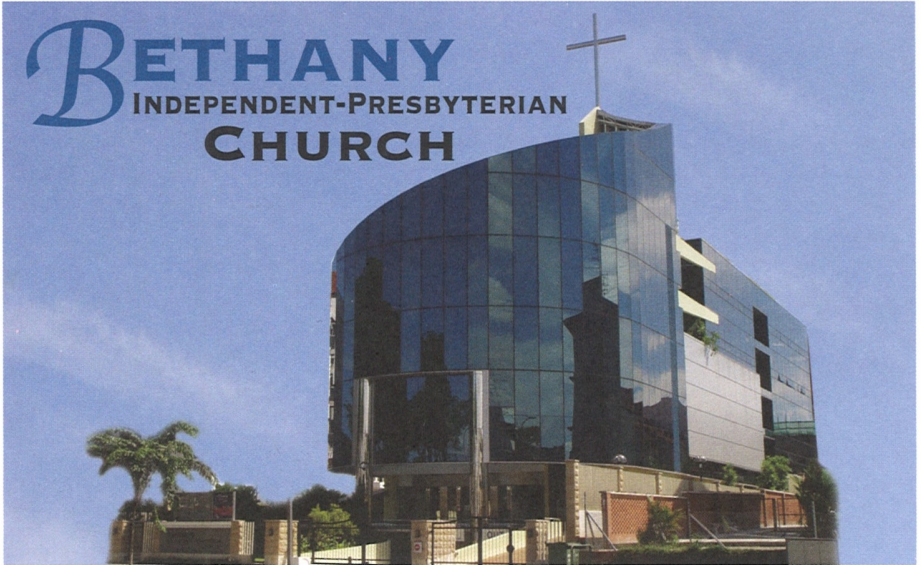


# BETHANY

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

*Bethany IV... 8 October 2017*

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## MEDITATION

*by Rev Dr Charles Tan*

*Text: Jonah 2*



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## “OUT OF THE BELLY OF SHEOL”

### THE STORY OF JONAH

The story of the prophet is illustrative in more ways than one. The Lord Jesus Himself made reference to Jonah as an illustration of how He will be resurrected (Matthew 12:39-40).

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# MEDITATION

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## THE PRAYER OF JONAH

The prayer of Jonah is worth looking at carefully.

*I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction,  
And He answered me.  
Out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
And You heard my voice.                      Jonah 2:2*

### 1. Jonah

- (a) He was a prophet of God
- (b) But when he was sent to speak in Nineveh
  - i. He became reluctant
  - ii. He went on to become a rebellious and disobedient prophet

### 2. My affliction

- (a) He tried to run away from God
- (b) He went onboard a ship that was going in the opposite direction of Nineveh
- (c) God sent a storm and then a great fish who swallowed him

### 3. The belly of Sheol

- (a) Jonah compared his situation to Sheol
- (b) This word “Sheol” was a description of the grave, the place of the dead
- (c) Jonah knew that if God would not deliver him he would indeed be truly dead

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4. Jonah prayed

- (a) That was the only resort left to him
- (b) He cried out to God
  - i. In his affliction
  - ii. In desperation

## A GREAT AND MERCIFUL GOD

God heard the prayer of Jonah and answered him. The Lord spoke to the fish and Jonah escaped certain death!

Once again God sent him to Nineveh. This time Jonah obeyed. He had learned a significant lesson. His prayer to God included these words.

*But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving;  
I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.*

*Jonah 2:9*

Jonah's deliverance was like being made alive all over again. He was going to pay what he had vowed. He would serve the Lord as He directed! †

**Write to me at: [charlestan@bethanyipc.sg](mailto:charlestan@bethanyipc.sg)**

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

**WELCOME**  
**to Bethany IV**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

*Time: 1.00pm*  
*Venue: Auditorium 4.1 †*

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## WEEKDAY MEETINGS

There will be no Prayer Meeting or Bible Study this week. The Pastoral Team will be ministering in India. †

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## MISSIONS- IPC INDIA

1. IPC India celebrates its 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this week
  - (a) There will be a special combined Worship for all the churches
  - (b) We currently have 4 churches in India
2. The Pastoral Team and a number of church members will be going on this trip
3. Pastor Christopher Lai will also be travelling with us
4. Kirubai IPC
  - (a) It will also be celebrating its anniversary
  - (b) Kirubai celebrates its 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †



## THE WORK OF MISSIONS

This is something the Lord Jesus Christ wanted His disciples to look into (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8).

