



Bethany IV ... 11 June 2017

# MEDITATION

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## “CHOSEN THE POOR TO BE RICH IN FAITH”

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## A GLORIOUS THOUGHT

What a glorious thought to read this wonderful word written by James.

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*Listen, my beloved brethren:*

*Has God not chosen the poor of this world*

*To be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom*

*Which He promised to those who love Him? James 2:5*

## 1. The poor of this world

- a) The poor of this world is a reference to those who are not wealthy!
- b) What does this mean?
  - i) God has not forgotten the poor
  - ii) He has given the gospel to them
  - iii) He sent the Lord Jesus to preach the gospel to them (Luke 4:18)
- c) Has God rejected the rich?
  - i) No! There are many examples of those who were rich but came to faith in the Lord
  - ii) Joseph of Arimathea was a wealthy man who gave Jesus his tomb
  - iii) Barnabas was a wealthy person who sold his land to serve the Lord
  - iv) Lydia, a seller of purple, had a house large enough to take

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Paul and his friends in

## 2. Rich in faith

- a) What are the features of those who are rich in faith?
  - i) There is perseverance and endurance
  - ii) There is wisdom
  - iii) There is maturity
  - iv) There is kind regard for the widows and the fatherless

## 3. Who are these who may be so blessed?

- a) Surely not because they are poor!  
Yes! Not just because they are poor!
- b) Major consideration  
Because they have learned to love the Lord
  - i) There is a special blessing to those who love the Lord
  - ii) They will be “rich in faith!”

## A GOOD TIME TO EXAMINE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Have we grown rich in faith? There is every opportunity for us to become “rich in faith!” Have we pursued this as our goal in life? Let us be deeply challenged to cultivate our love for the Lord our God!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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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## SHARING A TESTIMONY

We are glad to have Timon Chiong to share his testimony over the Pulpit at the Morning Worship service this morning!

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## ***NEXT SUNDAY***

***(18 June 2017)***

We will be celebrating Father's Day next Sunday! This will be a full combined Sunday Service. The Children will be with us. They will be presenting a special item!

1. Let the hearts of fathers be greatly encouraged
2. May our children learn how to honour their fathers in the Lord!

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## CATECHISM CLASS

*Time: 1.00pm*  
*Venue: New Auditorium 4.2*



## **SPECIAL NEEDS MONTH**

We will be devoting July as our Special- Needs month. What are some of the goals?

1. Teaching children

(Sunday School level)

- a) To be aware of people with special needs
- b) To learn how to care for them
- c) To learn how to relate to them

2. Raising the consciousness of the Church

- a) To be aware of the many real challenges
  - i) For parents
  - ii) For children
- b) To be challenged to cultivate
  - i) Greater faith
  - ii) Greater strength
  - iii) Greater wisdom

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## YOUTH CONFERENCE

*Date: 3-8 December 2017*

**Theme: "The Same Spirit of Faith"**

S-P Benjamin Chong would be leading the Youth Conference. The Pastoral Team would be involved in this major youth ministry!

1. Let us pray for the Youth Conference
  - a) For young people to sign up
  - b) For their hearts to be blessed
2. The formation of the Planning Committee
  - a) That there would be willing workers
  - b) That there would be good team-work
3. The planning process
  - a) It takes a few months to prepare well
  - b) The planning will commence in July
4. The Bible Study Teachers
  - a) The Pastoral Team will form the cohort of teachers
  - b) The preparation for teaching begins in July

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### 5. Overseas participants

We usually have the following: -

- a) From South Korean
- b) From Bethel (Perth)

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## SIMON NAGARAJ

Simon has commenced his Student-Pastoral training since 1 June 2017.

- 1. He will be in training for the next 3 years
- 2. He will have many opportunities to experience real-life ministry in Bethany.
- 3. He is married to Jothy. She is staying back in Chennai.
- 4. They have a son.

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## WEDDING BELLS

Rachel and Kevin will be married on 17 June 2017. They have extended a warm invitation to all at Bethany to attend their wedding service! The Service commences at 11.00am.

## Psalm 79:8-9

*Oh, do not remember former iniquities against us!  
Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us,  
For we have been brought very low.*

*Help us, O God of our salvation,  
For the glory of Your name;  
And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins.*

1. Iniquities and sins
  - a) They are not to be taken lightly
  - b) They can truly bring us “very low”
2. How should we plead with the Lord?
  - a) His tender mercies
  - b) His salvation/ deliverance
  - c) His atonement for our sins



### I HAVE CHOSEN YOU AND NOT CAST YOU AWAY

How easily we misunderstand the LORD;  
Sometimes, we feel cast away by God!  
We feel discouraged and we pine away,  
We need to check what God has to say!

“I have chosen you,” so God said to His people,  
Those words are precious to all who are crippled!  
When God has chosen, He will never cast away,  
He is our Redeemer God and He is here to stay!

“And have not cast you away!” Let us be assured!  
God has chosen us to be His; We are treasured!  
How we must take time to dwell on what God has said,  
That He has chosen us! We do not need to be afraid!

If God can choose Jacob, though he was steeped in sin,  
He can surely wash and cleanse us from deep within!  
The thought that He has “chosen us” can give us strength;  
His loving commitment cannot be measured in length!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Isaiah 41:9

# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

**Today, 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 wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty.*

1. Why God chooses is a mystery
2. The “things” God has chosen:
  - a) The foolish things
  - b) The weak things
3. The word “things”  
This is a humbling reference to people!
4. The world
  - a) It would not choose “foolish things”
  - b) Neither would it choose “weak things”
5. But God would
  - a) As an expression of His love
  - b) As an expression of His mercy

**NEXT SUNDAY, 18 June 2017**

***Ephesians 1:4 He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world***

*Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.*

# *This Week @ Worship*

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY  
“The apostles whom He has chosen”  
Acts 1

**Chairman**

Dr William Hwang

**Organist**

Mrs Elsie Poey

**Speaker**

Rev Dr Charles Tan

**Interpreter**

Mr Alex Tan

**Pianist**

Mrs Sally Tan

**Chairman**

Mr Stanley Woo

**Pianist**

Miss Edlyn Chong

**Speaker**

Mr Lai Chung Han

**Usher**

Miss Shamini  
Joseph

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM .  
3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2  
“Faith to put God first”  
Matthew 6:25-34

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —  
10.30 AM  
“A willing heart”  
Mark 1:40-45

**CC I: P1—P3**

3rd Floor  
Auditorium 3-1

**CC II: P4—P6**

4th Floor  
Auditorium 4-1

**Speaker**

Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Chong

**Speaker**

Student-Pastor  
Moses Kwek

**Chairmen**

Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Chong  
Student-Pastor  
Moses Kwek

**Speaker**

Student-Pastor  
Eugene Seow

**Interpreter**

Mr Daniel Ou  
Mrs Yvette Seow

**Pianist**

Mr Gabriel Ou

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE —  
4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-2, 3  
“God has chosen the foolish things of  
the world”  
1 Corinthians 1:27

Breakfast: Angie  
Fellowship Lunch: Jerry & Puay Khim  
Evening Tea: Hazel & children

# 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**  
**11 June 2017**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing	<i>Pianist : Mrs Sally Tan</i> <i>Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey</i>
Pre-worship Song	My Father's Love
Prelude	
Call to Worship	Dr William Hwang
Invocation	

**PRAISE**

Hymns	
CP No. 59	To God Be The Glory
CP No. 327	O Love That Will Never Let Me Go
HWC No. 96	All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message:	“The apostles whom He has chosen”
Text :	Acts 1
Speaker:	Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering	
Hymn	
CP No. 502	Send The Light
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

# COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

11 June 2017

## Order of Worship

### PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong  
Student-Pastor Moses Kwek  
Interpreter : Mrs Yvette Seow

Invocation 祈祷

### PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise No. 91  
世纪颂赞 (91)

Praise Him, Praise Him  
赞美耶稣

Century Praise No. 363  
世纪颂赞 (363)

God Will Take Care Of You  
天父必看顾你

Century Praise No. 291  
世纪颂赞(291)

Jesus Is All The World To Me  
耶稣基督是我一切

### PRAYER 牧祷

### “PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “God has chosen the foolish things of the world”  
神却拣选了世上愚笨的

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:27 歌林多前书 1:27

Speaker: Student-Pastor Eugene Seow  
Interpreter : Mr Daniel Ou

### RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise No. 301  
世纪颂赞(301)

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart  
自耶稣在我心中

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

11 June 2017

*Dear Brethren,*

## MISSIONS MINISTRY

Thank God for grace and strength for another week of ministry in Myanmar (5-9 June 2017).

1. The present strength of BTS (Yangon) is 86 students
2. Many denominations have sent their students into our school
3. Many challenges to the teachers here to equip and train the new students over the next 4 years!

## TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION

The challenge for BTS (here and in Singapore) is to train and equip the next generation of leaders!

1. What Theological Training is NOT
  - a) It is not about getting a theological degree
  - b) It is not about gaining more Biblical knowledge
2. What Theological Training IS
  - a) It is to train people to follow Jesus (Matthew 4:19)
  - b) It is to help people become fishers of men (Matthew 4:19)
  - c) It is to help people prepare themselves so that they may be filled: -
    - i) With wisdom
    - ii) With the Holy Spirit
    - iii) With power from on high
3. Our prayer for all who are training to be servants of God.  
That they would possess three essential qualities: -
  - a) The mind of a scholar
  - b) The heart of a pastor
  - c) The spirit of a prophet

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*