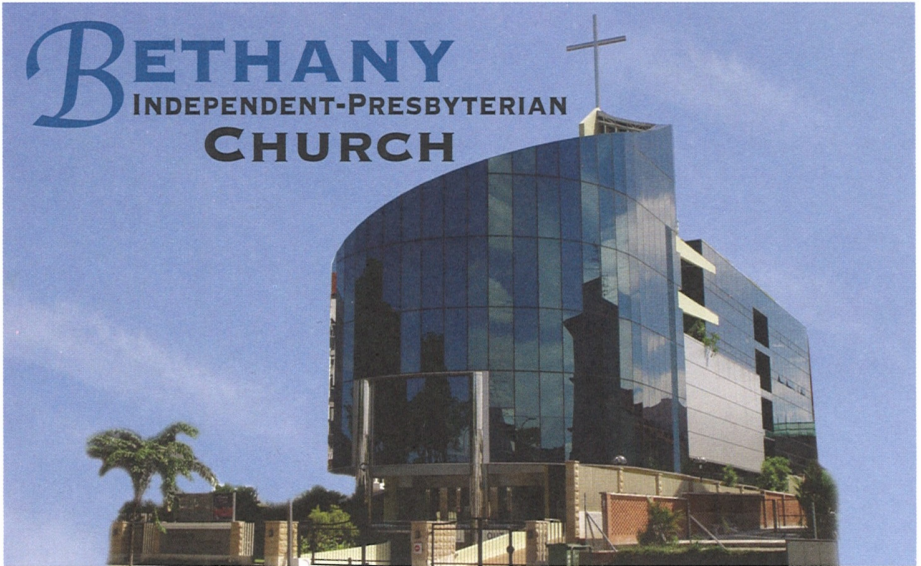


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God's kind of Church...where God is touching lives...and people care for people

Bethany IV ... 1 October 2017 ... Holy Communion Sunday!

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by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: Psalm 146



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“WHILE I LIVE I WILL PRAISE THE LORD”

OUR LIFE ON EARTH

We often take for granted our life on earth. There are many indications that we have taken our life on earth for granted. Psalm 146 was written by an anonymous Psalmist who had learned not to take his life for granted.

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MEDITATION

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*Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD! O my soul!*

*While I live I will praise the LORD;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

Psalm 146:1-2

HOW WE MAY RESIST TAKING THINGS FOR GRANTED

Let us look at some of the insights the Psalmist offered in this Psalm.

1. Praise the LORD

- a) He was determined to offer praise to the Lord
- b) He desired to offer soul-praise to God!
- c) Thus he repeats himself, "Praise the LORD!"

2. While I live I will praise the LORD

- a) While I live
 - i) There was a special sense of awareness of the precious gift of life on earth
 - ii) But this life on earth will not last forever
 - iii) There will come a time when it will cease
 - iv) We only have the "here and now"
 - v) He determined that as long as he lived, he will offer soul-praise to God
- b) While I have my being

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- i) This statement heightens the sense of consciousness of having but a short time on earth
 - ii) This life on earth is perhaps far shorter than we realise
3. I will sing praises to my God while I have my being
- a) There was a very great sense of relating to the Lord (Note the phrase “my God”)
 - b) This close relationship with God only served to motivate the Psalmist to offer heartfelt songs of praise
 - c) Thus Psalm 146 was written
 - i) As a personal example
 - ii) With a desire to encourage others to make their earthly life be filled with songs of praise to the Lord

LET US SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE ON EARTH

Let us seek to deepen our understanding of our brief sojourn on earth. Before too long, our life on earth will come to an end. Let us be inspired to live a life that is characterised by praise given to 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 encouraged and uplifted through worship and fellowship!

WELCOME
to Bethany IV

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY

This is open to all who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and have been baptised/confirmed their faith.

Let us partake of the Lord's Supper with a great sense of joy of being alive to God through the ministry of the Spirit of God!

The Bread

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Mark 14:22

The Cup

Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many." Mark 14:23-24

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Venue: 4.2 Auditorium

Time: 1.00pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE

3-7 December 2017

"The same spirit of faith" 2 Corinthians 4:13

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings on all planning to come for the Youth Conference.

1. May all who are coming have a deeper understanding of their faith in the Lord
2. May there be a revival of faith too!

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Kimie Tan on the home-going of Mrs. Julia Davis. She passed away on 26 September 2016 after a fatal fall at home. The late Aunty Julia was a member of Bethel IPC. She and Uncle Roy Davis were faithful members of the church.



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 2 October 2017
Time: 7.00pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 2 October 2017
Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 3 October 2017
Time: 8.00pm

Psalm 85:1-3

*LORD, You have been favourable to Your land;
You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.*

*You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people;
You have covered all their sin.*

*You have taken away all Your wrath;
You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger.*

1. Grateful reflection

- a) God had shown His favour to His people and Israel
- b) He had brought back His people from captivity
- c) He had forgiven all their sins
- d) He had removed His wrath

2. The practice of Grateful Reflection

- a) This is a good practice to cultivate
- b) This brings much comfort and assurance to the soul
- c) This enables us to offer grateful and heartfelt worship!

HE WILL ALSO GIVE LIFE TO YOUR MORTAL BODIES

Spiritual vitality seems so lacking in life and ministry;
Service is given, but often not with great vivacity.
The servant of God must search for that which brings Life,
Or be in grave danger of being snuffed out by sin and strife!

God's greatest gift this side of Heaven must be the Holy Spirit;
He was sent to help us when we are at the end of our wits.
He is there to Teach, to Counsel, to Empower for ministry;
His Presence and Power enable us to take our place in history.

He is able to give Life to our mortal bodies, so weakened by sin;
He brings about a cleansing in the deepest recesses within.
He convicts our souls and lifts us up to a higher realm of thought,
He strongly reminds us that we have truly been blood-bought!

How wonderful it is to be made alive by a great and mighty God;
How glorious it is to come into the Presence of the living Lord.
We do not need to live defeated in our sin-filled, sorrowful ways;
He is able to breathe new life and help us be victorious every day!

Inspiration: Romans 8:11
Charles Tan

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

There are so many things that trouble our heart,
Not the least of which ...when Death tears us apart.

The fear of the Unknown gnaws at our soul;
We need to remember what we are told!

“Let not your heart be troubled...Believe in Me”
Jesus calls us to focus on Him as we face Eternity!
His purpose to come to earth was to teach about God;
Through faith in Him we have a Home with the Lord!

“I go to prepare a place for you...” He gently said,
Let us reject fear and focus on faith in Jesus instead.
Let the heart no longer be engulfed in deep sadness;
The hope we have in Christ offers great gladness!

“I will come again and receive you...” what a great Hope!
Let the words of the Lord enable us, in grief, to cope.
Let the doubts and fears be dismissed forever more,
The Lord will safely ferry us to Heaven’s shore

Inspiration: John 14:1-6

Charles Tan

(In Memoriam of the late Aunty Julia Davis)

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY, 1 October 2017

Romans 8:13 You will live

*For if you live according to the flesh you will die;
but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

1. Spiritual Death

- a) If we live in the flesh
- b) Spiritual demise will occur

2. Spiritual Life

- a) If we put to death the deeds of the flesh
- b) If we follow the leading of the Spirit

NEXT SUNDAY, 8 October 2017

Psalm 119:25 Revive me according to Your word

*My soul clings to the dust;
Revive me according to Your word.*

This Week @ Worship

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
“My soul clings to the dust; Revive
me according to Your word”
Psalm 119:25-32

Chairman
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Organist
Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Dr Jane Tan

Pianist
Mrs Sally Tan

Chairman
Mr Stanley Woo

Pianist
Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker
Mr Quek Li Yen

Usher
Ms Shamini Joseph

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM .
3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2
“Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be
afraid.” Mark 6:45-52

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“Regard for God's Word”
Mark 7:1-13

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Speaker
Miss Camille
George

Chairman
Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Speaker
Rev Mark Tan

Pianist
Mr Gabriel Ou

Interpreter
Ms Tan Hwee Cheng
Mr Allister Tham

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —
4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-2, 3
“Present yourselves to God as being
alive from the dead”
Romans 6

Breakfast : Stanley & Jill Chan
Fellowship Lunch : Eng Keng & Ruby
Evening Tea : Ho Saw Keng

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
1 October 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Sally Tan
Organist: Mrs Elsie Poey

HWC No. 415

He Giveth More Grace

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 77

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Century Praise 321

Blessed Assurance

Century Praise 358

Living For Jesus

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

SPECIAL SONG ITEM

"This Is The Time To Be Joyful"

The Evergreens

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word"

Text : Psalm 119:25-32

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn

Century Praise 95

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 349

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn
Century Praise 480 Revive Us Again

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL SERVICE
1 October 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏 Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou

Call to Worship 齐来称颂 Student-Pastor Moses Kwok
Interpreter : Mr Allister Tham

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise No. 296 世纪颂赞(296)	Redeemed 主救赎大恩
HWC No. 271 世纪颂赞(271)	Standing On The Promises 坚立在应许上
Century Praise No. 462 世纪颂赞(462)	They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love 相爱见证

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “Present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead”
 倒要像从死里复活的人，将自己献给神。

Text: Romans 6 罗马书 6

Speaker: Rev Mark Tan
 Interpreter : Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

THE LORD'S SUPPER 圣餐 Rev Dr Charles Tan

Hymn

Century Praise No. 389 世纪颂赞(389)	He Leadeth Me (stanzas 1 and 2) 天父领我
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Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise No. 389 世纪颂赞(389)	He Leadeth Me (stanzas 3 and 4) 天父领我
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Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise No. 358 Living For Jesus
世纪颂赞(358) 奉献身心为主

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

1 October 2017

Dear Brethren,

THE VISION OF THE RISEN SAVIOUR

One of the most stirring things to note as we read the Book of Revelation is in the way the Lord Jesus Christ is portrayed.

*Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me.
And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,*

*And in the midst of the seven lampstands
One like the Son of Man,
Clothed with a garment down to the feet
And girded about the chest with a golden band. Revelation 1:12-13*



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1. The seven lampstands

a) These symbolised the Seven Churches mentioned in Revelation 2-3

b) The symbol of gold

i) It highlights its worth

ii) A reminder of what the church is and should always be

c) The symbol of Lampstands

i) A symbol of light

ii) The church must ever seek to bear light

2. The Lord Jesus Christ

a) He is featured as “The Son of Man”

i) Christ’s favourite description of Himself in His identification with mankind

ii) It was also a significant Messianic title (Cf. Daniel 7:13)

b) He was walking amidst the Seven churches

i) He was in close touch with the churches

ii) This was reminiscent of the time He walked in Galilee with His disciples

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*