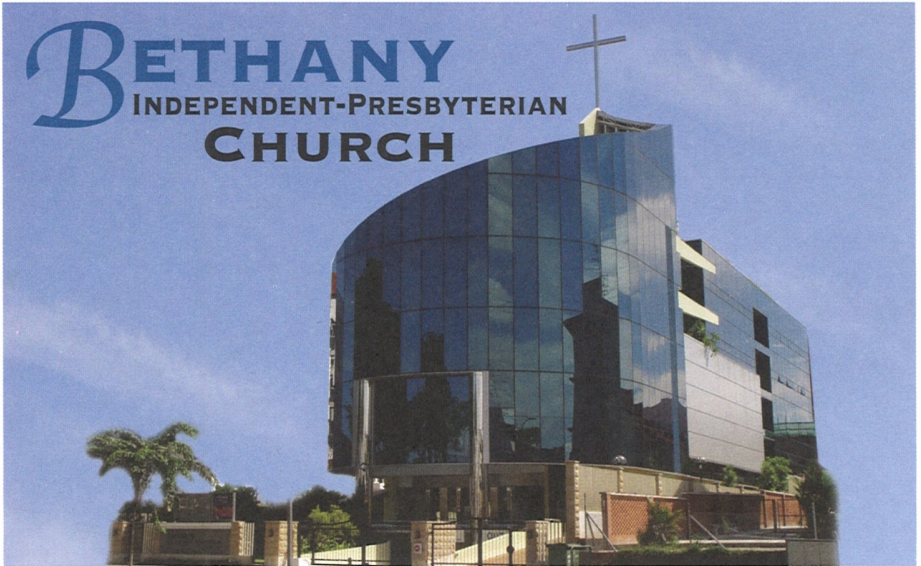


# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



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

*Bethany III ... 19 February 2017*

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## MEDITATION

*by Rev Dr Charles Tan*

Text: Psalm 18

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# “THE SALVATION THAT GOD GIVES”

## THE WORD “SALVATION”

Thank God for the salvation that we may have from Him. The word “salvation” is used in more than one way in Psalm 18.

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# MEDITATION

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1. The horn of my salvation Psalm 18:2
  - (a) The word “horn” was used as a symbol of power
  - (b) The horns of beasts represent their strength and power
  - (c) The Psalmist testifies to the fact that God has brought His power to bear in saving him from many difficult and dangerous situations
  
2. You have also given me the shield of Your salvation Psalm 18:18
  - (a) Salvation is now linked with the word “shield”
  - (b) The idea of a shield suggests “protection”
  - (c) God’s commitment to the salvation of His beloved children is their shield
  
3. Let the God of my salvation be exalted
  - (a) God Himself is personally associated with the work of salvation
  - (b) The Psalmist David wrote about his confidence and trust in the Lord God
  - (c) He desires to exalt Him even as he remembers the salvation which He gives

## EXALTING THE LORD OUR GOD

How absolutely correct it is to exalt the Lord who gives us salvation. The Psalmist David noted the number of ways in which God his Saviour had blessed him.

1. Strengthens *Psalm 18:32*  
*It is God who arms me with strength*

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## 2. Helps in daily life

*He makes my feet like the feet of deer and sets me on my high places*      *Psalm 18:33*

## 3. Teaches

*He teaches my hands to make war so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze*  
*Psalm 18:34*

## 4. Upholds

*Your right hand has held me up*      *Psalm 18:35*

*Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD,  
Among the Gentiles, and sing praises to Your name.*      *Psalm 18:49*

## SHARE YOUR FAITH

Each of us has a story of salvation to tell. Let us be challenged to share our personal story of salvation that God has given to us. †

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

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

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

*Time: 12.00nn*

*Venue: New Auditorium (4-3) †*

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## ACM NEXT SUNDAY

We will be holding our ACM next Sunday.

*Time: 12.00nn*

*Venue: Main Sanctuary*

1. BIPC
2. BTS

We will be electing the Session of 2017-2020. Let us come with prepared hearts and minds. †

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)

We will be concluding the Combined Sunday School programme at the end of February 2017. The different departments are preparing for their individual ministries. They will commence in March 2017.

1. SSS 1, 2 and 3

They will be teaching from the Epistle of James.

2. SSS 4

The Class will be studying Paul's Epistle to the Romans. †



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **PRE-MARITAL COUNSELLING/ PRAYER MEETING/ BIBLE STUDY**

We will be cancelling the PMC/ PM and BS ministries for this week.

1. The Sanctuary Stage is being redone. Thus, the Sanctuary will not be available for our use during the week.
2. The Fourth Floor is being used by the Kindergarten. It would be very inconvenient to move chairs in and out.

Thank you for understanding!

We would like to use the Sanctuary as The Venue for our PM and BS. This is because we want to encourage many more to come and deepen their spiritual life. †

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## **CHURCH FAMILY CAMP**

*Date: 12-16 March 2017*  
*Venue: Le Grandeur, Johor*  
*Theme: "My People"*

This Doctrine is far deeper than meets the eye! It is a great doctrine of:

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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1. Redemption
2. Reconciliation
3. Restoration

And much more! Plan to come to the Family Camp to learn deep lessons that will enrich your life! †

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## DEDICATION OF BETHANY IV

### **1. 18 March 2017**

4.00pm

- (a) Pastors and members from India, Perth and Myanmar would be with us on this occasion.
- (b) They will be attending the Family Camp and then staying on for the Dedication Service.

### **2. Let us look forward to Dedicating Bethany IV**

- (a) This is a historic moment for all of us
- (b) We have been able to build a Mezzanine Floor
- (c) We have been able to have a few more Auditoriums added
- (d) We have come a long way

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- i. Bethany I (1973)  
A small Terrace House in Seletar Hills
- ii. Bethany II (1995)  
4-Storey Building with one underground carpark
- iii. Bethany III (2003)  
4-Storey Building with four underground carparks
- iv. Bethany IV (2017)  
The new Building we seek to dedicate to the glory of the Lord

### **3. Let us extol the Lord for His mercy and grace bestowed on us!**

- (a) Let us praise His name forever and ever
- (b) Let us gather to offer Him grateful worship †

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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 the Junior Campers be led to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ early in life!

Let us pray for the Junior Camp Committee looking after this program. †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A BOY!

Heartfelt congratulations to Annabella and Dioni on the gift of a baby boy, Declan Yong, on 16 February 2017. Both mother and baby are doing well. †

### WORSHIP

Worship  
in Spirit  
& Truth

### Psalm 75:1

*We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks!  
For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.*

#### 1. Giving of thanks to God

- (a) This is natural
- (b) This is needful (to express heartfelt thanks)



#### 2. Giving thanks to God for His wondrous works

- (a) That He would perform wondrous works to bless and encourage us
- (b) His wondrous works declare that God is truly near at hand †



## YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER

In life, many Disciples feel a sense of powerlessness,  
How could they be effective in being God's Witnesses?

There are so many things that hinder in life,  
There are doubts, unbelief and even strife!

The Lord in His foreknowledge knows all our needs,  
Power from on high was part of our Faith and Creed.  
No Disciple needs to be overcome with crippling fear,  
The Lord God reminds us that He is truly forever near!

A special promise of power was given by the Lord,  
This will come from none other than the Spirit of God!  
He will come and sanctify our mind and our heart,  
He will equip us, and from us, He will never depart!

What a precious promise we have from the Lord,  
The first Disciples experienced the Power of God!  
They found new courage and strength for ministry,  
The Lord lifted them up from their fears and misery!

*Inspiration: Acts 1:8*

Charles Tan



# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

**Today, 19 February 2017**

**Acts 10:43 To Him all the prophets witness**

*To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.*

1. To Him

This is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ

2. All the prophets

(a) Reference to the Prophetic books of the Old Testament

(b) They prophesy of the Messiah

3. Believing in the Lord Jesus Christ

(a) This is encouraged

(b) Through faith in Him there is forgiveness of sins

**NEXT SUNDAY 26 February 2017**

**Acts 26:16 A minister and a witness**

*But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. †*

THEME : YOU ARE MY WITNESSES

# *This Week @ Worship*

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY  
“Witnesses chosen by God ”  
Acts 10

**Chairman**

Dr Tan Huay Cheem

**Organist**

Mrs Elsie Poey

**Speaker**

Rev Dr Charles Tan

**Interpreter**

Mr Goh Liangzhou

**Pianist**

Mrs Esther Ang

**Chairman**

Ms Sea Su-An

**Pianist**

Miss Ho Lian Ya

**Speaker**

Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Chong

**Usher**

Mr Kreston Ang

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM .  
4th Floor Auditorium 4-2  
“Success in overcoming temptations”  
Matt. 4:1-11, Mark 1:12,13

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —

10.30 AM

“You are my beloved Son;  
in You I am well pleased”  
Luke 3:22

**CC I: P1—P3**

*3rd Floor  
Auditorium 3-1*

**CC II: P4—P6**

*4th Floor  
Auditorium 4-1*

**Speaker**

Miss  
Camille George

**Speaker**

Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Cynthia Goh  
No 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 I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Auditorium 4-3	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School I		8.30am	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-1	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	Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>CHOIRS</b>				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Youth Choir			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</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	Auditorium 4-3	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 I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-3	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Adults' Ministry		5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**19 February 2017**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang*  
*Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey*

HWC No. 495

Heaven Came Down

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Dr Tan Huay Cheem*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

VIP No. 570

Walk With Faith

HWC No. 46

God Leads Us Along

Century Praise 339

Higher Ground

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “Witnesses chosen by God”

Text : Acts 10

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 257

The Comforter Has Come

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

19 February 2017

*Dear Brethren,*

## ACM NEXT SUNDAY

We will be having our ACM next Sunday, 26 February 2017. At the ACM, we will also be having the Election of our Session Members. It is more than possible to take the Elections for granted, since it is "routine." But let us avoid this attitude.

## CHURCH SESSION

We seek to put into practice what the Scriptures teach about leadership. What does being a Session Member involve?

### 1. Time

- a) The Session Members are expected to give time to serve the Lord.
- b) Time is a precious commodity and this must be devoted to the Lord's work.

### 2. Priority

- a) There are many duties in life. There is work and family. There is also personal interest. All of them are valid.
- b) But Session Members are expected to give priority to the Lord's work above all personal commitments.

### 3. Support

- a) There is much that we expect from the Pastoral Team. However, they cannot do everything. They must have strong and consistent support.
- b) Session Members are expected to give support to the Pastors so that the work of the Lord would be advanced.

### 4. Service

- a) Session Members are expected to serve the Lord faithfully.
- b) Oftentimes the service given is taken for granted. Nevertheless, Session Members must remember that they serve the Lord God Himself.

Let us pray that God would always give us good Session Members!

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*