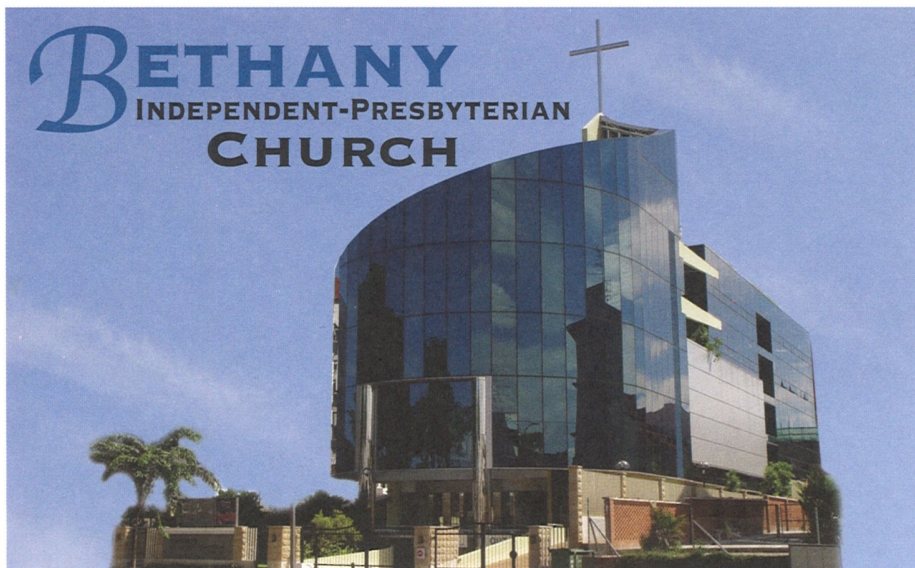


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God's kind of Church...where God is touching lives...and people care for people

Bethany IV ... 3 September 2017 ... Holy Communion Sunday!

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THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

THE MINISTRY OF THE PROPHETS

God raised up special servants who were known as prophets. Here is a brief summary of the ministry of the prophets.

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MEDITATION

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1. God would teach the prophets
 - a) He would speak to them
 - b) He gave them visions
 - c) He heard and answered their prayers
2. The ministry of the Prophets
 - a) They preached the Word of God faithfully
 - b) They would also give prophecies from the Lord
 - c) They were courageous in addressing the sins of the nation of Israel
 - d) Many suffered much at the hands of the wicked who hated their messages

THE MINISTRY OF EZEKIEL

Jeremiah was the prophet who forewarned the nation that God had pronounced a 70-year captivity (Cf. Jeremiah 29). He urged the people in exile to build a life in Babylon.

Ezekiel was a prophet whom God raised up to minister to God's people in Babylon. Unfortunately, the nation still held on to their sins and refused to be corrected.

THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF EXILED ISRAEL

God gave a vision to Ezekiel concerning the sad spiritual state of Israel. This passage is often called the Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones. This was a description of the spiritual state of Israel in exile.

*The hand of the LORD came upon me
And brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD,
And set me down in the midst of the valley;
And it was full of bones.
Then He caused me to pass by them all around,
And behold, there were very many in the open valley;*

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And indeed they were very dry.

And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

So I answered, "O LORD God, You know." Ezekiel 37:1-3

1. The Valley of Dry Bones

- a) The bones were many
- b) They were also very dry
- c) The bones represented the dead spiritual state of Israel

2. Can these bones live?

- a) This was a question raised up to Ezekiel
- b) Ezekiel could not come up with an answer!

CAN THE DEAD BE RAISED TO LIFE?

This is the subject that we will be looking at in our series of Pulpit Messages in September and October 2017. It would take no one less than the LORD God Himself to employ His power to make the dead come to life!

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. May your heart be encouraged and blessed through worship and fellowship!

WELCOME
to Bethany IV

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00-pm

Venue: Auditorium 4.2

ANNOUNCEMENTS



COMMENCING OUR 40+5 YEAR

Let us look forward to another meaningful year of ministry as a Church.

HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

We observe The Lord's Supper today. May we always remember the Lord's sacrificial death with deeper adoration!

The Bread

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

A NEW SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES

We commence a new series of Pulpit Messages today. The theme is drawn from a text found in Ephesians. "Alive together with Christ" (Ephesians 2:5).

1. When we speak of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we were meant to be "alive together with Christ!"
2. Yet, sadly, many are not truly alive together with Christ!
3. Let us pray that this series of messages will help us find spiritual revival!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL LETTER

The focus of the Pastoral Letter would be drawn from the Book of Revelation. Let us seek to be more prepared for the 2nd Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

RESUMPTION OF MULTIPLE SERVICES

1. We resume the Bilingual-Evening Worship today.

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: 4.2-3

2. Let us look forward to a refreshing time of worship and fellowship!
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PRE-WORSHIP SEGMENT

The Pines will be presenting a special item at the Pre-Worship segment. The song is dedicated to all who are involved in the Teaching Ministry in Bethany.

HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY

Wishing all involved as Teachers of the Lord's Word: "Happy Teacher's Day!"

NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF JSS II

The new JSS II Superintendent is Camille George. She takes over this role from Jonathan Jacob who has commenced his student-pastoral training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



BETHEL'S 23RD ANNIVERSARY

Bethel celebrates its 23rd Anniversary this coming week.
The itinerary for the week at Bethel is as follows: -

Monday, 4 September 2017

ACM at Bethel.
8.00pm

Thursday, 7 September 2017

Thanksgiving Anniversary Worship at Bethel.

Friday, 8 September 2017

23rd Thanksgiving Dinner at the Perth Convention Center

Saturday, 9 September 2017

The bulk of the Pastoral Team will return to Singapore for ministry in Bethany.

Sunday, 10 September 2017

Pastor Charles Tan will be ministering at Bethel.
Sunday School: 8.00am
Communion Service: 10.30am

YOUTH CONFERENCE

3-7 December 2017

Theme: "The Same Spirit of Faith"

Plan to sign up for the Youth Conference. Registration commences today.
Let us pray for the Lord's blessings!



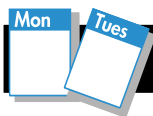
ANNOUNCEMENTS

a FOND Farewell

We bid a fond farewell to Matthew and Mark Siow who left on Saturday, 2 September 2017 for further studies in Radley College in the UK.

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mr. K. K. Chong and family. Mr. Victor Chong was called home to be with the Lord on 29 August 2017. He was 61 years old.



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

The week-day Meetings (PMC, PM, BS) will be in recess this coming week! We resume after the School vacation.

Worship
in Spirit
& Truth

WORSHIP

Psalm 84:5-7

*Blessed is the man whose strength is in You,
Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.*

*As they pass through the Valley of Baca,
They make it a spring;
The rain also covers it with pools.*

*They go from strength to strength;
Each one appears before God in Zion.*

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1. A pilgrimage to Zion
 - a) Many try to keep Three Feasts in Jerusalem
 - b) This is not an easy feat
 - c) But the faithful have set their heart on a pilgrimage
2. The challenges along the way
 - a) The difficulty is symbolized in the phrase “The Valley of Baca”
 - b) The word “Baca” symbolized “Tears” (The Valley of Tears)
3. The faithful
 - a) Their hearts are set
 - b) They find strength
 - c) To dig for springs in harsh terrain
4. God’s blessings
 - a) He gives welcome rain to the pilgrims
 - b) They go from strength to strength

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor Charlie,

The Chong family wants to take this time to express our deep appreciation to you, the Pastoral Team, the Session Members, members of the SSS4 Class, YPG, the Pinetrees and all at Bethany who selflessly availed themselves to comfort us in many ways during our recent bereavement.

Many members of Bethany came to show support through wreaths, gifts, calls, WhatsApp messages and their presence during the wake.

Many have not even met my younger brother Victor because he was a member of another church and yet, the love and unity evident in Bethany under your care and leadership

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bears testimony that Bethany is truly God's kind of church, where God is touching lives, and people really care for people.

On behalf of my family (Myself, Florence and Edlyn, Gavin, Cherie and Jasher, Benjamin and Gabrielle), and Li Min (in SSS2, daughter of Victor) and I want to take this opportunity to thank the brethren at Bethany for their wonderful show of support.

God bless all with love

Thank you

Chong Kwek Kee (KK)

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY, 3 September 2017

Ephesians 2:5 *Alive together with Christ*

Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).

1. Dead in trespasses and sins
 - a) A candid statement of our spiritual state before faith in Christ
 - b) Our sins render us insensitive and unresponsive to the Lord
2. Made us alive together with Christ
 - a) This is a special work of God
 - b) He gives new life through faith in Christ
3. The Risen Saviour
 - a) God raised Jesus from the dead
 - b) He raises up all believers in Christ!

NEXT SUNDAY, 10 September 2017

Romans 8: 5 *Those who live according to the Spirit*

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

PASSED FROM DEATH TO LIFE

"Most assuredly..." How precious these words are!
Our hearts need assurance in order to go far!
Jesus knows how frail our faith in God is;
His tender words bring such hope and bliss!

He who hears His word and believes in God;
That disciple would be loved by the LORD.
He has passed from death into eternal life;
What a challenge to rise above earth's strife!

The Father has granted Christ great authority;
Thus, Jesus can offer a great life for all eternity.
This true faith always results in good works,
From faithful service, the believer will not shirk!

What a glorious hope we have in Christ the Lord;
There is no fear of condemnation from our holy God!
There is every reason to hold fast to His promises;
In the Scriptures, the faithful disciple rejoices!

Inspiration: John 5:24-29
Charles Tan

This Week @ Worship

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
“Made us alive together with Christ”
Ephesians 2

Chairmen

Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow
Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Chairman

Mr Stanley Woo

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Mr Lai Chung Han

Usher

Ms Germaine Kong

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM .
3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2
“Who can this be...” Mark 4:35-41

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“The Problem of Having No Faith”
Mark 6:1-6

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Miss Joanne Chin

Speaker

Miss Camille
George

Chairman

Mr Allister Tham

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Interpreter

Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui
Mrs Yvette Seow

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —
4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-2, 3
“Passed from death into life”
John 5

Breakfast : Stanley & Jill Chan
Fellowship Lunch : Elvin & Pat Ho
Evening Tea : Kah Choo

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		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
3 September 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist: Mrs Sally Tan

Song No. 1

May The Peoples Praise You

Prelude

Call to Worship

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 97

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

Century Praise 458

The Church's One Foundation

Century Praise 339

Higher Ground

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Made us alive together with Christ”

Text : Ephesians 2

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

Century Praise 291

Jesus Is All The World To Me

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

HWC No. 529

O, How I Love Jesus

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 23

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

3 September 2017

Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Allister Tham

Interpreter : Mrs Yvette Seow

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise No. 27
世纪颂赞(27)

O Worship The King
荣耀大君王

Century Praise No. 291
世纪颂赞(291)

Jesus Is All The World To Me
耶稣基督是我一切

Century Praise No. 334
世纪颂赞(334)

Open My Eyes, That I May See
开我眼睛使我看见

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “Passed from death into life”
已经出死入生

Text: John 5 约翰福音 5

Speaker: Rev Mark Tan
Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

THE LORD’S SUPPER 圣餐 Rev Dr Charles Tan

Hymn

Century Praise No. 445
世纪颂赞(445)

Moment By Moment
(Stanzas 1 & 2)
时刻蒙恩

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise No. 445
世纪颂赞(445)

Moment By Moment
(Stanzas 3 & 4)
时刻蒙恩

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
献己于主

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

3 September 2017

Dear Brethren,

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

The Book of Revelation is a challenging book to read. The opening lines of the Book are most uplifting.

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ,
Which God gave Him to show His servants-
Things which must shortly take place.
And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John,*

*Who bore witness to the word of God,
And to the testimony of Jesus Christ,
To all things that he saw.*

*Blessed is he who reads and those who hear
The words of this prophecy,
And keep those things which are written in it;
For the time is near.*

Revelation 1:1-3

1. The relevance of this book
 - a) It is a revelation of prophetic events
 - b) They will come to pass
2. Blessings promised
 - a) To those who read
 - b) To those who hear
 - c) To those who keep the words written therein
3. The time is near
 - a) With each passing year, we draw nearer to the 2nd Coming of Christ
 - b) Let us be stirred within our hearts to prepare for His return

A GREAT WAY OF COMMENCING OUR 45TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

Let us look forward to the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ, that He will come back to receive us to Himself. Let us check our hearts and minds as we learn about the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

***Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie***