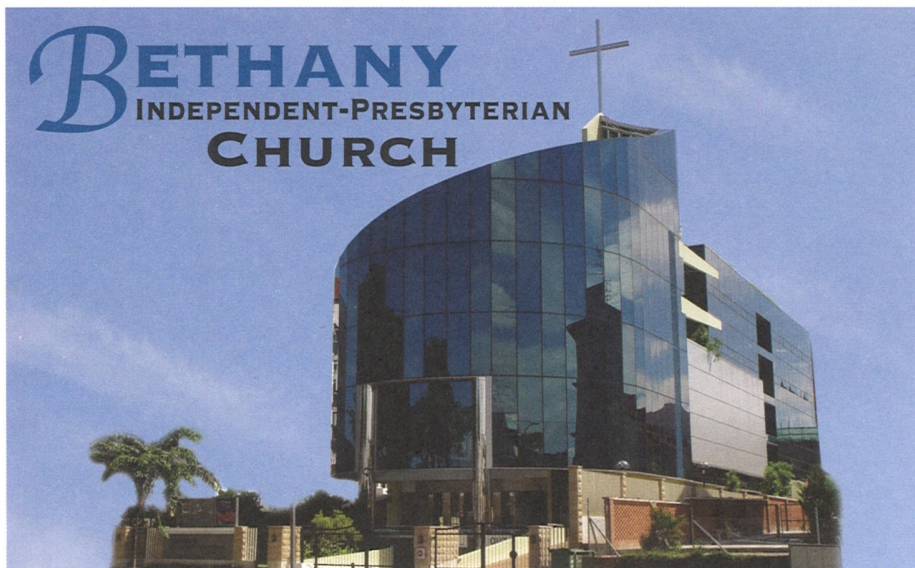


# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN

## CHURCH



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

Bethany IV ... 25 June 2017

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## MEDITATION

*by Rev Dr Charles Tan*

**Text: 2 Peter 1**



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## AS HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GIVEN US ALL THINGS

### GOD'S PLANS

God's plan in the choosing of people to become His must be understood in the light of His provision.

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# MEDITATION

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*Grace and peace be multiplied to you  
In the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,*

*As His divine power has given to us all things  
That pertain to life and godliness,  
Through the knowledge of Him who called us  
By glory and virtue,*

*By which have been given to us exceedingly great  
And precious promises, that through these  
You may be partakers of the divine nature,  
Having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

*2 Peter 1:2-4*

## 1. Knowledge

- a) Of God
- b) And of Jesus the Lord
- c) This must be acquired

## 2. Great and precious promises

- a) In the acquisition of the knowledge of God, we will come across
  - i) Great promises
  - i) Precious promises
- b) How these promises will benefit us
  - i) Through the knowledge of these promises



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ii) We will be able to become “partakers of the divine nature”

iii) We will be able to make good our escape from the world

c) We will be further blessed

i) With grace

ii) With peace from God and the Lord Jesus Christ

3. The power of God

a) God’s divine power is available to us

b) All things that pertain to life and godliness

i) We can be assured we will find God’s grace and power

ii) He will enable us to live victoriously

## OUR CHALLENGE

Let us not fail to do our part. Let us persevere: -

1. In our pursuit of knowledge

2. In our perseverance to know God better

3. In our prayers to commune with the Lord meaningfully

May we be blessed richly as we seek to apply our faith to the realization of this doctrine of being chosen by 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 encouraged and strengthened through worship and fellowship!

# WELCOME

**to Bethany IV**

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## NEXT SUNDAY

We will be celebrating The Lord's Supper. Let us come with prepared hearts and minds!

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## GREETINGS TO ALL AT BETHANY

Pastor Charles Tan sends greetings to all at Bethany.

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## CATECHISM CLASS

*Time: 1.00pm*

*Venue: New Auditorium 4.2*

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## EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP

*Time: 4.00pm*

*Venue: Auditoriums 4.2-3*

1. Thank God for a growing Ministry
  2. Worship is warm and meaningful
- Let us continue to pray for and support this ministry.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+4 ANNIVERSARY

1. One way of celebrating our Church's Anniversary is to recall the many blessings of God outpoured on Bethany and the IPC Family.
2. Another way is to take time to thank God for His mighty hand involved in the growth and development of our Church Family.
3. On an individual note, let us take time to dwell on the goodness of the Lord in our personal life and work.

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## YOUTH CONFERENCE

*3-8 December 2017*  
*Theme: "The Same Spirit of Faith"*

This Theme is inspired by what the Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:13.

*And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written,  
"I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak.*

1. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings on this year's Youth Conference.
2. Let us pray that a stronger faith may emerge in the hearts of all who are attending the Youth Conference.



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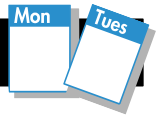


## CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Su Ping and Chen Siang on the gift of a second baby girl.

Baby Maia Lee Xin Ya was born on 20 June 2017. Both mother and baby are doing well.

## WEEKDAY MINISTRIES



### RESUMPTION OF WEEKDAY MEETINGS

We resume our week-day meetings next week.  
These meetings will run from July-October 2017.



### PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

**Monday, 3 July 2017**

7.00pm

Venue: The Upper Room

### PRAYER MEETING

**Monday, 3 July 2017**

8.00pm

Venue: Main Sanctuary

### BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesday, 4 July 2017**

8.00pm

Venue: Main Sanctuary

Let us make full use of the weekday meetings to cultivate our souls!



### JESHURUN, WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN

Many were the doubts and fears that Israel had,  
The people were often doubtful and many were sad!  
Their leaders, both political and spiritual had failed,  
They had no hope for the future, unbelief prevailed!

In the midst of deep unbelief, God reached out.  
Israel need not continue in sin, nor be in doubt!  
God had chosen Israel, though it was so very weak,  
He had formed the nation, He would heal the sick!

God had a pet name for Israel, "Jeshurun" was that name!  
It meant that God saw Israel "as virtuous and without blame."  
He had blotted out their sins, He would not recall them at all;  
God's grace and mercy are sufficient! On Him they must call!

To all who are thirsty, sufficient water He would give  
He would bless them distinctly, the Spirit they will receive!  
One day, His people would know how much God had preserved;  
Wisdom teaches us to open our hearts to Him without reserve!

Inspiration: 44:2

Charles Tan



# POETRY CORNER

## THE LORD WILL STILL CHOOSE ISRAEL

People are written off when they are steeped in sin,  
Even the family is stretched and faces become grim!  
Was there hope for Israel who had dishonoured God?  
Would there be any hope of redemption from the LORD?

The LORD Himself gave the answer loud and clear,  
God "will have mercy on Jacob," for he is still dear!  
What a thrill of hope, reaching to the depth of the soul;  
Only a great God, full of mercy, can make one whole!

"The LORD will still choose Israel," was the word proclaimed;  
How the nation must weep with joy at this wondrous refrain!  
Here was a nation that had sunk to its lowest depth of shame,  
But God offers mercy so that all may rejoice in His holy name!

God will still choose to bless as He had promised before,  
He will not hold back all the blessings that He swore!  
What a great and glorious Redeemer we have in God,  
There is no one like Him, with such mercy, as our LORD!

Inspiration: Isaiah 14:1; Deuteronomy 7:6

Charles Tan



## Psalm 80:8-11

*You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
You have cast out the nations, and planted it.*

*You prepared room for it,  
And caused it to take deep root, and it filled the land.*

*The hills were covered with its shadow,  
And the mighty cedars with its boughs.*

*She sent out her boughs to the Sea,  
And her branches to the River.*

1. A beautiful picture of Israel
  - a) As a Vine taken out of Egypt
  - b) Casting out of the nations from Canaan
  - c) Planting of Israel as a nation
2. The Plans of God for Israel
  - a) He prepared room for it to grow
  - b) He caused the Vine to have deep roots
  - c) It filled the land as God had planned
3. The Glory of Israel
  - a) The hills were covered by its shadow
  - b) Even the mighty cedars were covered
  - c) Her boughs went out to the Mediterranean Sea
  - d) And extended to River Euphrates
4. God had chosen Israel
  - a) He had blessed it
  - b) It became mighty only because God had blessed!



# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

**Today, 25 June 2017**

*1 Peter 2:4 Chosen by God and precious  
Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men,  
but chosen by God and precious.*

1. It takes faith

- a) To believe in the Lord Jesus Christ
- b) To come to Him as the Living Stone rejected by men
- c) But chosen by God

2. It takes perseverance

- a) To build on this faith
- b) To be part of the Church of God
- c) To be among the chosen to serve God and be fruitful

**NEXT SUNDAY, 2 July 2017**

*Psalms 111:2 The Works of the LORD are great  
The works of the LORD are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them.*



THEME : CHOSEN

# *This Week @ Worship*

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY  
“A chosen generation”  
1 Peter 2

**Chairman**

Dr Tang  
Kong Choong  
Mr Milton Ong

**Speaker**

Rev Mitchell Tan

**Pianist**

Dr Daniel Chia

**Organist**

Mrs Elsie Poey

**Interpreter**

Mrs Koh Baoling

**Chairman**

Miss Aleena Kua

**Pianist**

Miss Ho Lianya

**Speaker**

Rev Mark Tan

**Usher**

Mr Samuel Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM .  
3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2  
“Checking our faith” Matt 7

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —  
10.30 AM  
“A Visible Faith”  
Mark 2:1-12

**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

**Chairmen**

Student-Pastor  
Eugene Seow  
Miss Camille George

**Speaker**

Rev Mark Tan

**Pianist**

Mrs Foo Min-Yi

**Interpreter**

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng  
Mr Allister Tham

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE —  
4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-2, 3  
“A chosen generation”  
1 Peter 2:9

Breakfast : Samuel Mok  
Fellowship Lunch : Chung Han & Chiew Yen  
Evening Tea : Mark & Chen Kee



# 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**  
**25 June 2017**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia*  
*Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey*

HWC No. 56

Day By Day

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Dr Tang Kong Choong*  
*Mr Milton Ong*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

HWC No. 16

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

HWC No. 201

Grace Greater Than All Our Sin

Century Praise 358

Living For Jesus

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “A chosen generation”

Text : 1 Peter 2

Speaker: Rev Mitchell Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 354

Take My Life And Let It Be

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



**EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**25 June 2017**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION 预备**

Prelude 前奏

Pianist : Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow  
Miss Camille George  
Interpreter : Mr Allister Tham

Invocation 祈祷

**PRAISE 赞美诗**

Hymns

Century Praise 310

Count Your Blessings  
数算主恩

Century Praise 323

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus  
信靠耶稣真是甜美

Century Praise 377

What A Friend We Have In Jesus  
恩友歌

**PRAYER 祈祷**

**“PREACH THE WORD” 证道**

Message: “A chosen generation”  
“被拣选的族类”

Text : 1 Peter 2:9 彼得前书 2:9

Speaker: Rev Mark Tan  
Interpreter : Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

**RESPONSE**

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 89

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty  
赞美全能神

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

25 June 2017

***Dear Brethren,***

## HALF THE YEAR IS OVER

This is the last Sunday of June and this marks the fact that we are near to the end of half of the year 2017.

1. A quick review

- (a) We had a wonderful Family Camp
- (b) We had a Dedication Service on Saturday, 18 March 2017
- (c) We celebrated Easter
- (d) We resumed the Junior Camp Ministry
- (e) We resumed Multiple Services
- (f) We returned to our normal Sunday School program
- (g) We held 3 Memorial Services in the last 2 months!

2. What lessons have we learned?

- (a) Perhaps we have gained more knowledge  
But knowledge by itself profits little!
- (b) Perhaps we have gained more experience  
But again, experience in itself profits little!

## I HAVE CHOSEN YOU

Let us recall what the Lord Jesus said to His disciples. What He said applies to us as well!

*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 may give to you. John 15:16*

- 1. Have we appreciated our being “Chosen” by the Lord?
- 2. Have we seen fruit in our life and ministry?
- 3. Have we become more prayerful?

***Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie***