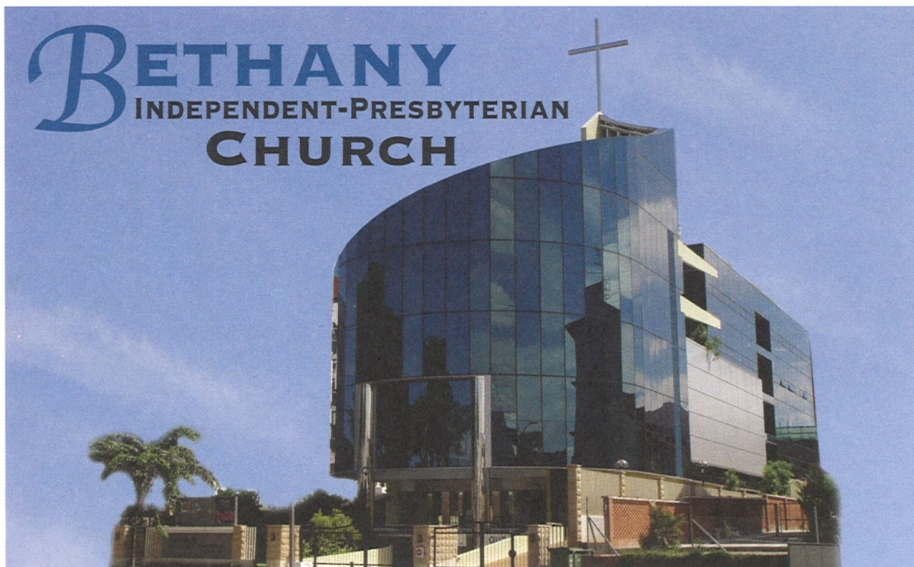


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"GOD HAS CHOSEN THE FOOLISH THINGS"

THE CITY OF CORINTH

The ancient city of Corinth boasted many things. Originally, it was ruled by Alexander the Great. Corinth was conquered by the Romans in later years. It was a major center for many things:-

1. Commerce
2. Culture
3. Religion

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MANY NOTABLE PEOPLE

Corinth had a long history. It was a major Greek city. The sense of pride continued to affect many, even in the days of the Apostle Paul. There were many who took pride in having a noble and rich ancestry!

BELIEVERS WERE ADVERSELY AFFECTED

Some believers were affected because they came from very humble backgrounds. Paul had this to say to them.

*For you see your calling, brethren,
That not many wise according to the flesh,
Not many mighty, not many noble are called.*

*But God has chosen the foolish things of the world
to put to shame the wise,
And God has chosen the weak things of the world
To put to shame the things which are mighty;*

*And the base things of the world and the things which are despised
God has chosen, and the things which are not,
To bring to nothing the things that are,*

That no flesh should glory in His presence.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

1. The things admired by the world

- (a) The wise
- (b) The noble
- (c) The mighty

2. The things God has chosen

- (a) The foolish
- (b) The weak
- (c) The base

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WHY DID GOD CHOOSE AS HE DID?

A number of reasons may be cited as to why God chose as He did!

1. To put to shame the people who think so highly of themselves
 - (a) For all their advantages, they did not possess spiritual wisdom
 - (b) They could not understand faith and salvation
2. That no one should glory in His presence
 - (a) They have nothing to glory in
 - (b) At the end of life, they will be separated from the Presence of God forever

Let us rejoice that the Lord has called and chosen us to be His own People, a People near to Him! †

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 uplifted through worship and fellowship! †

WELCOME
to Bethany IV

CATECHISM CLASS

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4.2 †

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PARTAKING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We invite all who have been baptized/ confirmed in their faith to partake of the Lord's Supper with us.

The Bread

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the 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 †

FATHER'S DAY (18 June 2017)

We will be celebrating Father's Day on 18 June 2017. This will be a full-combined worship service. The children will also be with us on Father's Day! †

CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to Min Li and Albert on the gift of a baby boy. Baby John was born on 27 May 2017. Both mother and child are doing well. †



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNIOR CAMP

29 May- 1 June 2017

Theme: "Treasures in Heaven"

1. Thank God for His grace and mercy
2. Sowing of the Word of God in the hearts of the Juniors
May it fall on good ground!

THANK GOD FOR THE FOLLOWING

1. The Pastoral Team
 - (a) The Student Pastors
 - (b) Camille George
2. The Planning Committee
3. The Camp Cooks
4. The Junior Camp Helpers
5. The Sponsors

It takes many people to run a Junior Camp successfully!
Thank God for the new facilities that were made available after the A & A Project! There was ample room for all the campers! ✝

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Our hearts go to the family of the late Jerrie Jiang. Jerrie was called home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, 30 May 2017. She was twenty-three years old. ✝

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MINISTRY IN MYANMAR

Pastor Charles Tan ministers in Myanmar this week (5-9 June 2017). May hearts be encouraged through the teaching of the Lord's Word! 🙏

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor,

I am writing with a heart filled with gratitude and praise to our great and almighty God! I want to testify that we indeed have a God who hears and answers prayer!

In May 2016, I was diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver due to fatty liver disease with stage 2 liver cancer. I was devastated. I was asking God why me and I became quite depressed. When friends from Bethany came to know about it, they came to visit me, pray for me and encourage me. I would like to specially thank Teacher Joanna, Li Hong, Elaine, Chiew Yen, Regina, Siew Ying and Anna who took time out of their busy schedule to be with me and brought much joy and encouragement to my heart.

Slowly but surely, I began to put my focus on God instead of my illness. The Lord taught me to pray even more ceaselessly and His word became even more precious to my soul. His special presence through His word and His people gave me strength and hope when I had to endure the painful chemotherapy and the never ending tests and needles.

In August 2016, I was put on NUH liver transplant list. I was told that the wait could be long and my priority score is low due to my condition. Honestly, there was much peace in my heart at that point of time. I was not overly concerned nor anxious about whether I would get

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LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

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a liver transplant match or not...I knew the Lord was with me and will be with me every step of the way. If it is the Lord's will that I should be called home to be with Him, I will willingly accept it. There was just this special sense of calmness in my heart.

In Oct 2016, the CT scan could not pick up any trace of cancer cells in my liver. It was something to rejoice and praise the Lord for. However, due to my liver malfunction, I developed acute water retention problem where my feet and stomach would be so swollen and bloated that I had to be rushed to AGE on one instance because my breathing was affected. Once again, God's grace was there to sustain me.

On 23 May 2017, we received a call from NUH informing us there was a potential match from a deceased donor. I was rushed down to the hospital to prepare for the operation if it should happen. That evening before the operation, Deaconess Emily, Shirley and Chiew came to specially pray for me and encourage me with God's word. The Lord has once again showed me His love through His special people.

Many wait in vain for a liver transplant. The Lord in His boundless grace and mercy gave me a new lease of life! Many of my non-Christian friends told me I am very lucky. I told them this has got nothing to do with luck, but the love, grace and mercy of our great God!

Thank you Pastor and the pastoral team for praying alongside and the many in Bethany who have been supporting me through your prayers. I want to express my deepest gratitude for all your prayer support. Looking forward to worshipping with all of you again to give our greatest honour and praise to our wonderful Saviour!

In His wonderful grace ,
Yeo Yoke Siew ✝

RICH IN FAITH

Is it not natural to desire a rich faith in God?
But who may rich in their faith in the Lord?
The answer may surprise many, but it is true,
No one is left out, all may be made anew!

The rich, the smart, the strong have no advantage,
To be rich in faith is every believer's privilege!
The poor in the world may have a faith that's strong,
God graciously gives to the faithful a glorious song!

The key to be rich in faith is to truly love the Lord,
It is natural to respond with love to a wonderful God!
The Lord sees whether the heart is sincere and true,
His power can cause the believer to be made anew.

God is not partial to anyone, for that is His nature,
He lovingly takes care of each and every creature!
To those who love Him, they find their faith enriched,
They stand out as living proof of God's outreach!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: James 2:5 †

Psalm 78: 70–72

He also chose David His servant, and took Him from the sheepfolds;

From following the ewes that had young, He brought him, to shepherd Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance.

So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.



1. An Example of God's Choice

- (a) He took an unlikely shepherd lad
- (b) David was a humble shepherd faithfully fulfilling his duties

2. Empowering from God

- (a) David was anointed King over Israel
- (b) He saw himself as a shepherd looking after God's human flock

3. Enabled by God

- (a) David cultivated integrity in his heart
- (b) He also developed significant shepherding skills leading God's flock 🕊

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 4 June 2017

John 15:19 I chose you out of the world

If you were of the world, the world would love its own.

*Yet, because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world,
therefore the world hates you.*

1. The world

A firm reminder that we are not of the world!

2. Chosen out of the world

This is an important truth to bear in mind! Thank God for choosing us out of the world!

3. Hatred by the world

Let us not be surprised if the world hates us!

NEXT SUNDAY: 11 June 2017

1 Corinthians 1:27 God has chosen the foolish things

*But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the things that
are wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the
things that are mighty.*



This Week @ Worship

**— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY**

“You did not choose Me,
But I chose you”
John 15

Chairman

Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Chairman

Mr Ryan Tan

Pianist

Miss Ho Lianya

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Usher

Miss Sylvia Chan

**— TEENS’ WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM .**

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2
“The practice of faith” Matt 6

**— CHILDREN’S CHURCH —
10.30 AM**

“Beginning the Day in Prayer”
Mark 1:35-39

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Mr Jonathan Jacob

Speaker

Miss Camille
George

Chairmen

Student-Pastor
Benjamin Quah
Student-Pastor
Jonas Tan

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Interpreter

Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui
Mrs Lee Yuwen

Pianist

Ms Tay Soo Leng

**— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —**

4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-2, 3
“He chose us in Him”
Ephesians 1:4

