

Bethany IV ... 9 July 2017

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# MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 66



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# "HOW AWESOME ARE YOUR WORKS!"

#### AN INSPIRED REFLECTION

A number of the Psalms were written to extol the LORD God for His wondrous works. Psalm 66 is one of those Psalms.

# MEDITATION

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#### 1. Inspiration

- a) There is no question about the fact that the Psalmist wrote as one who was inspired
- b) The inspiration came from his meditation on the works of the Lord
- c) The inspiration also came from his personal faith-relationship with God

#### 2. Instruction

- a) The Psalmist wrote to share the many lessons he had learned
- b) These lessons were not lost on him
- c) They obviously affected his faith and his life

#### THE WORKS OF GOD

What are these works of God? The Psalmist noted two areas:-

- 1. The Historical Works of God
  - a) These were carefully captured in the Holy Scriptures
  - b) Especially remembered:
    - i) The crossing of the Red Sea Psalm 66:6a
    - ii) The crossing of the River Jordan Psalm 66:6b

## **MEDITATION**

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- 2. Experiences with God
  - a) As His people
    - i) God's preservation Palm 66:9ii) God's chastening Psalm 66:10-12
    - iii) God's blessings after chastening Psalm 66:12c
  - b) Personal experience
    - i) What the Lord had done for the soul of the Psalmist Psalm 66:16
    - ii) He had answered the prayers of the Psalmist Psalm 66:19-20

#### APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

The Psalmist offered appropriate responses:-

- 1. Deep appreciation to God
- 2. Grateful worship
- 3. A significant offering
- 4. Extolling of the Lord

Let us be challenged to take time to ponder and meditate on the awesome works of God too. May our hearts be greatly lifted up in praise and adoration!

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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!



to Bethany IV



# A SPECIAL WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Rev. Shannon Cockerell who is visiting us this week. He is accompanied by his wife Brianne, and his two young children. His parents-in-law are also on this trip. He will be saying a few words to our congregation this morning.

# **CATECHISM CLASS TODAY**

Time: 1.00pm Venue: Auditorium 4.2

These Classes are important for many reasons:

- 1. Instruction concerning the Christian faith
- 2. Inspiration to live out our glorious faith in Christ Jesus
- 3. Interaction with the Pastoral Team

Those who wish to seek Baptism or Membership at Bethany must plan to attend these Classes faithfully.

# **NEXT SUNDAY**

The Photography Ministry. We have a number of people who have faithfully captured many special events in pictures.

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- 1. We now have a formal Committee to look after this ministry
- 2. They will try and archive for us in photos the many milestones of Bethany.
- 3. A small group will be leading in Worship next Sunday at the Morning Worship.

# CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+4 ANNIVERSARY

We have much to celebrate!

- 1. Thank God for His mercy and grace bestowed on us over these past 44 years!
- 2. Thank God for His blessings outpoured on our IPC Family
  - a) Singapore (Bethany- since 1973)
  - b) India (since 1989)
  - c) Perth (since 1994)
  - d) Myanmar (since 1995)
- 3. Thank God for the many ministries sustained over the years

Plan to celebrate Bethany's Anniversary at Shangri La (27 August 2017). Book your table soon!

# **CSC**

Thank God for this good news. We have received our CSC on 6 July 2017! Thank God for this approval!



# THE TRAINING OF FUTURE PASTORS

- Thank God for those who have stepped up to consider training for the Pastoral Ministry
- 2. It seems as if we have many Student-Pastors already
- 3. Is there room for more Student-Pastors?
- 4. The Answer:

YES!

#### THE VISION OF BETHANY

- 1. We see further growth
  - a) In Bethany
  - b) In the IPC Family
- 2. We need to have:
  - a) Faith to embrace the future ministry of Bethany
  - b) Faithful and godly pastors who will lead well

Let us remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few.

Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send our labourers into His harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38

- 1. How many disciples did the Lord Jesus have?
  - a) There was a group of Twelve (Matthew 10:1)
  - b) There was another group of Seventy (Luke 10:1)

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- 2. What was the Vision of the Lord?
  - a) Jerusalem
  - b) Judea
  - c) Samaria
  - d) The end of the earth Acts 1:8
- 3. Let our Vision be great
  - a) Let us pray for the training of Pastors
  - b) Let us pray that God would raise up more good and godly shepherds

# YOUTH CONFERENCE

Date: 3-8 December 2017 Theme: "The Spirit of Faith" Venue: Bethany

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings!

- 1. The Formation of the YC Committee
- 2. The Preparation of Bible Study Leaders to teach at the YC
- 3. All attending the YC
  - a) Full-time
  - b) Part-time

Let us pray that many hearts would be touched and blessed!

# **CONDOLENCES**

Heartfelt condolences to Clara Khoo on the demise of her father on 3 July 2017. The late Mr. Tan Ai Hoa was 75 years old.

# **WEEKDAY MINISTRIES**



# PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 10 July 2017 Time: 7.00pm Venue: TUR

#### PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 10 July 2017 Time: 8.00pm Venue: Main Sanctuary

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday, 11 July 2017 Time: 8.00pm Venue: Main Sanctuary

#### **WORSHIP**



#### Psalm 80:17-18

Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.

> Then we will not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.