1. It is the work of bearing witness for the Lord
  - (a) To testify of our faith in the Risen Saviour
  - (b) To point people to salvation in Christ Jesus
  
2. It is the work of establishing churches
  - (a) This was the work of the Apostles
  - (b) They established churches: -
    - i. In Jerusalem
    - ii. In Samaria
    - iii. In Antioch, Syria
  
3. The special ministry of the Apostle Paul
  - (a) He pioneered the idea of being a missionary
  - (b) He established many churches way beyond Judea
  
4. Our challenge
  - (a) To heed the Lord's commandment
  - (b) To emulate the example of the Apostles
  
5. Our request
  - (a) To have the church pray for our Missions' work
  - (b) To support the work of establishing churches †

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## HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Mucki Tan on the demise of their father Mr. Tan Siong Kie on 3 October 2017. Mr. Tan passed away peacefully at his home. †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## THANK YOU

Thank God for all who have rallied to serve the Lord at the Vigil and Funeral Services. Let us always seek to serve the Lord meaningfully. †

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## YOUTH CONFERENCE

Date: 3-7 December 2017

Theme: "The same spirit of faith"

1. The faith that we may have in God

(a) It involves the mind

This is where we get to know and believe in the Lord

(b) It involves the heart

This is where we learn to love the Lord our God with all our heart.

(c) It also involves the spirit

This is where faith can become very deep.

i. The prophets of God had this kind of faith

ii. The Apostle Paul also had this kind of faith

iii. The challenge for us is to find the same spirit of faith

2. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings

(a) On the Bible Teachers

(b) On the organising committee and on all the campers

May the Lord pour out great blessings on the Youth Conference 2017! †



## CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A BOY

Heartiest congratulations to Yvette and Eugene on the gift of their first-born son. Baby Daniel was born on 29 September 2017!

Worship  
in Spirit  
& Truth

### WORSHIP

### Psalm 85: 4–6

*Restore us, O God of our salvation,  
And cause Your anger toward us to cease.*

*Will You be angry with us forever?  
Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?*



*Will You not revive us again,  
That Your people may rejoice in You?*

#### 1. Prayer for Restoration

- (a) It begins with asking the Lord to remove His anger
- (b) There must be a strong plea for God's righteous anger to cease

#### 2. Prayer for Revival

- (a) This must also be sought from the Lord
- (b) Only a revived heart would be able to offer full praise ٲ

# POEM

*(In Memoriam of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tan Siong Kie)*

## THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND FULL OF COMPASSION

God knew our hearts when we began Bethany;  
The faith was there and His blessings aplenty!  
The need was to have larger church premises;  
We prayed and clung to the Lord's promises!

There came an opportunity to purchase a place;  
But our funds were limited; we trusted God's grace!  
Two people were raised up by our great God;  
They were great channels of blessing of the Lord.

God's work is truly marvellous to behold;  
His provision is like a Bible Story told;  
The story of Bethany involves the people of God;  
They are precious to us and of course to the Lord!

Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving as we recall;  
Thank God for the Christ Jesus who is our "All in all."  
Through much grace we have experienced God's lovingkindness;  
Let us determine that we will always be found in faithfulness!

*Inspiration: Psalm 145:8*

Charles Tan





## I WILL PAY WHAT I HAVE VOWED

In defiance of God's clear command Jonah fled,  
He thought he could get away and thus he dared!  
He was wrong, for God pursued Him with love,  
A storm and a great fish were sent from Heaven above!

