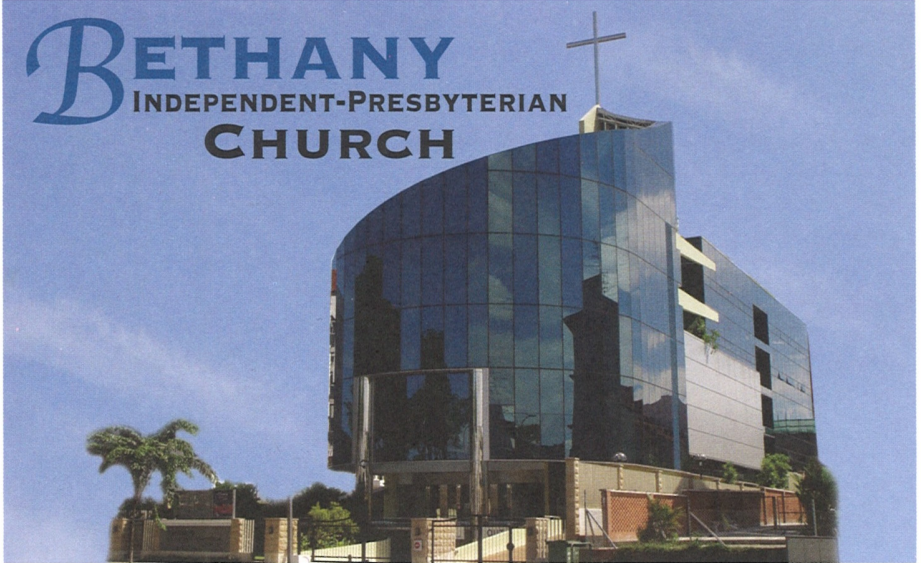


# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



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

Bethany III ... 29 January 2017 ... Happy Lunar New Year!

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## MEDITATION

*by Rev Dr Charles Tan*

**Text: Psalm 18**



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# "I WILL LOVE YOU, O LORD"

## A GREAT WAY OF BEARING WIT- NESS

One of the ways to bear witness for the Lord God effectively is to speak of having a love for God. This was what King David did when he wrote Psalm 18.

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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.*

*Psalm 18:1-2*

## 1. I will love You, O LORD

- a) This is a clear and open statement of love for God
- b) The underlying foundation is that of faith and trust in Him

## 2. Reasons why we speak of love for the Lord

- a) My strength
  - i) David found strength from God time and time again
  - ii) Have you also found strength from God in time of need?  
Share how you found strength from the Lord
- b) My rock and fortress
  - i) David found refuge in God
  - ii) There were times when he was in danger; gratefully he turned to God
  - iii) There are many out there who wish they can find refuge in God too

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c) My deliverer, My God

i) David discovered the Lord as his deliverer on many occasions

ii) The LORD was his God in the most personal manner

iii) So many do not have a personal faith in God; they too can find God as their Deliverer

d) My shield and the horn of my salvation

i) The Lord is a wonderfully great Shield

ii) The salvation that He gives is full and complete

## **LET US BEAR WITNESS CONFIDENTLY**

We are not told to go and convert anyone! Our part is to simply bear witness for the Lord confidently. Let us consciously do our part in bearing witness for the Lord. May hearts be touched and challenged by what we share. †

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

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



# HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR

The Pastoral Team and the Church Session wish all at Bethany “Happy Lunar New Year!” May the abundant mercies of the Lord be outpoured! †

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## NO FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

We will not be having Fellowship Lunch today. Yesterday was the first day of the Lunar New Year and the Kitchen Crew had their own family functions to attend. Thus, they were not able to prepare Lunch today. †

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## CATECHISM CLASS

There will be no Catechism Class today! †

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## PRE-MARITAL CLASS/ PRAYER MEETING/ BIBLE STUDY

We will not be having Meetings this week because of the Lunar New Year! †

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## NEXT SUNDAY

We will be observing The Lord’s Supper next Sunday!  
Let us prepare our hearts and minds! †



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# A & A PROJECT

The month of February and March will see the A & A Project reach the Fellowship Hall. We will not be having Fellowship Lunch after 5 February 2017 for the following six weeks! †

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)

We will end the Combined Sunday School Program possibly at the end of February 2017. †

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## TEENS WORSHIP

We will be commencing Teens Worship on 5 February 2017. We will be having two lay speakers at the Teens Worship. They are Mr. Lai Chung Han and Mr. Quek Li Yen. Thank God for their faithful service all these years at Teens Worship. †

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## ACM ON 26 FEBRUARY 2017

1. We will be holding our ACM on 26 February 2017
2. Election of Session Members at this ACM
3. Nomination / Secunder Forms are available
4. All Session Members have indicated that they would be happy to serve if they are re-elected †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECIAL**

Date: 4 February 2017

Time: 4.00pm

Fellowship Dinner after the Program.

Plan to register, especially those who are 65 years old and above.

1. This will be a good time to
  - a) Speak of our faith in God
  - b) Share the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ
2. Some have wrong ideas about Christianity
  - a) That if we become Christians we are no longer Chinese
  - b) That as Christians we cannot celebrate Chinese New Year
3. Let us share about our joy in knowing the Lord
  - a) True blessings come from the Lord
  - b) The greatest of all blessings are spiritual and eternal †

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## **CHURCH FAMILY CAMP**

12-16 March 2017

Venue: "My People"

Let us pray that many hearts would be blessed with a spiritual revival.

Let us pray for all who are coming to the Camp.†



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# DEDICATION OF BETHANY IV

Date: Saturday, 18 March 2017

Time: 4.00pm

Thank God that we can speak of dedicating Bethany IV.

Let us continue to seek the Lord's blessings! †

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## ***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.

The Doctrine of Christ involves not only His life but also His vicarious death for mankind. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is a fundamental doctrine that we must seek to uphold and defend! †

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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!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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3. The Junior Camp is in the first week of the School holidays for good reasons:-
  - a) It is a good start for the School vacation month
  - b) Follow-up programs for the Juniors are possible (if the Camp is held in the first week)
4. Reviewing Junior Camps held on the last week
  - a) Once school starts, many of the good lessons learned at Camp are set aside
  - b) School pressure is such that children forget what they have learned at Camp †

## WORSHIP

Worship  
in Spirit  
& Truth

### PSALM 73 : 23-24

*Nevertheless I am continually with You;  
You hold me by my right hand.*

*You will guide me with Your counsel,  
And afterward receive me to glory.*

1. Appreciating God's part in our life
  - a) The Lord will hold us up
  - b) He will guide with His counsel
  - c) He will lead us to our home in glory at the end of life's day
2. Our part
  - a) To be continually with the Lord
  - b) We must at least seek to be faithful to the Lord!
  - c) This is truly possible! †



## THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE ME

Do we struggle to help people believe in God?  
Dare we confess we struggle with faith in the Lord?  
The Lord sought to help His people to truly believe,  
And till this problem is resolved, there will be no relief.

The way to a strong faith lies in our knowledge of God,  
We need to deepen our relationship with the Lord.  
Where there is little knowledge of the Most High,  
We will not be able to believe that He is truly nigh.

Knowledge and faith in God are closely related,  
We need to have both heart and mind persuaded.  
The mind must be sure that there is a great God,  
The heart must find delight and joy in the Lord.

But where doubts remain and fears take charge,  
There will be no certainty felt deep in the heart.  
Our efforts to be faithful witnesses of God will fail,  
Faith in God must be strong; witnessing can prevail.

Inspiration: Isaiah 43:10

Charles Tan †

# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

**TODAY: 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.

1. Promise of Power for witnessing
  - a) This was promised by the Lord Jesus Christ
  - b) The source of power will come from no one less than the Holy Spirit
2. Program for witnessing proposed
  - a) Jerusalem
  - b) Judea
  - c) Samaria
  - d) The end of the earth

**Next Sunday: 5 February**

## **ACTS 4:20 WE CANNOT BUT SPEAK**

For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. †

THEME : YOU ARE MY WITNESSES

# *This Week @ Worship*

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY  
“We are witnesses”  
Acts 2

Chairman  
Mr Ng Chee Meng

Organist  
Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker  
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter  
Dr Jane Tan

Pianist  
Dr Daniel Chia

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE**

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —  
10.30 AM  
“The new man”  
Ephesians 4:17-24

**COMBINED CC (P1—P6)**

Speaker  
Miss Camille George  
*4th Floor Auditorium*

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

No Breakfast & Fellowship Lunch

# 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**  
**29 January 2017**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia*  
*Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey*

[New Song]

All I Have Is Christ

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Mr Ng Chee Meng*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 321

Blessed Assurance

Century Praise 68

The Love Of God

Century Praise 308

Thanks To God For My Redeemer

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “We are witnesses”

Text : Acts2

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 319

He Hideth My Soul

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

29 January 2017

*Dear Brethren,*

## HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR

Here's wishing you a wonderful year of blessing from the Lord. Psalm 21 is a good text to read. In this Psalm, King David reflected on the Lord's blessings in his life.

1. The Lord's salvation Psalm 21:1
  - a) This was on top of the list of blessings he rejoiced in greatly
  - b) Let your heart be filled with joy as you reflect on the salvation given by the Lord
2. Prayers answered Psalm 21:2
  - a) David reflected on how the Lord had answered his prayers
  - b) Indeed the Lord has heard and answered many of our prayers!
3. Blessings of goodness Psalm 21:3
  - a) How good the Lord has been to us
  - b) Let us rejoice that He has always blessed us so wonderfully
4. Long life Psalm 21:4
  - a) Let us not take life for granted
  - b) Each year of life is a gift from the Lord
5. The glory that God gives Psalm 21:5
  - a) Yes, the Lord gives glory to His children
  - b) Take time to reflect on this thought and rejoice
6. Most blessed
  - a) Let us begin the New Year with this glorious thought
  - b) We have been "most blessed"

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*