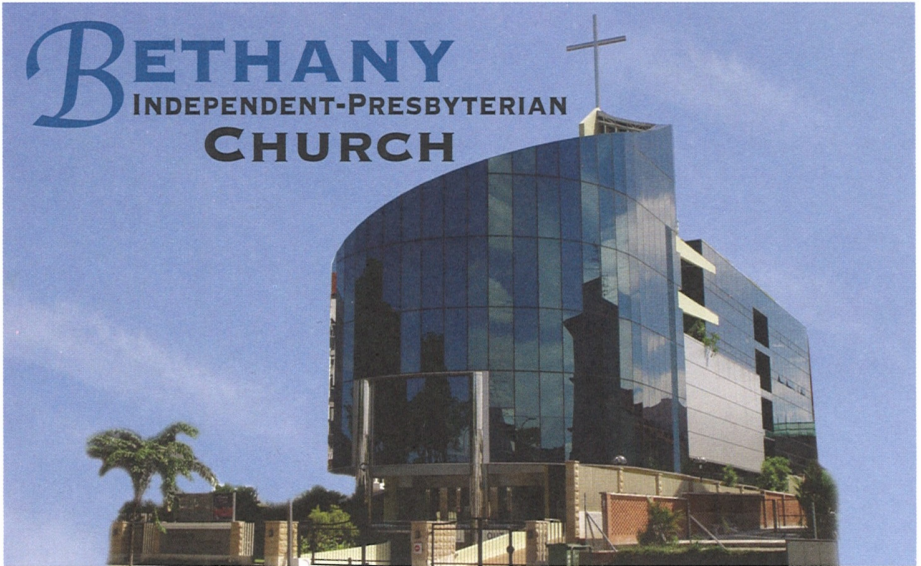


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Bethany IV ... 9 April 2017 ... Palm Sunday!

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“HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID”

HOSANNA—AS A PRAYER

This word in Hebrew was originally a cry for salvation! It was the prayer of those who were desperately in need of help from God!

1. It was a cry for protection
2. It was a prayer for deliverance
3. It was uttered with faith in heart

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HOSANNA—AS PRAISE

The same word “Hosanna” slowly took on another significance. It became a word of praise to the Lord for sending salvation. Hence the shout of praise found in this text.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

Hosanna in the Highest!

Matthew 21:9

1. Hosanna was now sung
 - (a) To the Son of David
 - (b) This was the Messianic term for the King anointed by God
 - (c) The highest Hosanna praise was given to the Messiah

2. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
 - (a) The Messiah would never come in His own name
 - (b) He would come in the name of the Lord
 - i) His authority would come from the Lord God
 - ii) His messages would also come from the same source
 - iii) He would have power from the Lord God for ministry

THE PEOPLE WHO WELCOMED JESUS AS THE SON OF DAVID

Who were identified as the people who sang Hosanna praises to Jesus as the Messiah?

1. The disciples of the Lord Jesus Matthew 21:6

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- (a) They had been with Jesus
- (b) They had seen His power
- (c) They had listened to His messages
- (d) They had been personally instructed
- (e) They were convinced that Jesus was indeed the true heir to the throne of David
- (f) He was the Messiah of God

2. The children sang Hosanna praise to the Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 21:15-16

- (a) In their sweet innocence, they picked up the song the adults sang
- (b) Did they understand what they were singing?
 - i) They had a measure of understanding
 - ii) Some may have heard and seen Jesus perform miracles
 - iii) They would not, of course, have full knowledge!
 - iv) But the fact that Jesus defended them would suggest that they were not wrong to sing this special praise song to Him

REJOICING IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

What joy we may have in our hearts as we think of what it means to rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ!

1. He is our Saviour
2. He is our Lord
3. He is the Captain of our salvation

It is perfectly right and proper that we rejoice in our knowledge and understanding of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ! Hosanna in the Highest!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today! We celebrate the Lord Jesus Christ as the Messiah-King sent by God! †

WELCOME

to Bethany IV

CATECHISM CLASS

We resume Catechism Class in May 2017. †

EASTER WEEK 2017

Maundy Thursday

13 April 2017

Time: 8.00pm

Communion Service

Easter Sacred Concert

Friday and Saturday

Time: 8.00pm

Theme: "The Old Rugged Cross"

Easter Sunday

16 April 2017

Easter Service at Shangri La

Time: 10.30am

Let us look forward to a glorious time of spiritual uplifting of our souls this Easter! †



BAPTISMAL SERVICE TODAY

Let us welcome our new members today with all our heart and with much joy! Baptism is a wonderfully meaningful practice in our Christian faith.

1. What Baptism means

- (a) It represents identification with Christ Jesus
- (b) It symbolizes our union with our Saviour
- (c) It also reflects our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
- (d) Baptism represents the washing of our sins

2. The following are seeking to be baptized today:

Paedo-baptism

- i) Christopher Toi Zheng Yong (son of Geoffrey & Amelia Toi)
- ii) Hannah Chua (daughter of Shawn & Charlene Chua)
- iii) Jonathan Foo (son of Adrian Foo & Min-Yi)

Adult Baptism

- i) Andrea Lim
- ii) Chong Kwek Kee
- iii) Dillon Low Jun Yu
- iv) Langlais Jean-Marc Philippe Pierre
- v) Loke Xiu Qi Sarah
- vi) Nai Hong Chuang Albert
- vii) Ong Yanning
- viii) Serena Yap Swee Gek
- ix) Sudipto Bari
- x) Timon Chiong Kai Xiang

Re-affirmation

- i) Ang Rachel
- ii) Mason Fung
- iii) Quek Zhi Qin, Vanessa †



EASTER SUNDAY

Date: 16 April 2017

Venue: Shangri La

Time: 10.30am (Worship Service)

12.30pm (Easter Lunch)

1. Commissioning of Mr. Jonas Tan as another Student Pastor
2. This will be held as part of the Easter Worship at Shangri La
3. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings for the future as the Student-Pastors prepare themselves to take on the full-time pastoral ministry in Bethany!
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SIGNING UP FOR THE EASTER LUNCH

This is the last Sunday for signing up for the Easter Lunch!

1. Let us prepare our hearts to worship our Risen Saviour and Lord
2. Let us rejoice in our faith in the resurrection! ✠



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING/ PRAYER MEETING/ BIBLE STUDY

We will not be having these meetings for the next two weeks!

1. This week is Easter week

We have a very full program! It is wise not to pack too many programs in one week!

2. Next week is Post-Easter

Let us plan to take time to reflect on what we have learned and experienced over Easter. †

BETHEL FAMILY CAMP

17-21 April 2017

Theme: "Your Word I have Hidden in My Heart"

The Pastoral Team (Student Pastors and Camille George) will be away to minister at the Bethel Family Camp.

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings on our brethren in Bethel. More than 90 people have already signed up to attend the Camp! May they have an enriching time studying the Lord's word at their Family Camp! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS



JUNIOR CAMP 2017

Date: 29 May- 2 June

Theme: "Treasures in Heaven"

Leading the Junior Camp: S-P Benjamin Quah

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings on the Children
and the Camp Committee. †

Worship
in Spirit
& Truth

WORSHIP

Psalm 77: 12-13

*I will also meditate on all Your work,
And talk of all Your deeds.*

*Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary;
Who is so great a God as our God?*



1. Meditation
 - (a) This is good practice
 - (b) Worship ought to have a meditative aspect
2. Talking
 - (a) This is where meaningful fellowship comes in
 - (b) Let's talk about the deeds of the Lord
3. God's way
 - (a) One of His ways may be found in the sanctuary
 - (b) The greatness of God is truly profound! †

HIS ANOINTED

"The Messiah" - His coming was prophesied time and again,
The prophets waxed eloquent, Psalmists offered a refrain.
He would be recognized as the King who comes in God's name,
He would be The Anointed, and believers need not be ashamed!

