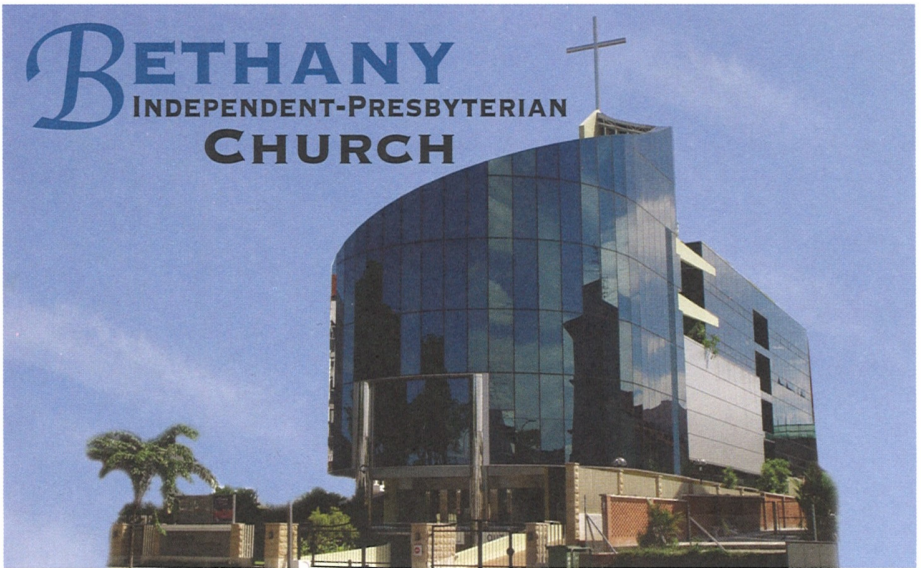


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CHURCH



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

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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: Isaiah 38



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“YOU WILL RESTORE ME AND MAKE ME LIVE”

THE TESTIMONY OF KING HEZEKIAH

There was a time when King Hezekiah was seriously ill and he was in the brink of death. The only thing he could do was to cry out to God in humble prayer!

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MEDITATION

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THE PRAYER HEZEKIAH MADE

Let us ponder the first part of the prayer that King Hezekiah made.

*I said,
In the prime of my life
I shall go to the gates of Sheol;
I am deprived of the remainder of my years.*

*I said,
I shall not see YAH,
The LORD in the land of the living:
I shall observe man no more among the inhabitants
of the world.*

*My life span is gone,
Taken from me like a shepherd's tent;
I have cut off my life like a weaver.
He cuts me off from the loom;
From day until night You make an end of me.*

*Like a crane or a swallow, so I chattered;
I mourned like a dove;
My eyes fail from looking upward,
O LORD, I am oppressed;
Undertake for me.* *Isaiah 38:10-12, 14*

1. There was great lament

- a) That life should be cut off in its prime
- b) That his life span was gone

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- c) Comparisons
 - i) Like a temporary tent of a shepherd
 - ii) Like the weaver who cuts of the strands of thread

3. The sadness that fills the heart

- a) There was deep mourning
- b) The reference to the eyes failing... suggests great weeping

THE TURNING POINT

There was a turning point in this lament.

*O LORD, I am oppressed;
Undertake for me.*

Isaiah 38:14

1. There was honest and candid confession

2. A strong plea went up to the Lord

- a) For God to undertake
- b) There was now total dependence on the Lord
- c) He was no longer conscious of his status as a king
 - i) He felt like a crane, a swallow
 - ii) He mourned like a humble dove

There may be times when we feel out of sorts! The wisest course of action would be to cry out to the Lord in total and humble dependence! May the Lord grant much mercy and hear our prayers in our time of dire need!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart find revival from the Lord through worship and fellowship!

WELCOME

to Bethany IV

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm
Venue: Auditorium 4.1

WEDDING BELLS

Elliot and Vanathi will be married this coming Saturday, 21 October 2017. The Wedding service commences at 11.00am. All in Bethany are invited.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

3-7 December 2017

THEME: "THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH"

1. Thank God for the opportunity to hold another Youth Conference
2. The challenge to reach out to youths is one that we must not fail in

Let us pray for the Lord's grace and mercy to be outpoured.



MISSIONS WORK

1. Thank God for grace and strength to serve Him
2. The work of Missions: -
 - a) Challenging always
 - b) Many problems to be resolved
3. The Grace and Mercy of the Lord
 - a) Thank God for these provisions
 - b) Our part is to draw on the Lord's promises

LESSONS ABOUT COMING ALIVE

1. Dead because of sin

Ephesians 2

- a) This is clearly taught in the Scriptures
- b) There is no way in which we can bring new life by our human effort

2. Made alive in Christ

Ephesians 2

- a) It was God who raised the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead

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- b) God will give new life to all who are “in Christ”
- c) This new life is given through the ministry of the Holy Spirit

3. Sustenance of this new life in Christ

- a) Essentially through the ministry of the Holy Spirit
- b) Through the Word of God which the Holy Spirit uses

4. Consequently

- a) We can be alive to God
- b) We can attempt and achieve great things for the Lord!

5. Our challenge

- a) To seek spiritual revival
- b) To live in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Mon

Tues

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 16 October 2017

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: TUR

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 16 October 2017

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Main Sanctuary

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 17 October 2017

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Main Sanctuary

Psalm 85:7-9

*Show us Your mercy, LORD,
And grant us Your salvation.*

*I will hear what God the LORD will speak,
For He will speak peace to His people and to His saints;
But let them not turn back to folly.*

*Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,
That glory may dwell in our land.*

1. A plea for salvation

- a) Pleading the mercy of the Lord
- b) Pleading in deep humility

2. Listening to the Lord's Response

- a) Gratitude that He will speak words of peace
- b) God's desire is to give peace to His people

3. An appropriate response

- a) Not to turn to folly
- b) But to draw near to the Lord in gratitude for His salvation

UNDERTAKE FOR ME

There are moments in our life when we greatly fear;
Happiness is gone; daily our eyes are filled with tears.
Bitterness of the soul is felt and with it great sorrow;
Life seems likely to end soon; there will be no tomorrow.

"In the prime of life I shall go to the gates of Sheol..."
This is sobering and brings trembling to the Soul!
The heart feels oppressed for all hope seems gone;
The thought of death causes the heart to feel forlorn!

"My life span is gone..." Another sobering thought;
How does one cope when the heart is over-wrought?
Despair is felt deep within the defeated soul;
Only God can restore and make one whole!

"O LORD, undertake for me"- this is the wisest prayer;
Only when the heart is humbled will one find God "there."
Only God can undertake for us when we are close to death;
The Lord can yet show mercy and return to us our Health.

Inspiration: Isaiah 38:26

Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY, 15 October 2017

Psalm 119:37 Revive me in Your way

*Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,
And revive me in Your way.*

1. There are many things that are distracting
 - a) The things of the world
 - b) The desires of the heart
2. A good prayer
 - a) To turn eyes away from these things
 - b) To be revived and to live zealously for the Lord

NEXT SUNDAY, 22 October 2017

Psalm 119:88 Revive me according to Your lovingkindness

*Revive me according to Your lovingkindness,
So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.*

This Week @ Worship

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
“They almost make an end of me...
revive me according to Your loving-
kindness” Psalm 119:81-88

Chairman
Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Pianist
Mrs Esther Ang

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Organist
Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter
Mr Goh Liangzhou

Chairman
Ms Aleena Kua

Pianist
Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Usher
Mr Stanley Woo

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM .
3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2
“You are the Christ...”
Mark 8:27-30

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“A Good Example of Faith ”
Mark 7:24-30

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Miss Camille
George

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Chairman
Student-Pastor
Jonas Tan

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Pianist
Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Interpreter
Mr Daniel Ou
Ms Berlinda Cheong

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —
4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-2, 3
“We also who have the firstfruits
of the Spirit”
Romans 8

Breakfast : Alvin, Melody & Isabel
Fellowship Lunch : Nelson & Justina; Francis, Penny & Edward
Evening Tea : J Yam

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
15 October 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

VIP No. 146

It Is No Secret

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 297

Wonderful Grace Of Jesus

Century Praise 480

Revive Us Again

Century Praise 323

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message:

“They almost make an end of me...
revive me according to Your lovingkindness”

Text :

Psalm 119:81-88

Speaker:

Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 377

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
15 October 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏

Pianist : Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Student-Pastor Jonas Tan
Interpreter : Ms Berlinda Cheong

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

HWC No. 6

How Great Thou Art
祢真伟大

HWC No. 505

Love Lifted Me
主爱救我

VIP No. 425

The Family Of God
神的家庭

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “We also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit”
“我们这有圣灵初结果子的”

Text : Romans 8 罗马书 8

Speaker: Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong
Interpreter : Mr Daniel Ou

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

VIP No. 654

Until Then
直到那时

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

15 October 2017

Dear Brethren,

THE LORD WALKS IN OUR MIDST

How thrilling it is to know that the Lord Jesus walks among the churches today! He walked with His disciples when He was on earth. He walked among the Seven Churches of Asia Minor. The Lord actively walks among His churches even today!

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS PRESENCE

The Lord walking amidst the churches has great significance. The following things may be noted.

1. His loving involvement

They express:

a) His care

b) His concern

2. His Oversight

a) He is the Chief Shepherd

b) He oversees the churches with great personal interest

3. His Teaching

a) He points out what is wrong or lacking

b) He encourages change

c) He also warns of consequences if there is no heeding of His word of admonition

4. His Inspiration

a) To know that the Lord is walking in our midst must inspire us

b) We must seek to be well-pleasing in His sight

5. His power

a) The power of the Lord is available through His Spirit

b) Let us seek to be empowered!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*