- 1. Praying for God to raise up godly leaders
  - a) An important prayer
  - b) These godly leaders must become strong for the Lord
- 2. Blessings from the Lord
  - a) Revival from the Lord
  - b) Results:- Returning to God and calling on His name

# POETRY CORNER

# **HOW AWESOME ARE YOUR WORKS!**

"How awesome are Your works!" The inspired Psalmist exclaimed; With heart and mind deeply touched, with great joy he proclaimed. The praise of God must be strong and glorious, from a heart of joy, The heart stands in awe and love, unclouded by sin's dread alloy.

"Come and see the works of God!" The Psalmist cried again, The works of God in history past inspired a joyous refrain! The works of God were not meant to be ever forgotten, They were carefully preserved, in the Scriptures written.

"Come and hear, all you who fear God!" The Psalmist urged, The heart was filled, the soul engaged, the power of God surged. So many wonderful things were done through the grace of God, The heart cannot but desire to praise and to extol the LORD.

"Blessed be God!" The psalmist uttered from a heart deeply blessed,
The hand of God was unmistakable, seen in His mercy expressed!
Prayers had been answered through the tender mercy of God,
There is no one like the Saviour, the great and faithful LORD!

Inspiration: Psalm 66:3 Charles Tan

# **BIBLE MEMORY WORK**

### **Today, 9 July 2017**

## Psalm 111:3 His Work is Honourable and Glorious

His work is honourable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.

- 1. Characteristics of the works of God
  - a) Honourable
  - b) Glorious
- 2. These in turn reflect on:
  - a) God
  - b) His eternal righteousness

#### **NEXT SUNDAY 16 July 2017**

## Psalm 111:4 His Wonderful Works are to be Remembered

He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

# This Week @ Worship

- MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY "Establish the Work of our Hands" Psalm 90 Chairmen

Deacon Jacob Chacko Student-Pastor Jonas Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

<u>Interpreter</u>

Mr Alex Tan

<u>Chairman</u>

**Pianist** 

Ms Shamini Joseph

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Usher

Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong Ms Germaine Kong

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM .

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2

"He who has begun a good work in you" Phil 1:3-6

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH — 10.30 AM

"Right Knowledge"
Mark 3:1-6

<u>CC I: P1—P3</u>

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow

Chairman

Mr Allister Tham

Mr Andrew Foo

**Pianist** 

Ms Tay Soo Leng

Speaker

Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng Mrs Yvette Seow — COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-2, 3

"My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

John 5:17

Breakfast: Janel Ang

Fellowship Lunch: Daniel & Ivy, Jack & Elliot

Evening Tea: Basil & Agnes

# BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SER VICES				
Morning Worship Service		10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Children's Worship I (PI – P3)	Sun		Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4th 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	I <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	I <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	4th 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	3.00 pm	-	-
	4th Thurs	·		
Mandarin Bible Study	Ist and	7.30 pm	4th Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri			
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CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
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PRAYER MEETING	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	Z''' TIOOT
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-I	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-2	3rd floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
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#### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9 July 2017 Order of Worship

#### **PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist: Dr Daniel Chia

Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 44 I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

Prelude

Call to Worship Deacon Jacob Chacko

Student-Pastor Jonas Tan

Invocation

#### **PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 27 O Worship The King

HWC No. 270 Wonderful Words Of Life

Century Praise 59 To God Be The Glory

#### "PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "Establish the Work of our Hands"

Text: Psalm 90

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

#### **RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 349 Trust And Obey

**Prayerful Meditation** 

Benediction

Postlude

#### EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE 9 July 2017 Order of Worship

#### PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏 Pianist: Ms Tay Soo Leng

Call to Worship 齐来称颂 Mr Allister Tham

Mr Andrew Foo

Interpreter: Mrs Yvette Seow

Invocation 祈祷

#### PRAISE 赞美诗

**Hymns** 

Century Praise 77 Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

万福泉源

Century Praise 270 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

当转眼仰望耶稣

Century Praise 399 Make Me A Blessing

借我赐恩福

#### PRAYER 牧祷

#### "PREACH THE WORD" 证道

Message: "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

"我父作事直到如今,我也作事"

Text: John 5:17 约翰福音 5:17 Speaker: Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

Interpreter: Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

#### **RESPONSE**

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 341 Knowing You

认识祢

**Prayerful Meditation** 

Benediction

Postlude

# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

9 July 2017

Dear Brethren,



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# SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

July is the month we dedicate to the Special Needs Ministry. This is the latest ministry we have started after Dedicating Bethany IV in March 2017.

- 1. A committee of dedicated servants of the Lord
  - a) Thank God for each one who is committed to serving the Lord
  - b) Thank God for the rapport struck with the children
- 2. Going to the different Sunday School Departments
  - a) The Team has sought to explain this ministry
  - b) The Departments have responded by giving a love gift to express support
- 3. Posters
  - a) These are put up for general information
  - b) They help us understand the special needs children
- 4. Leading in worship on 30 July 2017
  - a) We will be having a Combined Worship on the last Sunday of July
  - b) Some of the Committee Members will be leading in this worship
  - c) They will be sharing how they see this Ministry

# APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

Let us consider some ways in which we can appropriately respond to the Special Needs Children in our midst.

1. Prayer

Let us offer up prayers for our children and their family members.

2. Compassion

Let us show much compassion.

3. Relate

Let us learn how we may relate better.

Prayerfully,

Pastor Charlie