

Bethany IV ... 16 July 2017

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"TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS"

SOBERING DESCRIPTIONS OF LIFE

How brief our life is on earth! How very transient! The following are sobering descriptions of our short life on earth.

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1. Like yesterday Psalm 90:4

A thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past

2. Like a watch in the night Psalm 90:4

A typical watch in the night is only a few hours

3. Like a flood Psalm 90:5

Flash-floods are in mind. They are very swift flowing.

4. Like a sleep Psalm 90:5

No matter how long a sleep may last, it is always "short."

5. Like grass Psalm 90:5

All too soon it is mowed.

Moses used 5 similes in a row to communicate the brevity of life. The overall impact is stunning!

AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

What would be an appropriate response? Let us ponder the following text.

Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:11-12

- 1. The fear of the LORD
- (a) This is legitimate
- (b) This is valid

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- (c) This is wise
- (d) This is natural
- 2. The wrath of God is feared
- (a) His wrath against iniquity
- (b) His wrath was revealed to the children of Israel
 - i. Because of their unbelief
 - ii. Because of their lack of repentance
 - iii. Because of their defiance
- 3. Numbering our days
- (a) Because life is so brief
- (b) Because life is precarious
- 4. A heart of wisdom
- (a) This is to be gained
- (b) This is to be applied effectively in our life

Let us earnestly and humbly pray for the Lord's mercy and compassion to be given to us so that our life may be meaningful and fruitful. \hat{V}

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We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be encouraged through worship and fellowship! $\hat{\tau}$



to Bethany III



CATECHISM CLASS

Time: 1.00pm Venue: Auditorium 4.2 v

SPECIAL NEEDS SUNDAY

Date: 30 July 2017 Combined Worship

This will be a Combined Worship (Teens and Evening-Bilingual Worship) \$\forall T\$

CELEBRATING 40+4 ANNIVERSARY

The works of the Lord in our midst are deep and wonderful. We have every reason to celebrate Bethany's 40+4 Anniversary.

- 1. Special Anniversary Worship
- (a) 27 August 2017
- (b) Shangri La
- (c) 10.30am
- 2. Special Anniversary Lunch
- (a) After the Worship Service
- (b) Please book your table as soon as possible v

MONTH OF AUGUST

This will be our "Anniversary Month." We will be having Combined Worship. The Teens and the Evening-Bilingual Worship will be joining the Main Worship!

- 1. As a reminder that we are "one"
- 2. To forge a greater sense of unity \$\forall \$

YAG RETREAT

11-12 August 2017
Theme: "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly"

- 1. We resume having Retreats
- 2. Focus of this Retreat Let us learn how to let the Word of Christ dwell richly in us
- 3. Many have come to love the Word of the Lord but have not yet learned how to let it dwell richly in our hearts. The Retreat will help us learn how do that.

Plan to sign up soon! T



THE PHOTOGRAPHY MINISTRY

Thank God for our church photographers. We now have a Committee who will be doing the following things: -

- 1. Capture the history of our church in photographs
- (a) These would be archived
- (b) They would be helpful in preserving special memories
- 2. Enhance Ministry
- (a) They will seek to improve skills in photography
- (b) Good pictures can enhance ministry significantly \$\forall\$

A FURTHER ADDITION TO THE STUDENT-PASTORS

Jonathan Jacob has asked to be trained for the Pastoral Ministry. He will be commissioned as a Student-Pastor at our 40+4 Church Anniversary at Shangri La on 27 August 2017. \$\forall \$

THE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE STUDENT-PASTORS

We study the Gospels and we see what the Lord Jesus Christ sought to do when He called Disciples.

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- 1. A General Invitation was given (Mark 1)
 - (a) To people to follow Him
 - (b) To become disciples
 - (c) To learn how they may become fishers of men
- 2. What was the Program like? (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 - (a) For the Disciples to learn Doctrine (from a careful and deep study of the Bible)
 - (b) In the process
 - i. Reproof
 - ii. Correction
 - (c) Instruction in righteousness
- 3. What are some goals?
 - (a) To train "men of God"
 - (b) To help them become mature in faith
 - (c) To be thoroughly equipped for every good work
- 4. The rigor of the Training Program
 - (a) To cultivate capacity for ministry
 - (b) To search for spiritual authority and power for ministry
- 5. Exposure to ministry
 - (a) In Bethany
 - (b) In the IPC Family (India, Myanmar, Perth) 🕏

WORSHIP



Psalm 81: 1-3

Sing aloud to God our strength; Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob.

Raise a song and strike the timbrel, The pleasant harp with the lute.

Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon, At the full moon, on our solemn feast day.



1. Celebration of the Full moon

- (a) This was cause for celebration in ancient Israel
- (b) The people celebrated it as a "solemn feast day"

2. Celebration with Great Joy

- (a) Expressed in the use of many musical instruments
- (b) The timbrel, the harp, the lute and the trumpets were mentioned
- (c) A special song would be composed and sung

3. Celebration of faith in the Lord

- (a) The worship of the Lord is the focus
- (b) The strength that may be found in the Lord
- (c) The full moon reminded the people of the greatness of God's strength $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$

POETRY CORNER

HOW GREAT ARE YOUR WORKS!