He would be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit of God,
He would speak with authority with a Message from the Lord.
He would bring and give liberty to those who are severely bound,
And to all who seek Him with the heart, He would be found!

In His humility, He would come and serve as the Servant-King!
Those with earthly wisdom would never see His royal signet ring.
But to those who know Him, they see the Way, the Truth and the Life,
How precious that He would come personally and free us from strife!

In jubilation, we celebrate the Triumphal Entry of Jesus as the King,
To Him, our praises, our hearts, our worship we gladly bring.
There is no one else we acknowledge as the Messiah of God,
Only Jesus the Christ, who has come in the name of the LORD!

-Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 2:2; Luke 4:18-19; Matthew 21:1-11

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 9 April 2017

Hebrews 3:14 Partakers of Christ

For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end.

1. Partakers of Christ

- (a) What a privilege
- (b) What profound joy we ought to have

2. Checking our salvation

- (a) We will hold fast to our faith in Him
- (b) This is one of the ways we know we have true salvation in Christ!

NEXT SUNDAY: 16 APRIL 2017

Hebrews 4:11 Let us therefore be diligent

Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.



THEME : THE CAPTAIN OF OUR SALVATION

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
“Let us therefore be Diligent”
Hebrews 4:11-16

Chairmen
Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow
Mr Jonas Tan

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist
Dr Daniel Chia

Organist
Mrs Elsie Poey

Interpreter
Dr Jane Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“Blessed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord”
John 14:6

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

Speaker
Mr Jonathan Jacob

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Ong Siew Chiong; Florence & Kwek Kee
Fellowship Lunch : Yeong Seng & Helen

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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BAPTISMAL WORSHIP SERVICE
9 April 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

SOF No. 120

The Servant King

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow
Mr Jonas Tan

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 27

O Worship The King

HWC No. 173

All Glory, Laud And Honour

HWC No. 189

Calvary Covers It All

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “He Learned Obedience”

Text : Hebrews 5:5-13

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 441

Take Time To Be Holy

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

Easter Series

9 April 2017

Dear Brethren,

BAPTISMAL SERVICE TODAY

Today we witness a number of people who have found real faith in the Lord Jesus Christ take the step of baptism and re-affirmation! I would like to share a poem that I have written for Jean-Marc who is baptised with his devoted wife Swee Gek!

AN INSPIRATION TO ALL AT BETHANY

What an inspiration to see people declare their faith in God,
The heart rejoices, for we see a precious work of the Lord.
Where once the heart was unable to see His great love,
Now there is room in the heart for God in heaven above!

The heart is moved to read "I love Jesus" by Jean-Marc our friend,
He determines to come to Church in a wheel chair every weekend!
No matter if it is at the Fellowship Hall, or at Shangri La Hotel,
No place is too far to go, for the soul has been truly made well.

He listens to each message with both heart and mind,
There is good response to the Lord who is truly kind.
This step of baptism is made because of love for God,
We stand in awe of the glorious mercy of our Lord!

Jean-Marc, you come to Church though you are ill,
Many are able-bodied, yet they stay away at will!
Our hearts are touched by your example of faith in the Lord,
Our life is enriched each time you come to the House of God!

Charles Tan

Let us welcome all our new members with great joy. Let us pray that Bethany will be that much more enriched and made stronger because of their coming into our church membership!

EASTER AT SHANGRI LA

Let us look forward to another Easter celebration at Shangri La! Next Sunday, we will be commissioning Jonas Tan as another Student-Pastor! Let us pray for him as he takes this bold step of faith in the Lord! May he experience the reality of God as the other student-pastors have!

It is wonderful to see choice young men step forward and commit themselves to a life of serving this great God of ours! May the Lord bless the Pastoral Team!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*