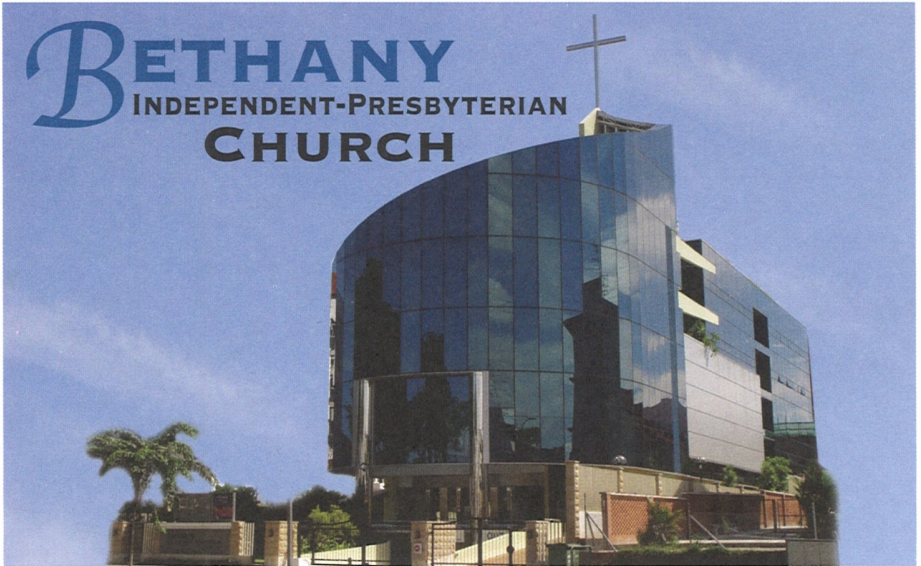


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God's kind of Church...where God is touching lives...and people care for people

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“YOU SHALL LIVE”

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

This was a daunting and depressing vision.
The description of the vision:

1. Full of bones Ezekiel 37:1
 2. Very many in the open valley Ezekiel 37:2
 3. They were very dry Ezekiel 37:2
- (They have been dead for a long time)

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THE WORD OF HOPE GIVEN

Ezekiel could not imagine how the dry bones could ever come alive. God's word to him was therefore important. The word of the Lord given (Ezekiel 37:4-6):

1. I will cause breath to enter into you
2. You shall live
3. I will put sinews on you
4. And bring flesh on you
5. And cover you with skin
6. And put breath in you
7. And you shall live

THE MEANING OF THE PROPHECY

The meaning of the prophecy was explained by the Lord (Ezekiel 37:11-14).

1. These bones are the whole house of Israel
2. They indeed say
 - (a) Our bones are dry
 - (b) Our hope is lost
 - (c) And we ourselves are cut off

The sense of despair was deep. The whole nation was dry spiritually and was unable to come alive to the Lord as His people.

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GOD'S WORD OF PROMISE

The Lord gave Israel a tremendous sense of hope through this vision (Ezekiel 37:11-14):

1. I will open your graves
2. And cause you to come out from your graves
3. And bring you into the land of Israel
4. I will put My Spirit in you
5. And you shall live

OUR CHALLENGE TODAY

To come alive to God. To seek the renewal that comes from the Spirit of God filling our lives! Let us take heart that God has the power to make very dry bones come alive through the ministry of the Spirit of God! †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be gladdened and encouraged through worship and fellowship! †

WELCOME
to Bethany IV



GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN

Pastor sends greetings from Perth. He will be completing his ministry in Bethel today and returning to Singapore tonight. ✝

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Auditorium 4.2

1. Attendance at Catechism Class is essential
2. All who are seeking baptism must plan to attend the Classes faithfully
3. The Class is currently studying the Gospel of Luke ✝



BETHEL'S 23RD ANNIVERSARY

Thank God for the spirit of faith that He has promised.

1. There was great effort put in by our brethren in Perth
2. About 400 people were there at the Anniversary dinner
3. About 50 people went from Bethany to worship and fellowship with our brethren in Bethel.
4. Let us continue to pray for the Lord's leading and blessing to be given to Bethel in the 24th year ahead.
 - a) The work of building up a church is not easy
 - b) Let us pray for leaders to arise
 - c) Let us pray for Pastor Christopher Lai as he continues to lead the church
 - d) He enters into the 11th year of his pastoral ministry †



YOUTH CONFERENCE

3-7 December 2017

Theme: "The Same Spirit of Faith"

1. Registration

Let us encourage early registration.

2. Support

Let us give full support for the Youth Conference.

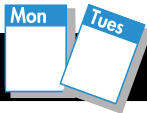
3. The Focus at this year's Youth Conference

(a) To find a deeper faith in the Lord

(b) To have a faith deep enough to reach the level of the soul

4. Having a little faith

This does not benefit us much. Let us pray for the Lord to bless the hearts of all who are attending the Youth Conference. †



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 11 September 2017

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: TUR †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 11 September 2017

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Main Sanctuary

We are studying the Book of Psalms afresh. There are deeper insights to be found in the Psalms. †

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 12 September 2017

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Main Sanctuary

We are studying the Book of Deuteronomy. Understanding of this foundational book will help us understand the Scriptures much better. †

Psalm 84: 8–9

O LORD God of hosts, *hear my prayer;*
Give ear, O God of Jacob!

O God, *behold our shield,*
And look upon the face of Your anointed.



1. A heartfelt prayer

- (a) To the LORD God of hosts
- (b) The God of Jacob

2. Behold

- (a) Our shield
- (b) Your anointed

3. The anointed

- (a) The king
- (b) The priests
- (c) The prophets

4. They form “a shield” for the nation

- (a) But the weakness is felt
- (b) Hence the prayer to the Lord for His grace and favour †

CAN THESE BONES LIVE?

A very grim vision of Israel was given;
This was Israel's spiritual resemblance!
They felt "cut off" and they had "no hope;"
Life was harsh and many found it hard to cope.

It would take nothing less than the might of God,
To bring life again to people cut off from the LORD.
God can bring new life to His people again;
His Spirit would make them right as rain!

They would then learn a vital lesson about God;
His word will be fulfilled because He is the LORD.
For too long His people had disdained His word;
To remain dead in sin would be surely absurd!

God does not wish to see His people die in their sins;
He has power to make them whole from deep within.
His commitment to His people He will never forsake;
Their deep thirst for a great revival, He would slake!

Inspiration: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Charles Tan



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 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.*

1. Two lifestyles are compared

- (a) Those who live according to the flesh
- (b) Those who live according to the Spirit

2. Those who live according to the flesh
They set their minds on things of the flesh.

3. Those who live according to the Spirit
They follow the leading of the Spirit.

4. Our challenge

- (a) To live according to the Spirit
- (b) To determine to follow His leading
- (c) To discover what it means to have a Spirit-filled life

NEXT SUNDAY: 17 September 2017

Romans 8:10 The Spirit is life

*And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin,
but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*



THEME : ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST

This Week @ Worship

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
“Present yourselves to God as being
alive from the dead”
Romans 8

Chairmen
Dr Daniel Chia

Organist
Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker
Rev Mark Tan

Interpreter
Mr Goh Liangzhou

Pianist
Mr Gabriel Ou

Chairman
Ms Aleena Kua

Pianist
Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Usher
Mr Samuel Tan

— TEENS’ WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM .
3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2
“Great things the Lord has done for
you” Mark 5:1-20

— CHILDREN’S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“Sent to Serve”
Mark 6:7-13, 30

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
Eugene Seow

Chairman
Mr Goh Qing Yang

Pianist
Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Interpreter
Mr Daniel Ou
Mr Allister Tham

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —
4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-2, 3
“I am the Resurrection and the Life”
John 11

Breakfast : Adrian & Min-Yi
Fellowship Lunch : Irving Yap
Evening Tea : Yuanli

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
10 September 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing	<i>Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou</i> <i>Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey</i>
Century Praise 218	Rejoice, The Lord Is King
Prelude	
Call to Worship	<i>Dr Daniel Chia</i>
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns	
Century Praise 77	Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing
Century Praise 377	What A Friend We Have In Jesus
HWC No. 548	Beyond The Sunset

SPECIAL SONG ITEM

"Finish Well" *One Voice*

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "Present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead"
Text : Romans 6
Speaker: Rev Mark Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn
Century Praise 354 Take My Life And Let It Be

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL SERVICE
10 September 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏	Pianist : Mrs Foo Min-Yi
Call to Worship 齐来称颂	Mr Goh Qing Yang Interpreter : Mr Allister Tham
Invocation 祈祷	

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns	
Century Praise 295	I Will Sing Of My Redeemer 歌颂救赎主
Century Praise 270	Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus 当转眼仰望耶稣
Century Praise 480	Revive Us Again 求复兴众人

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message:	“I am the Resurrection and the Life” “我父作事直到如今，我也作事”
Text :	John 11 约翰福音 11
Speaker:	Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong Interpreter : Mr Daniel Ou

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献	
Hymn	
Century Praise 206	Because He Lives 因祂活着
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

10 September 2017

Dear Brethren,

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA MINOR

The Book of Revelation was written to the seven churches of Asia Minor. These were historical churches.

*John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from Him who was
And who is to come, and from the seven Spirits
Who are before His throne,*

*And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
The firstborn from the dead,
And the ruler over the kings of the earth.*

*To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father,
to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Revelation 1:4-6

1. Usual words of greetings sent
 - a) John identifies himself as the author twice (Revelation 1:1-2)
 - b) To emphasise authenticity
2. Unusual employment of all the three Persons in the Godhead
 - a) The Father
 - b) The Lord Jesus Christ
 - c) The seven Spirits (A special phrase used to describe the Holy Spirit)
3. The Addressees
 - a) The seven churches
 - a) True Believers are wonderfully described here: -
 - i) Kings
 - ii) Priests

***Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie***