trust from my youth.

By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise shall be continually of You.

- 1. Tracing God's hand in life
 - a) Birth
 The LORD God Himself is the One who delivers the baby
 - b) Youth The Lord is the One whom we may trust fully
 - c) Throughout life The Lord has upheld us
- 2. Thanking God
 - a) For the hope we may have in Him
 - b) For the trust that will not fail us
 - c) Praise to the Lord continually is the appropriate response $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 18 December 2016

Luke 1:78 The Dayspring from on high has visited us

Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us.

- 1. The Dayspring from on high
 - a) This is a profound Messianic reference
 - b) It is a reference to how the Lord would bring light
 - c) With the ray of the sun shining, the night yields its darkness to day-light (Dayspring)
- 2. The tender mercy of God
 - a) The tender mercy of God must never be forgotten
 - b) It is through His mercy that the Messiah was sent to redeem us from sin

Next Sunday, 25 December 2016

Luke 1:79 To give light to those who sit in darkness

To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,

To guide our feet into the way of peace. T

THEME: BEHOLD, GOD IS MY SALVATION

This Week @ Worship

- COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM. CHURCH SANCTUARY "Our salvation in the time of trouble"

"Our salvation in the time of trouble" Isaiah 33

Chairmen

Mr Eugene Seow Mr Jonas Tan Mr Moses Kwek

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mrs Sally Tan

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Interpreter

Mr Goh Liangzhou

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —— 10.30 AM

"Behold, an angel of the Lord" Luke 2:9

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah
4th Floor Auditorium

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast: Wei Quan Fellowship Lunch: The '88 Guys

Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service		10.30 am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Children's Worship (P1 – P6)	Sun	10.30 am	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Evening-Bilingual	Suii	4.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Worship Service				
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche		8.30am	Church Office	3 rd floor
		10.30am		
Beginners' Sunday School	1	8.30am	3 rd Floor Auditorium	3 rd floor
Junior Sunday School	Sun	8.30am	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Combined		8.30am	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School			,	
Senior Sunday School III		8.30am	BTS	4 th floor
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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	Sat	5.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Sanctuary II	2 nd floor
BIBLE STUDY		3		
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Home Bible Study	2 nd and 4 th	3.00 pm	- 1 looi / taattoriaiii	- 11001
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Mandarin Bible Study	1 st and 3 rd	7.30 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Walldalli Bible Glady	Fri	7.00 pm	4 1 1001 / taattoriam	1 11001
CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
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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	3 rd & 4 th
			Auditorium	floor
Young Adults' Group	Sat	3.00 pm	Fellowship Hall	1 st floor

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 18 December 2016 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist: Mrs Sally Tan

Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 133

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Silent Night

Prelude

Call to Worship Mr Eugene Seow

Mr Jonas Tan Mr Moses Kwek

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

HWC No. 131 Angels From The Realms Of Glory

Century Praise 149 Go Tell It On The Mountain

Century Praise 139 Joy To The World

SPECIAL SONG ITEM

"Holy Lamb Of God" The Crossroads

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "Our salvation in the time of trouble"

Text: Isaiah 33

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 147 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

Dear Brethren.

18 December 2016

ANOTHER BAPTISMAL SERVICE

We have another baptismal service today. Take time to read the testimonies written. They are wonderfully mean-ingful. They help us to be more conscious of the following: ~

- 1. God is truly touching lives
 - a) Everyone who seeks baptism has come to a very real and personal faith in God
 - b) The heart has been touched
 - c) The life of the individual changes because of this special work of God
- 2. People care for people in Church
 - a) Many of the testimonies speak of how the heart has been touched by members of Bethany
 - b) Thank God that we can collectively minister for the Lord in touching hearts
 - c) Let us continue to be God's channel of blessing!

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS MEANINGFULLY

How may we celebrate Christmas meaningfully and joyfully? Let us ponder the following thoughts.

- 1. The Example of the Wise Men
 - a) Check out the reality of the Christmas story
 - b) They spared no effort in their search; they found great joy in Christ
- 2. The Example of the Shepherds
 - a) They also checked out the Word the angel of God gave to them
 - b) They too found great joy through a personal faith in God.

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