In defeat and in the belly of Sheol, Jonah cried to the Lord;  
He knew he was wrong and sought forgiveness from God.  
He knew he faced certain death if God would not answer;  
God's deliverance came; There was nothing sweeter!

He was at the brink of death because of his foolishness;  
He cried out and pleaded for the Lord's lovingkindness.  
Graciously God answered him and gave him salvation;  
Jonah found a new spirit of faith that gave him inspiration.

He had vowed that he would give praise to God for His grace;  
He would not be silent now; he would preach to the Assyrian race!  
He had been changed; he found revival to his sorrowful soul;  
Seeking to fulfil his vow to God was now his new-found goal!

*Inspiration: Jonah 2:2*

Charles Tan



# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

**Today, 8 October 2017**

**Psalm 119:25 Revive me according to Your word**

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

1. The soul can become weak and forlorn
2. There are usually problems that contribute to this poor state of life
3. The best thing to do is to seek Revival from God

**NEXT SUNDAY: 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.*

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# *This Week @ Worship*

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY  
“Turn away my eyes from looking at  
worthless things, and revive me in  
Your way” Psalm 119:25-32

**Chairman**  
Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Chong

**Pianist**  
Mr Gabriel Ou

**Speaker**  
Rev Dr Charles Tan

**Organist**  
Mrs Elsie Poey

**Interpreter**  
Mrs Koh Baoling

**Chairman**  
Mr Joshua Phang

**Pianist**  
Ms Ho Lianya

**Speaker**  
Rev Mark Tan

**Usher**  
Ms Aleena Kua

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM .  
3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2  
“For this saying, go your way”  
Mark 7:24-30

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —  
10.30 AM  
“Having a Health Check”  
Mark 7:14-23

**CC I: P1—P3**  
*3rd Floor*  
*Auditorium 3-1*

**CC II: P4—P6**  
*4th Floor*  
*Auditorium 4-1*

**Speaker**  
Student-Pastor  
Jonathan Jacob

**Speaker**  
Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah

**Chairman**  
Student-Pastor  
Eugene Seow

**Pianist**  
Ms Tay Soo Leng

**Speaker**  
Student-Pastor  
Moses Kwek

**Interpreter**  
Deacon  
Dr Tan Peng Hui  
Mrs Lee Yuwen

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE —  
4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-2, 3  
“He will also give life to your  
mortal bodies”  
Romans 8

Breakfast : Eric & Siok Kuan  
Fellowship Lunch : Gavin, Cherie & Jasher  
Evening Tea : Mr & Mrs KS Tan

# BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b>				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School II			Main Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-3	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>CHOIRS</b>				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Home Bible Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	7.30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>CATECHISM CLASS</b>				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>PRAYER MEETING</b>				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
<b>FELLOWSHIP GROUPS</b>				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor

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**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**8 October 2017**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou*  
*Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey*

HWC No. 422

No, Not One

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 70

I Will Sing Of The Mercies

Century Praise 340

O To Be Like Thee

Century Praise 458

The Church's One Foundation

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,  
and revive me in Your way”

Text : Psalm 119:37

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 373

Where He Leads Me

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

8 October 2017

*Dear Brethren,*

## MINISTRY IN INDIA THIS WEEK

The Pastoral Team and others will be ministering in India this week (9-13 October 2017)

1. Kirubai IPC
  - a) The pastor is Rev. Victor Venkatesh
  - b) This church is in Andra Pradesh
  - c) It celebrates its 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this week
2. IPC Family in India
  - a) It celebrates its 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - b) This is a Combined Church celebration
  - c) All the churches will be there
    - i) Sathiyam
    - ii) Jayam
    - iii) Visuvasam
    - iv) Kirubai



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## THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Two messages will be drawn from the Book of Revelation. This is a wonderfully uplifting book to read!

1. The Word of God is so real and relevant
2. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings
  - a) For encouragement
  - b) For inspiration to serve faithfully in the years ahead
  - c) For strength and courage to cope with tough situations in life
  - d) For the Lord's name to be glorified

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*