God's desire is to fill our hearts with gladness, This joy of the Lord can dispel deep sadness. The work of the Lord can fill our hearts with joy, So that great songs of praise we can truly employ.

God's desire is to see us triumph in our life; We need not be destroyed through strife. He enables us to overcome life's difficulties, Our triumph reflects His work against iniquities.

But the work of the Lord is great and profound, The wisdom of God must be sought and found. The senseless will not be able to understand God, This wisdom must be given by the Spirit of the Lord.

The righteous of the Lord will flourish in His plan, They will continue to bear fruit as they can. Even in old age, they will be able to praise God; How great are Your Works, our Almighty Lord!

> Inspiration: Psalm 92:5 Charles Tan

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WEEKDAY MINISTRIES



PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 17 July 2017 Time: 7.00pm Venue: TUR v

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 17 July 2017 Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Main Sanctuary む

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 18 July 2017 Time: 8.00pm Venue: Main Sanctuary 🕏

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 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.

- 1. The works of God
 - (a) They are truly wonderful
 - (b) They were meant to be remembered
- 2. The works of God reflect the Person of God
 - (a) That He is gracious
 - (b) That He is full of compassion

NEXT SUNDAY: 23 July 2017

Psalm 111:6 The Power of His Works

He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations. \$\forall

This Week @ Worship

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE -10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY "O LORD,

How Great are Your works" Psalm 92

Chairmen

Ms Lim Swee Keng Mr Tan Youcai Ms Ho Lianva (featuring the Photography Ministry)

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Interpreter

Mr Foo Yit San

Chairman

Mr Joshua Phang

Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah

Usher

Ms Shamini Joseph

TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE -10.30 AM.

3rd Floor Auditorium 3~2

"For we are His workmanship" Eph. 2:1~10

CHILDREN'S CHURCH -10.30 AM

"The Spiritual Family" Mark 3:31~35

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

Speaker

Ms Camille George

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong

Chairman

Mr Dominic Cheng

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong

Pianist

Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Interpreter

Mr Daniel Ou Mrs Lee Yuwen

COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

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

"This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

John 6:29

Breakfast: Dao Hong

Fellowship Lunch: Billy & Eve Wan

Evening Tea: Lianya

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SER VICES				
Morning Worship Service		10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Children's Worship I (PI – P3)	1		Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)	Sun		Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual			Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 th floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche		8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	I st floor
Beginners' Sunday School	Ai Ai Ai		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	1	8.30am	Fellowship Hall	I st floor
Senior Sunday School II	1		Main Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Senior Sunday School III	1		Prayer Room 4-1	4 th floor
Senior Sunday School IV	1	Auditorium 4-1	4th floor	
Special Needs Ministry	1		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	3.00 pm	-	
•	4th Thurs	·		
Mandarin Bible Study	Ist and	7.30 pm	4th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
	3 rd Fri			
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CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor
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PRAYER MEETING	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	Z''' TIOOT
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I			Auditorium 2-I	2 nd floor
Young People's Group II	-		Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III	Sat 3.00 pm Auditorium 3-1 3 rd flo		3rd floor	
Young Adults' Group			4 th floor	
Young Married Group			4th floor	
Adults' Ministry	-{ -{	4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 16 July 2017 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist: Mrs Esther Ang

Organist: Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 321 Blessed Assurance

Prelude

Call to Worship Ms Lim Swee Keng

Mr Tan Youcai Ms Ho Lianya

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 6 How Great Thou Art

HWC No. 312 To Be God's People

Century Praise 29 My Tribute

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "O LORD, How Great are Your works"

Text: Psalm 92

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 347 Be Still, My Soul

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE 16 July 2017 Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏 Pianist: Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Call to Worship 齐来称颂 Mr Dominic Cheng

Interpreter: Mrs Lee Yuwen

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 305 Now Thank We All Our God

今来感谢恩主

Century Praise 291 Jesus Is All The World To Me

耶稣基督是我一切

Century Praise 363 God Will Take Care Of You

天父必看顾你

PRAYER 牧祷

"PREACH THE WORD" 证道

Message: "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

"信神所差来的,这就是作神的工."

Text: John 6:29 约翰福音 6:29

Speaker: Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong

Interpreter: Mr Daniel Ou

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 322 The Solid Rock

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Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

16 July 2017

Dear Brethren,



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THE PHOTOGRAPHY MINISTRY

Thank God for those who have been taking good photographs of church Ministries and events. Three Committee Members will be leading us in worship today.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS MINISTRY

This ministry is significant in a number of ways.

- 1. History of our Church
 - a) This is being captured in pictures
 - b) This is being archived
- 2. Ministries
 - a) It is sometimes said "A picture is worth a thousand words"
 - b) That is potentially true if the picture is well understood and captured
 - c) Ministries visualised
 - i) They can bring an uplift to the heart
 - ii) They can strengthen faith-commitments
- 3. Cultivation of this Ministry
 - a) To all involved in this Ministry
 - b) To improve the standard of photography skill
 - c) To seek to minister better

OUR WORSHIP OF THE LORD

What is worship, especially in the light of reviewing the work of the Lord in Bethany?

- 1. Let us rejoice in what the Lord is doing in our midst
- 2. Let us reflect on what it means to see God working in our midst
- 3. Let us pray that God will establish the work of our hands

Prayerfully,

Pastor Charlie