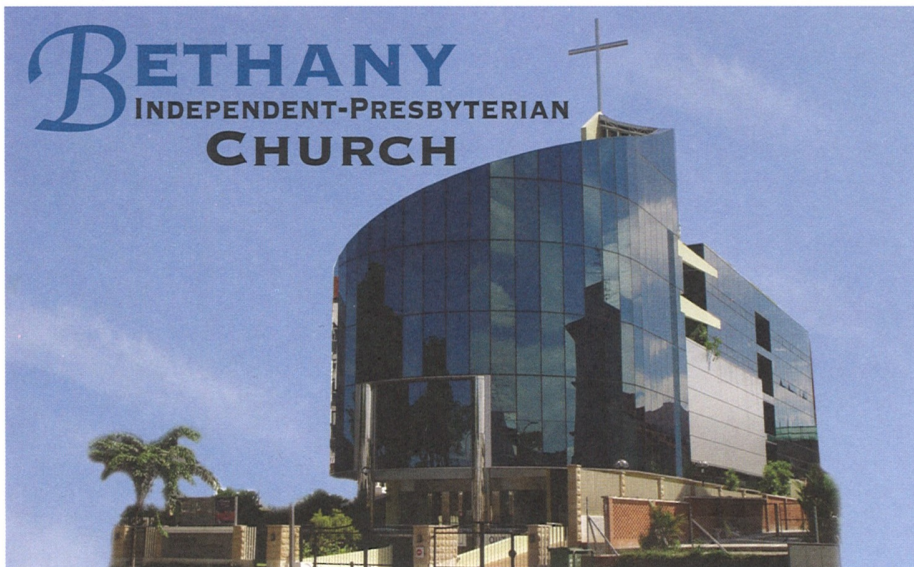


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“HE DOES NOT AFFLICT WILLINGLY”

SUFFERING IN LIFE

The prophet Jeremiah is often called “the weeping prophet.” This is because of the fact that he would often mention that he wept as he observed his beloved nation Judah in perpetual back-

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sliding. He suffered along with the nation. He felt for them and grieved deeply.

Jeremiah sought to remain faithful to the Lord, preaching the prophetic messages that he was given by the Lord. But for all his efforts, the people turned against him.

*I have become the ridicule of all my people-
Their taunting song all the day. Lamentations 3:14*

THE DANGER OF BEING INWARD-LOOKING

Jeremiah fell into the danger of being inward-looking. He thought about himself and he realised that he was sinking lower and lower.

*He has also broken my teeth with gravel,
And covered me with ashes.*

*You have moved my soul far from peace;
I have forgotten prosperity.*

*And I said, "My strength and hope have perished
From the LORD."
Lamentations 3:16-18*

1. He counted his sorrows
 - (a) Teeth broken (figurative)
 - (b) Covered with ashes (symbol of sorrow)
 - (c) Soul far from peace
 - (d) Forgotten prosperity
2. He concluded
 - (a) Strength has gone

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- (b) Hope has perished from the Lord
- (c) He was on the brink of despair!

THE ANSWER THAT WAS FOUND

Jeremiah knew that his inward-looking approach to life was wrong. He then turned his thoughts to the Lord.

*The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,
To the soul who seeks Him.*

*It is good that one should hope and wait quietly
For the salvation of the LORD.*

*For He does not afflict willingly,
Nor grieve the children of men.*

Lamentations 3:25-26, 33

1. The goodness of the Lord
 - (a) This is a foundational doctrine
 - (b) The LORD is good to those who wait for Him
2. The answer lies in being Upward-Looking
 - (a) Wait on the Lord
 - (b) Hope in the Lord
 - (c) Seek the Lord
 - (d) He will yet give salvation to those who persevere in their trust in Him
3. God does not afflict willingly
 - (a) He will show compassion
 - (b) He will grant salvation (deliverance)

Let us hold fast to our faith in the Lord. Let us seek revival of our spirit through His word! †

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be revived through the Word of God! †

WELCOME

to Bethany IV

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Auditorium 4.2 †

MISSIONS MINISTRY (Myanmar)

Pastor Charles Tan will be ministering in Myanmar this week (23-27 October 2017). †



YOUTH CONFERENCE

3-7 December 2017

“The same spirit of faith”

1. A Gospel Emphasis

Given the number of new conferees, there will be a strong emphasis in evangelism this year.

2. “I will make you fishers of men” Mark 1:17

- (a) This was one of the goals that the Lord Jesus stated He had for His disciples
- (b) He wanted them to learn how to become skilled fishers of men

3. The work of soul-winning

- (a) We do not practise “easy-believism”
- (b) We do not simply get people to say “the sinner’s prayer”
- (c) We believe in sharing with people what it means to have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
- (d) The work of converting a person is the special work of the Spirit of God
 - i. He enables one to be “born again”
 - ii. He regenerates the soul

4. Let us pray for the young ones to come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

- (a) May they learn much about who Christ Jesus is!
- (b) May they desire to be His disciples †



CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

Date: 9 December 2017

Venue: Church

Time: 4.00pm

Carolling Fellowship Dinner:

6.00pm

Please plan to register! †

CONGRATULATIONS!