Breakfast : Tan You Cai
Fellowship Lunch : Jacob
Evening Tea : Mark & Chen Kee

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

| | Day | Time | Venue | Location |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| WORSHIP SERVICES | | | | |
| Morning Worship Service | Sun | 10.30 am | Church Sanctuary | 2 nd floor |
| Children's Worship I (P1 – P3) | | | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| Children's Worship II (P4 – P6) | | | Auditorium 4-1 | 4 th floor |
| Teens' Worship Service | | | Auditorium 3-2 | 3 rd floor |
| Combined Evening-Bilingual | | 4.00pm | Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3 | 4 th floor |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL | | | | |
| Crèche | Sun | 8.30am 10.30am | Green Turf | 1 st floor |
| Beginners' Sunday School | | 8.30am | Auditorium 2-1 | 2 nd floor |
| Junior Sunday School I | | | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| Junior Sunday School II | | | Auditorium 4-2 | 4 th floor |
| Intermediate Sunday School | | | Auditorium 3-2 | 3 rd floor |
| Senior Sunday School I | | | Fellowship Hall | 1 st floor |
| Senior Sunday School II | | | Main Sanctuary | 2 nd floor |
| Senior Sunday School III | | | Prayer Room 4-1 | 4 th floor |
| Senior Sunday School IV | | | Auditorium 4-1 | 4 th floor |
| Special Needs Ministry | | | Auditorium 4-3 | 4 th floor |
| CHOIRS | | | | |
| Singing Kakis | Thurs | 8.00 pm | Auditorium 3-2 | 3 rd floor |
| One Voice | Sat | 5.00 pm | Auditorium 4-2 | 4 th floor |
| Youth Choir | | 5.00 pm | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| Evergreens | Sun | 1.00 pm | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd 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 | Auditorium 4-2 | 4 th floor |
| PRAYER MEETING | | | | |
| | Mon | 8.00 pm | Church Sanctuary | 2 nd floor |
| FELLOWSHIP GROUPS | | | | |
| Young People's Group I | Sat | 3.00 pm | Auditorium 2-1 | 2 nd floor |
| Young People's Group II | | | Auditorium 3-2 | 3 rd floor |
| Young People's Group III | | | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| Young Adults' Group | | | Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3 | 4 th floor |
| Young Married Group | | | Auditorium 4-1 | 4 th floor |
| Adults' Ministry | | 5.00 pm | Auditorium 4-1 | 4 th floor |

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
4 June 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou
Organist: Mrs Sally Tan

Song No. 1

You Are My Treasure

Prelude

Call to Worship

Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

HWC No. 267

Come Thou Almighty King

Century Praise 297

Wonderful Grace Of Jesus

Century Praise 350

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “You did not choose Me, But I chose you”

Text : John 15

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

HWC No. 438

Cleanse Me

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

HWC No. 445

Something For Thee

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 443

Give Me Jesus

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Order of Worship

4 June 2017

PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏

Pianist : Miss Tay Soo Leng

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah

Student-Pastor Jonas Tan

Interpreter : Mrs Lee Yuwen

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise No. 89

世纪颂赞(89)

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

赞美全能神

VIP No. 184

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

当转眼仰望耶稣

Century Praise No. 316

世纪颂赞(316)

Have Faith In God

当信服神

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “He chose us in Him”

在基督里拣选了我们

Text: Ephesians 1:4 以弗所书 1:4

Speaker: Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong

Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

THE LORD’S SUPPER 圣餐 Rev Dr Charles Tan

Hymn

Century Praise No. 349

世纪颂赞(349)

Have Thine Own Way, Lord
(Stanzas 1 & 2)

愿祢意行

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise No. 349

世纪颂赞(349)

Have Thine Own Way, Lord
(Stanzas 3 & 4)

愿祢意行

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise No. 354
世纪颂赞(354)

Take My Life And Let It Be
献已于主

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

4 June 2017

Dear Brethren,

MANY CHALLENGES IN LIFE

The thought of “many challenges in life” spoke to my heart through the two recent deaths we have experienced in Bethany.

1. The demise of Mrs. Maureen Seah
2. The demise of Ms. Jerrie Jiang

We cannot but be confronted by our own mortality, once again! How should we respond?

MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN OUR FAITH

Inasmuch as there are many challenges in life, let us also recognise that we have many opportunities to grow in our faith too!

1. We have a great ministry

This was what drove the Apostle Paul in his life. He wrote,

Therefore, since we have this ministry,

As we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. 2 Cor. 4:1

- a) The ministry God has given us is great
- b) The Junior Camp is a good example of opportunity for ministry
 - i) The children can be reached for the Lord
 - ii) Some are open to the Gospel
 - iii) Some are ready to receive Jesus as their Saviour

2. We have great mercy available to us

This is something that we sometimes take for granted! There is mercy to be found!

- a) As we have received mercy 2 Cor. 4:1
 - i) Mercy is given to us so that we can serve the Lord well
 - ii) Mercy is ours to employ for effective ministry
- b) We must seek that mercy at the throne of grace Heb. 4:16
 - i) We can find grace and mercy from the Lord
 - ii) We can find help in time of need!

***Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie***