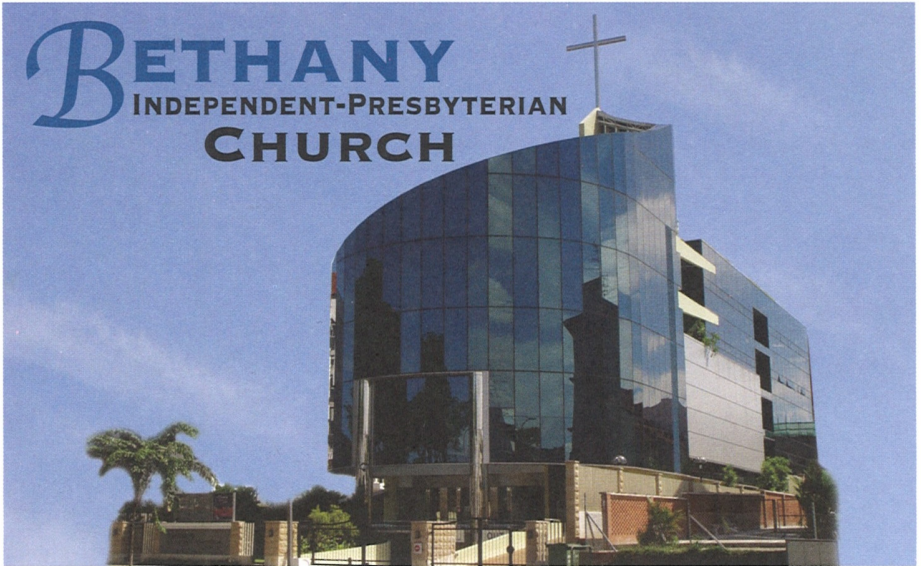


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Bethany III ... 5 February 2017

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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: Psalm 18



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“THE LORD MY GOD”

SHARING OUR FAITH IN GOD

King David bore witness of his faith in the Lord God consistently. There were many experiences in his life where he saw God's hand in his life.

*For You will save the humble people,
But will bring down the haughty looks.*

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MEDITATION

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For You will light my lamp;

The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. Psalm 18:27-28

1. For You will save the humble people

- (a) God's salvation is well appreciated by the humble
- (b) The humble recognise how much they need the salvation of God

2. But will bring down the haughty looks

- (a) The "haughty looks"- this is a reference to the proud
- (b) They are so full of themselves that they reject God
- (c) One day they will discover how foolish they are to set God aside

3. For You will light my lamp

- (a) David aligns himself with the humble
- (b) He may have been the king of Israel but he knew just how badly he needed God in his life
- (c) In the ancient days, the only way to see the path before you is to use a lamp
- (d) The lamp would provide the light necessary to walk safely
- (e) David was grateful that God would light his lamp

i. "Light" was a special word for wisdom

ii. It was the light that God gave that enabled David to rule wisely and well

4. The LORD my God

- (a) David had a personal faith in God
- (b) God was not a hazy religious concept
- (c) God was his LORD
- (d) David was king serving under the LORD God

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5. Enlighten my darkness

- (a) There was so much darkness in the world
- (b) Light was sorely needed
- (c) God would enlighten David so that he did not need to walk in darkness
- (d) He would be given enlightenment to rule well

DISCOVERING TRUE FAITH IN GOD

God invites all to discover true faith in Him. The Scriptures provide glorious insight as to how true faith may be obtained! Discover God as the Lord of your life! †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

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

WELCOME
to Bethany III

LAST FELLOWSHIP LUNCH FOR A WHILE

Today will be the last Fellowship Lunch for the month of February 2017. The A & A Project will now cover the Fellowship Hall. The renovations may well take up to the first 2 weeks of March 2017. Thank you for your understanding! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

We observe The Lord's Supper today. May we always remember the Lord lovingly in this special manner!

The Bread

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Matthew 26:26

The Cup

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Matthew 26:27-28 †

TEENS WORSHIP

We will be commencing Teens Worship TODAY.

Time: 10.30am

Venue: New Auditorium 4.01

The Challenge of Teens Worship is for the young people to discover a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us pray for the Lord to bless this Ministry as it commences today. †

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

1. Venue (Level 4.01)
Bubble Lift side of the Building

2. Time: 1.00pm †



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO PMC/ PM/ BS THIS WEEK

Pastors Charles, Mark and Mitch will be ministering in Myanmar. †

MYANMAR MINISTRY

6-10 February 2017

Occasion: BTS Graduation (Convocation week)†

SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)

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

8.15am Singspiration

8.30am Class

9.15am Class Fellowship †

ACM ON 26 FEBRUARY 2017

1. We will be holding our ACM on 26 February 2017, right after the Morning Worship (This is for Members only).
2. Election of all Session Members at this ACM
3. Nomination / Seconder Forms are available †

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

12-16 March 2017
Theme: "My People"

There are so many deep and precious lessons to be learned about this doctrine of being God's People. Sign up as soon as possible! †

NO BUS TRANSPORT TO THE CAMP

In the past, we used to provide Daily Transport for those wanting to attend the Night Meetings. From recent experience of heavy traffic, we will not be providing Bus Transport anymore. †

DEDICATION OF BETHANY IV

Date: Saturday, 18 March 2017
Time: 4.00pm

Let's pray for the Lord's blessings! Let us look forward to a wonderful time of worship! †



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.

When we celebrate Easter, we celebrate our faith in a God who gives us hope to look beyond this life on earth.

Plan to book your table as soon as possible! †

JUNIOR CAMP

Date: 29 May- 2 June 2017

Venue: Bethany

1. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings.
2. May the Junior Campers be led to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ early in life! †

Psalm 73:25–26

*Whom have I in heaven but You?
And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.*

*My flesh and my heart fail;
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

1. The limited power of the human being

- (a) His flesh fails him
- (b) His heart fails him and he despairs



2. The Unlimited power of God

- (a) God provides strength
- (b) God is to be dearly loved

3. God is dearly prized

- (a) On earth
- (b) And in heaven! †

AT THE HOUSE OF SIMON THE LEPER

To be a leper in ancient days was hard to bear,
Out goes all hope, and in comes dark despair.
The leper must now live in a wretched colony,
His fate was to wait for death in abject misery.

On the way to the colony he must cry "Unclean!"
Or he will be pelted with stones for his "Sin!"
The chance of being healed was quite remote,
The leper must hide his illness with a cloak.

Simon must have heard that Jesus had power to heal,
He knew the risks, but he was prepared for any ordeal.
If he died by stoning, it would not make a difference,
But what if Jesus healed him and give his life significance?

Simon met Jesus and felt His love and power to heal,
Fully restored, the least he could do was to offer Jesus a meal.
He brought his family and friends to see his Saviour and Lord,
He bore witness for Jesus, for he had been wonderfully restored.

Inspiration: Matthew 26:6

Charles Tan



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 5 February 2017

Acts 4:20 We Cannot but Speak

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

1. The Circumstances

- (a) The Apostles Peter and John were coerced not to speak about their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
- (b) They were under great pressure and threat from the Sanhedrin Council

2. The Response of Peter and John

- (a) They replied that they could not but speak
- (b) They had the Lord Jesus Christ as their Teacher
- (c) They had seen the Resurrected Saviour and Lord
- (d) How could they be silent about their real faith in the Lord?

Next week: 12 February 2017

**Acts 5:32 We are His witnesses and so also is the Holy Spirit
And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom
God has given to those who obey Him. †**

THEME : YOU ARE MY WITNESSES

This Week @ Worship

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
“We cannot but speak the things
which we have seen and heard”
Acts 4

Chairmen
Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow
Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Pianist
Mrs Esther Ang

Organist
Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Dr Jane Tan

Chairman
Mr Joshua Phang

Speaker
Mr Quek Li Yen

Pianist
Miss Ho Lianya

Usher
Mr Samuel Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . New Auditorium 4.01
“Seeking to fulfil the Scriptures”
Acts 1—4

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“And the Child grew”
(Luke 2:40, 2:52)

COMBINED CC (P1—P6)

Speaker
Miss Camille George
4th Floor Auditorium

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Benjamin Poey
Fellowship Lunch : Joanna Yam; JJ & Cassandra

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Children's Worship (P1 – P6)		10.30 am	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Evening-Bilingual Worship Service		4.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Fellowship Hall (Bookshop area)	1 st 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 Senior Sunday School		8.30am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Senior Sunday School III		8.30am	Prayer Room	4 th floor
Intermediate Sunday School		8.30am	4th floor Auditorium	4 th floor
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	3 rd Floor Auditorium	3 rd floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	2 nd Floor Auditorium	2 nd floor
BIBLE STUDY				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd 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	Church Sanctuary	2 nd 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	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
5 February 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist: Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 504

He Touched Me

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow
Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 8

Holy, Holy, Holy

Century Praise 339

Higher Ground

Century Praise 488

I Love To Tell The Story

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “We cannot but speak the things
which we have seen and heard ”

Text : Acts 4

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

Century Praise 291

Jesus Is All The World To Me

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 319

He Hideth My Soul

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 295

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

5 February 2017

Dear Brethren,

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Let us never allow our hearts to take for granted the significance of celebrating The Lord's Supper!

1. Our practice

- a) To observe The Lord's Supper monthly
- b) We begin each new month conscious of the sacrifice of the Lord's suffering for us

2. Our purpose

- a) To keep alive the significance of observing the Lord's Supper
- b) We seek to "remember" the Lord Jesus Christ and how He died for us that we may live

3. Our prayers

- a) That Christ Jesus would always be near and dear to our hearts
- b) That we may be refreshed through each partaking of the Lord's Supper

MISSIONS MINISTRY IN MYANMAR

This coming week (6-10 February 2017), a team of us will be ministering in Myanmar (Pastors Mark and Mitch, Deacon Terence Teng and myself). We will be celebrating twenty years of ministry of the Bethany Theological Seminary (Myanmar). A new batch of people will be graduating from our Seminary.

1. The Concept of a Seminary

We sought to train people for pastoral and missionary ministries.

2. The Challenges

Thank God for grace and wisdom to meet and overcome many challenges over the years!

3. The Continuing ministry

Thank God for faith to believe that we have a continuing ministry in our Bible Seminary. Let us continue to pray for the Lord's leading for the years ahead!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*