1. To Vanathi and Elliot on the occasion of their wedding on 21 October 2017. May the Lord bless them richly in their marriage!

2. To Liangzhou and Wei Hui

On the gift of twin girls on 16 October 2017. Their twins are called Christabel and Charis. The twins were born pre-term. They are currently in the Special Care unit. †



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mark Tan (Jr.) on the demise of his grandmother on Saturday, 14 October 2017.

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 23 October 2017

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: TUR †

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 23 October 2017

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Main Sanctuary †

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 24 October 2017

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Main Sanctuary †

Psalm 85: 10–11

*Mercy and truth have met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed.*



*Truth shall spring out of the earth,
And righteousness shall look down from heaven.*

1. Four vital elements to take note of

- (a) Mercy
- (b) Truth
- (c) Righteousness
- (d) Peace

2. They are closely related

- (a) Mercy, Truth and Righteousness
These are also the attributes of God
- (b) Peace
This is the blessing that comes when the above attributes are sought after and practised. †

HE DOES NOT AFFLICT WILLINGLY

The afflictions we see in life seem too difficult to bear;
We are upset when we look at suffering here and there.
We are disheartened when our hearts are filled with grief,
There seems to be little comfort, and hardly any relief.

We blame the circumstances of life, and perhaps even God;
We cannot comprehend the mysterious ways of the Lord.
Is there a way in which we can understand affliction?
There must be an answer to so much confusion!

The answer may lie in this observation about God;
"He does not afflict willingly"- this is our Lord!
He will not cast off His people for they are beloved;
He will yet show compassion till we are recovered!

There may be times of grief, but they will not last,
The times of affliction will soon be in the past.
Our hope in the Lord must remain true and strong;
A new song in our heart will arise before too long.

Inspiration: Lamentations 3:33

Charles Tan



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 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.*

1. God's lovingkindness

- (a) An essential attribute of God
- (b) This is to be deeply appreciated

2. So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth

- (a) Testimony
This is a reference to the Word of God
- (b) Keeping of the Word of God
This was expressed as a determination of the psalmist

3. Let us seek revival that comes from the Lord

- (a) He is able to revive us
- (b) He is willing to give revival to our spirit
- (c) Let us call upon the Lord with faith

NEXT SUNDAY: 29 October 2017

Psalm 119:156 Revive me according to Your judgments

*Great are Your tender mercies, O LORD;
Revive me according to Your judgments.*



This Week @ Worship

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
“I am afflicted very much; revive me,
O LORD, according to Your word”
Psalm 119:105-112

Chairman
Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Pianist
Dr Daniel Chia

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Organist
Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter
Mr Alex Tan

Chairman
Ms Sea Su-An

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Pianist
Ms Ho Lianya

Usher
Mr Kreston Ang

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM .
3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2
“Lord I believe, help my unbelief”
Mark 9:14-29

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“He has done all things well”
Mark 7:31-37

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Mrs Joanne Tan

Speaker
Miss Camille
George

Chairman
Student-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Pianist
Mrs Amelia Toi

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Interpreter
Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui
Mr Allister Tham

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —
4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-2, 3
“Present your bodies
a living sacrifice ” Romans 12

Breakfast : Jovan, Ilias & Gavriel Wong
Fellowship Lunch : Teng Ping, Joleen, Shannie, Si Si & Pei Ching
Evening Tea : Mark & Chen Kee

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
22 October 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 416

Come Ye Disconsolate

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 39

This Is My Father's World

HWC No. 46

God Leads Us Along

HWC No. 65

The Wonder Of It All

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “I am afflicted very much; revive me, O LORD,
according to Your word”

Text : Psalm 119:105-112

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 338

O Jesus I Have Promised

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING=BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
22 October 2017
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Prelude 前奏

Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah
Interpreter : Mr Allister Tham

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 53

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
祢信实何广大

Century Praise 2

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
快乐颂

Century Praise 227

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
我知救赎主活着

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “Present your bodies a living sacrifice”
“将身体献上，当作活祭”

Text : Romans 12 罗马书 12

Speaker: Student-Pastor Eugene Seow
Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 354

Take My Life And Let It Be
献已于主

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

22 October 2017

Dear Brethren,

THE COMMAND TO LOVE THE LORD

One of the most important lessons Moses taught ancient Israel was carefully recorded in the Book of Deuteronomy.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is One!

*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, and with all your strength!*

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

This text is commonly called the “Shema Israel.” (Taken from the words “Hear... Israel”). It is recited again and again by the faithful of Israel till today!

THE FIRST LOVE FOR THE LORD

The Lord Jesus was once asked by a scribe which commandment was to be called “the first commandment.” He replied

*Jesus answered him,
“The first of all the commandments is:
Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.*

*And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.”*

Mark 12:29-30

1. Love for the Lord

This may be called “first love”

- a) With all the heart (the seat of emotions)
- a) With all the soul (the inner being)
- a) With all the mind (that is, “understanding”)
- a) With all strength (strength is evidenced in fervour, in service etc)

2. The danger of leaving this first love

- a) The Church at Ephesus was warned that it had “left its first love” for the Lord
- b) It was admonished to repent and to return to its first works

Let us check our first love for the Lord too!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*