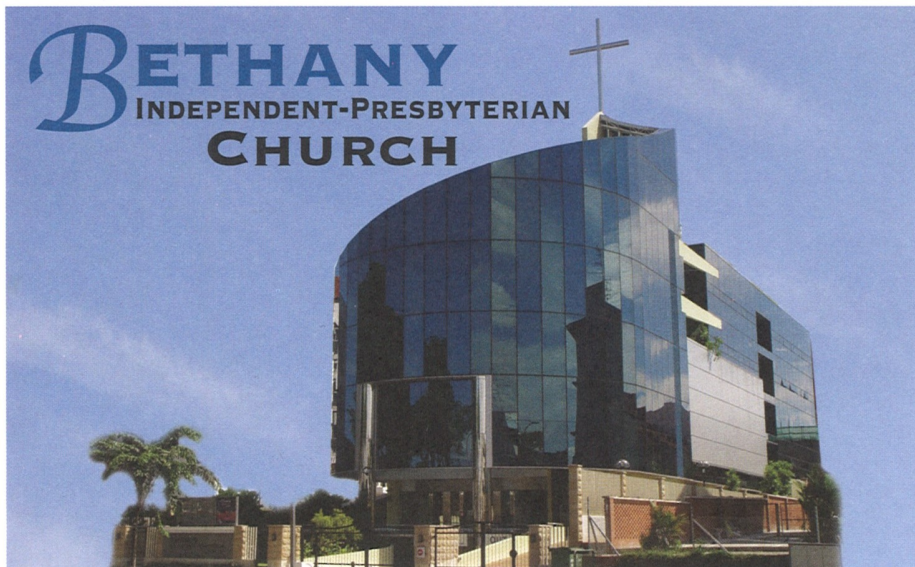


# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN

## CHURCH



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

*Bethany IV... 21 May 2017*

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## MEDITATION

*by Rev Dr Charles Tan*

**Text: Isaiah 44**

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## “JESHURUN, WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN”

### REPEATED PHRASES

The concept of being “chosen” is a very deep and precious concept. It is not to be taken lightly. The word “chosen” was repeatedly used.

*But you, Israel, are My servant,  
Jacob whom I have chosen.*

*Isaiah 41:8*

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# MEDITATION

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*You are My witnesses, says the LORD,  
And My servant whom I have chosen.      Isaiah 43:10*

*Yet hear now, O Jacob My servant,  
And Israel whom I have chosen.      Isaiah 44:1*

*Fear not, O Jacob, My servant;  
And you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.      Isaiah 44:2*

## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE REPEATED PHRASES

What is the significance of these repeated phrases? Let us ponder the following thoughts: -

1. To highlight the special act of God in choosing Israel to be His servant
  - (a) To be chosen is an astounding truth
  - (b) This thought was repeated so that it would be embedded in the heart and mind
2. To give encouragement
  - (a) To allay anxieties of life
  - (b) To dispel feelings of fear and dismay amidst hardship
  - (c) To bring joy to the heart
3. To reaffirm
  - (a) God's relationship with His people was firm
  - (b) He would not forsake His people
  - (c) He would be there to strengthen and to bless



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4. To encourage appropriate response to the Lord

- (a) To be His witnesses
- (b) To serve Him
- (c) To worship the Lord
- (d) To break away from idolatrous worship
- (e) To live for the Lord victoriously

## JESHURUN

This may be understood as a pet name of the Lord given to Israel. The use of this name was to indicate the tender affection that God held for His people! What a great and wonderful truth it is to know that we are the chosen people of the Lord! ✠

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

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 IV**

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## CATECHISM CLASS

*Venue: 4.2*

*Time: 1.00pm*

This class is preparing for the Christmas Baptismal Service! ✠



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## INDIAN YOUTH CAMP II

The Pastoral Team (Bethany and Bethel) leaves for the Youth Camp Ministry after the Evening-Bilingual Worship this evening.

*Theme of the Camp: "The Faith of our Lord Jesus Christ"*

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings:-

1. Safe-keeping
  - (a) Plane journey
  - (b) Journey on land
2. Ministry
  - (a) Teaching
  - (b) Evangelism
  - (c) Strengthening of all hearts †

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## PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor Christopher Lai is well-regarded in our Pastoral Team. We thank God that he would fly in from Perth to minister together in India. He flew in earlier so that he could be here for the Memorial Services for the late Mrs. Maureen Seah. Thank God for his faithfulness in ministering at Bethel IPC.  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP***

*Venue: 4.2-3*

*Time: 4.00pm*

Last Sunday, we had a very good turnout! More seats would have to be arranged. Almost all the seats were taken up! Let us be encouraged to support this Evening-Bilingual Service! †

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

These will be in recess until July 2017. †

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### **JUNIOR CAMP**

**29 May- 1 June 2017**

**Theme: "Treasures in Heaven"**

1. Number of children registered so far

75

2. Let us continue to pray for the Lord's blessings

3. Pray for the Pastoral Team (especially the Student-Pastors)

S-P Ben Quah leads the Junior Camp Team! †



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## STUDENT-PASTOR FROM INDIA

Simon Nagaraj will be with us from 1 June 2017. He will be added as one of our Student-Pastors. He will begin a three-year training program.

Simon has gone for a Bible School program in India. He is currently serving in Jayam and Sathiyam IPC as a student pastor. He is married and has a son.



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## SPECIAL NEEDS MONTH

The Session has decided that July would be the month where we will especially look at the Special-Needs children in our church.

### 1. Sunday School

All Sunday School Departments will see emphasis on how we may relate better to these children

### 2. Worship

On the last Sunday of July, we will dedicate this Sunday to speak about our Special Needs children

### 3. A wonderful team of people

We have a committed team of people who take time out every Sunday to look after the needs of these children

### 4. Special books are being designed to minister to these children!

### 5. Let us remember that every child is precious in the sight of the Lord ✝





## **CELEBRATING OUR CHURCH'S 40+4 ANNIVERSARY**

We will be celebrating Bethany's 40+4 Anniversary in August 2017. Thank God for His grace and blessings outpoured for these many years! Let us not take the Lord's blessings for granted!

Let us take time to reflect on how the Lord has chosen to bless us! And He has blessed most wonderfully.

Some reasons why we celebrate our Church Anniversaries:

1. So that we will not take for granted the Lord's blessings
2. So that we will be able to offer special worship to the Lord our God
3. So that we will be able to keep fresh and flourishing our spirit of service given to the Lord
4. So that we can bear collective witness for the Lord that we are His people and His servants 🙏



## GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU

The concept of being "Chosen by God" is a profound thought,  
Who could imagine that such a wondrous plan would be wrought?  
The Scriptures reveal what mankind cannot fully comprehend,  
In His vast wisdom, grace and mercy, He devised a glorious plan!

God exercised His prerogative to choose, full and free,  
The finest mind cannot fathom this great Divine decree.  
He chose Israel as His own people and this was made known,  
They would be His treasure, He would make them His very own!

There are deep lessons for us to ponder over most carefully,  
We must stand amazed as we seek to understand humbly.  
We cannot but be conscious of how unworthy we truly are,  
God's grace was extended to all who believe, near and far!

Chosen out of God's sheer grace, and mercy and love,  
How do we appreciate this gift from Heaven above?  
We cannot but bow our hearts and heads in holy fear;  
May we be moved to love the Lord who draws us near!

*Inspiration: Deuteronomy 7:6*  
-Charles Tan



## Psalm 78: 7–8

*That they may set their hope in God,  
And not forget the works of God,  
But keep His commandments.*

*And may not be like their fathers,  
A stubborn and rebellious generation,  
A generation that did not set its heart aright,  
And whose spirit was not faithful to God.*



1. Solemn statement about the past generations
  - (a) Stubborn
  - (b) Rebellious
  - (c) Did not set its heart aright
  - (d) An unfaithful spirit
2. Serious Commitment for the future generations
  - (a) To set hope in God
  - (b) To not be forgetful about the works of God
  - (c) To keep God's commandments ✠

## BIBLE MEMORY WORK

**Today, 21 May 2017**

**Matthew 20:16 Many are called, but few chosen**

*So the last will be first and the first last.  
For many are called, but few chosen.*

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**1. This statement was made by the Lord Jesus Christ after He told the parable of The Workers in the Vineyard.**

## **2. The storyline**

- (a) A vineyard owner went out to hire labourers
- (b) The first group discussed with the owner how much they would be paid at the end of the day
- (c) Throughout the day, the owner would notice that some labourers had not been hired
- (d) He went on to hire more labourers throughout the day
- (e) Some workers were hired at the last hour of the day

## **3. The payment of the labourers**

- (a) Out of the generosity of the Vineyard Owner he gave the workers that came in late a full day's pay
- (b) The workers that had worked the whole day expected to be paid more, but they also received the same amount of money
- (c) They were unhappy that they were not paid more!

