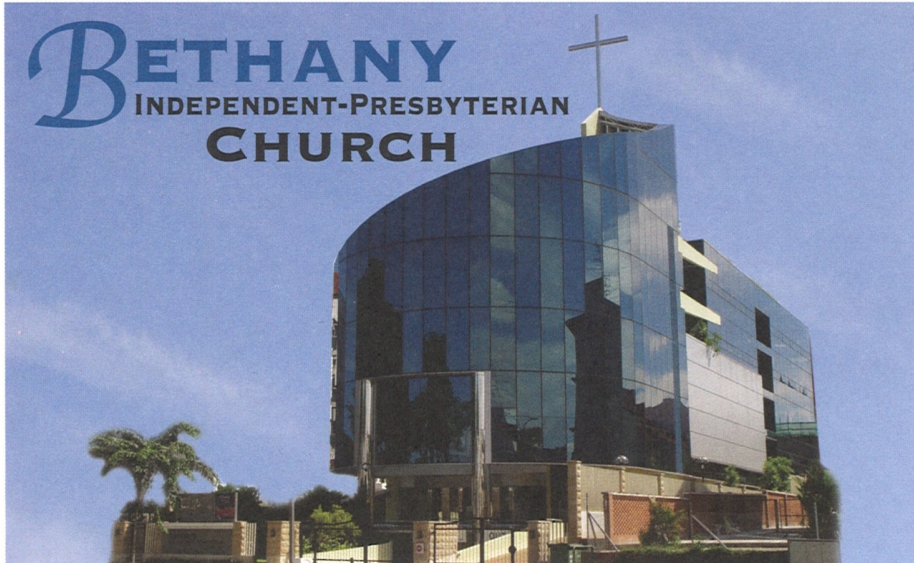


# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



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

Bethany III ... 22 January 2017

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## MEDITATION

*by Rev Dr Charles Tan*

**Text: Psalm 16**



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# “I WILL BLESS THE LORD”

## THINGS THAT ARE WORTHWHILE SHARING

There are many things that we may share with others as we speak of our faith in the Lord. Reading Psalm 16 will help us learn how we may share our understanding of God.

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# MEDITATION

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## 1. The Lord's Involvement in our life

- a) You maintain my lot Psalm 16:5
  - i) The Lord certainly maintains us
  - ii) Share about how the Lord keeps us!
- b) The LORD who has given me counsel Psalm 16:7
  - i) God gives us counsel through His word
  - ii) His counsel may be understood as we take time to read the Scriptures
- c) He is at my right hand Psalm 16:8
  - i) How wonderful it is to know that the Lord is close by
  - ii) His presence is to be deeply appreciated
- d) In Your presence is fullness of joy Psalm 16:11
  - i) Thank God for the fullness of joy that He gives
  - ii) His joy is far deeper than any earthly joy experienced

## 2. Share about our delight in our faith in God

- a) I will bless the LORD Psalm 16:7

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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 uplifted through worship and fellowship! †

# WELCOME

**to Bethany III**

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## CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm  
Venue: New Auditorium (4.2) †

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## COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

We will be having Combined Worship for today and next Sunday. †

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## TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

We will commence Teens Worship in February 2017.  
Venue: New Auditorium (4.2)  
Time: 10.30am †

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## NO FELLOWSHIP LUNCH ON 29 JANUARY 2017

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of the Lunar New Year. †



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# **OPEN HOUSE ON 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AT 1 GERALD CRESCENT**

Saturday, 28 January 2017

Time: 9.00am- 5.00pm †

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## **CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECIAL**

Date: 4 February 2017

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: Main Sanctuary

High Tea Fellowship: 5.30pm

Senior Citizens: 65 and above

Please indicate this at Registration †

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## **IPC INDIA FAMILY CAMP**

Thank God for His abundant mercy!

1. There was a good turnout from all the churches that make up IPC India.
2. Thank God for His safe-keeping on the road!

Thank you for praying for the Camp ministry in India †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## A & A PROJECT

### **IMPROVEMENT OF FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Air-conditioning System will be changed!

This will take about 6 weeks.

Inconvenience regretted.

Please note the following:

1. Lunch fellowship will be affected

2. Kindergarten will also be affected

The Kindy activities will be shifted to the 3<sup>rd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> Floors (New Auditorium)

### **5 February 2017**

This will be the last Fellowship lunch for a little while

### **February 2017**

No Fellowship Lunch for 12, 19, 26 February 2017

### **March 2017**

No Fellowship Lunch for 5 and 12 March 2017

### **Family Camp on 12 March 2017**

There will be a light lunch for those going for the Family Camp †

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## **DEDICATION OF BETHANY IV**

Date: 18 March 2017

Time: 4.00pm

Fellowship Dinner to follow.

Our brethren from Australia, India and Myanmar  
will be with us on this occasion! †



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# EASTER 2017

Theme: "The Captain of our Salvation" Hebrews 2:10

1. Baptismal Service on Palm Sunday (9 April 2017)
2. Maundy Thursday Communion Service (13 April 2017)
3. Easter Concert (14-15 April 2017)
4. Easter Sunday (16 April 2017)

We will be celebrating Easter Sunday at Shangri La.  
Plan to book your table as soon as possible. †

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## JUNIOR CAMP

Date: 29 May- 2 June 2017

Venue: Bethany

1. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings
  2. May they be led to faith in the Lord in their young years! †
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## CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A BOY!

Heartfelt congratulations to Adrian and Min-Yi on the gift of their third child. Jonathan was born on 18 January 2017! Both mother and baby are well! Thank God for His grace and blessing! †

# WORSHIP

Worship  
in Spirit  
& Truth

## PSALM 71 : 23-24

*My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to You,  
And my soul, which You have redeemed.*

*My tongue also shall talk of Your righteousness all the day long:  
For they are confounded, for they are brought to shame who seek my hurt.*

### 1. Praising God

- a) For His redemption
- b) For the righteousness of God in granting redemption

### 2. Depth of praise

- a) Great rejoicing in the Lord
- b) Reaching to the depth of the soul

### 3. Enemies

- a) They are confounded
- b) They are brought to shame †



## WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

### PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

*Monday 23 January 2017*

*New Auditorium (3:2)*

*7.00pm †*

### PRAYER MEETING

*Monday, 23 January 2017*

*Time: 8.00pm*

*Venue: Main Sanctuary*

Let us be encouraged to deepen our understanding and appreciation of prayer!

### BIBLE STUDY

*Tuesday, 24 January 2017*

*Time: 8.00pm*

*Venue: Main Sanctuary*

Let us seek to deepen our understanding of the Book of Deuteronomy!



# THAT YOU MAY KNOW ME

When a person is called upon to do what God asks,  
He often fears he is asked to do an impossible task.  
But God would always prepare His servant well,  
Before He sends him out with a message to tell.

God wants His servant to know Him first,  
He will quench the deepest spiritual thirst.  
He will teach many lessons to bless the heart,  
And with them a strong faith to impart.

The servant of God must seek to do his part,  
He must seek the Lord with all his heart.  
He must listen to the Spirit's holy Voice,  
In understanding, he will surely rejoice.

When the heart has truly understood God,  
There will come a conviction from the Lord.  
Then he will be able to bear witness well,  
He will have many a message from God to tell!

Inspiration: Isaiah 43:10

Charles Tan †

# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

**TODAY: 22 January 2017**

## JOHN 15:26 HE WILL TESTIFY OF ME

*But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.*

1. The Holy Spirit

- a) He is well-described as the Holy Spirit!
- b) He proceeds from the Father in Heaven

2. His Ministry

- a) He will bear witness for the Lord Jesus Christ
- b) He will be assisting us in our ministry as Witnesses for the Lord!

3. Let us learn how to appreciate His Help

- a) He will empower
- b) He will assist us

**NEXT SUNDAY 29 January 2017**

## ACTS 1:8 YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES TO ME

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. †*

THEME : YOU ARE MY WITNESSES

# *This Week @ Worship*

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY  
“You shall be witnesses to Me”  
Acts 1

Chairmen  
Mr Quek Li Yen  
Dr Quek Li Wei

Organist  
Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker  
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter  
Deacon  
Dr Tan Peng Hui

Pianist  
Mrs Esther Ang

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE**

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —  
10.30 AM  
“A new creation”  
2 Corinthians 5:17

**COMBINED CC (P1—P6)**

Speaker  
Mr Jonathan Jacob  
4th Floor Auditorium

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Mark & Chen Kee  
Fellowship Lunch : Terence

# BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b>				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</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	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Fellowship Hall (Bookshop area)	1 <sup>st</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 Senior Sunday School		8.30am	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School III		8.30am	Prayer Room	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Intermediate Sunday School		8.30am	4th floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<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	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Auditorium	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</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	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</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	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor

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**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**22 January 2017**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing *Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang*  
*Organist : Mrs Sally Tan*

HWC No. 508 I Will Sing The Wondrous Story

Prelude

Call to Worship *Mr Quek Li Yen*  
*Dr Quek Li Wei*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns  
Century Praise 44 I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

Century Praise 308 Thanks To God For My Redeemer

HWC No. 495 Heaven Came Down

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “You shall be witnesses to Me”  
Text : Acts1  
Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn  
HWC No. 532 O Happy Day!

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

22 January 2017

*Dear Brethren,*

## THE LORD IS NEAR

The DML focused text was taken from Psalm 145:18.

*The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,  
To all who call upon Him in truth.*

The challenge is to put into practice what we have read from the Scriptures. This week, ministering in India saw the Pastoral Team seeking to put into practice Psalm 145:18 consciously.

1. Seeking the LORD in prayer

- a) In the teaching of the Word of God
- b) In praying for mercy and strength for each day's challenge

2. Seeing how the Lord responds to us

- a) As we call upon Him
- b) As we call upon Him guided by the truth of God's word

## BEARING WITNESS FOR THE LORD

Thank God for many who are consciously seeking to bear witness for the Lord.

1. In Church

2. In the work place

3. In the home

Let us stay committed to bearing witness for the Lord consciously.

## CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

Let us look forward to understanding what God meant when He used the phrase "My People," at the Family Camp (12-16 March 2017). There are many precious lessons to be learned that will strengthen and uplift our hearts!

Plan to sign up for the Camp as soon as possible. Pray much for the Lord's grace and His blessings at the Family Camp! Let's take nothing for granted!

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*