## **4. This prompted a comment from the Lord**

- (a) Many assume that they deserved more
- (b) Those who did not even expect to be asked to work were very happy they were paid at all!
- (c) The joy of being called to serve should not be lost!
- (d) The danger of losing this sense of joy after serving for some time is very real!

**NEXT SUNDAY: 28 May 2017**

**John 15:16 I chose you and appointed you**

*You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. †*



# *This Week @ Worship*

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY  
“Chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved”  
Psalm 78

**Chairmen**

Rev Mitchell Tan  
Mr Paul Chia

**Pianist**

Dr Daniel Chia

**Organist**

Mrs Sally Tan

**Speaker**

Rev Dr Charles Tan

**Interpreter**

Dr Jane Tan

**Chairman**

Ms Shamini Joseph

**Pianist**

Ms Ho Lianya

**Speaker**

Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah

**Usher**

Mr Ryan Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM .  
3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2  
“Growing in the knowledge of the Word” Matt 5

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —  
10.30 AM  
“The Master Teacher”  
Mark 1:21-22

**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 Chong

**Chairman**

Mr Jonathan Jacob

**Pianist**

Mrs Foo Min-Yi

**Speaker**

Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah

**Interpreter**

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng  
Mrs Yvette Seow

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE —  
4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-2, 3  
“You did not choose me  
but I chose you”  
John 15:16

Breakfast & Fellowship Lunch : Soh Kee Hock & Mary Soh  
Evening Tea : Joanna Yam



# BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
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 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School II			Main Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-3	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
CHOIRS				
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		5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
BIBLE STUDY				
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
CATECHISM CLASS				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Adults' Ministry		5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor

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**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**21 May 2017**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia*  
*Organist : Mrs Sally Tan*

VIP No. 479

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Rev Mitchell Tan*  
*Mr Paul Chia*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

HWC No. 267

Come, Thou Almighty King

Century Praise 297

Wonderful Grace Of Jesus

Century Praise 96

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “Chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved”

Text : Psalm 78

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 373

Where He Leads Me

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



**EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**21 May 2017**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION 预备**

Prelude 前奏

Pianist : Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Jonathan Jacob

Interpreter : Mrs Yvette Seow

Invocation 祈祷

**PRAISE 赞美诗**

Hymns

Century Praise 288

Jesus Paid It All

罪债全还清

Century Praise 394

Give Of Your Best To The Master

将你最好的献给主

Century Praise 328

Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

恳求善牧导我前行

**PRAYER 祈祷**

**“PREACH THE WORD” 证道**

Message: “You did not choose me but I chose you”  
“不是你们拣选了我，是我拣选了你们”

Text : John 15:16 约翰福音 15:16

Speaker: Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah  
Interpreter : Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

**RESPONSE**

Offering 奉献

Hymn

HWC No. 415

He Giveth More Grace

主恩愈丰盛

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

21 May 2017

***Dear Brethren,***

## PEOPLE CARE FOR PEOPLE

Thank God for the many who turned up to express support for the Seah family in their hour of grief and bereavement.

1. In the writing of tributes
2. In attendance of the Memorial and Funeral Services
3. In practical and loving expressions

## MINISTRY IN INDIA

The Pastoral Team (Bethany and Bethel) will be ministering in India this coming week. We leave tonight after the Evening-Bilingual Worship Service.

Theme: "The Faith of our Lord Jesus Christ" James 2:1

1. It is the faith taught by the Lord Jesus Christ
2. It is a faith exemplified in His own life
3. It is a faith that all the elect of God has Titus 1:1

Yet, many do not truly possess this great and wonderful faith that the Lord has given to us!

## GOALS

Our goals are straightforward and clear. Pray with us that these goals may be reached.

1. To proclaim the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ
2. To preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ
  - a) Evangelism
  - b) Edification
3. To encourage and strengthen the work of our Indian brethren in our IPC Family
  - a) Our focus on this trip are the young people
  - b) The future lies with these young people growing up well in the church
  - c) They need to be reached with the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ

***Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie***