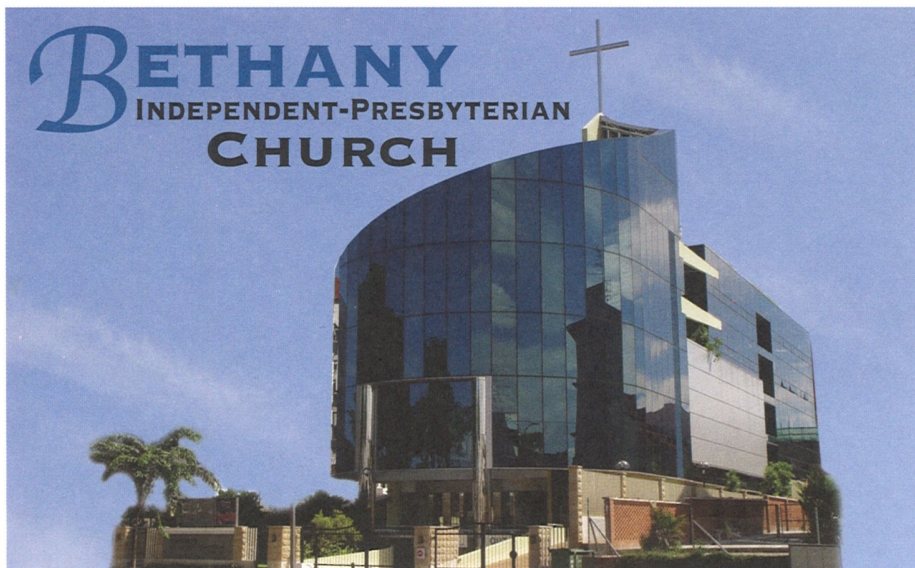


# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN

## CHURCH



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

*Bethany IV ... 5 November 2017 ... Holy Communion Sunday*

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## MEDITATION

*by Rev Dr Charles Tan*

Text: Hebrews 1



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# "SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON"

## WE BEGIN OUR PREPARATION TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Let us seek to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate arguably the happiest season of the year — Christmas! Let us focus, as we should, on the Person whose birth we honour and celebrate — the Lord Jesus Christ!

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# MEDITATION

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## THE PERSON OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

This year we will take time to focus on the Sonship of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us look at some of the thoughts featured in the Book of Hebrews.

*God, who at various times and in various ways  
Spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,*

*Has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,  
Whom He has appointed heir of all things,  
Through whom also He made the worlds;*

*Who being in the brightness of His glory  
And the express image of His person,  
And upholding all things by the word of His power,  
When He had by Himself purged our sins,  
Sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.*

*Hebrews 1:1-4*

### 1. God speaking to His people

- (a) At various times
- (b) In various ways
- (c) Through the prophets

### 2. Honouring of the prophets

- (a) As they should be honoured
- (b) As the holy servants of the LORD
- (c) As servants who bring vital messages from the LORD

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### 3. God speaking through His Son

- (a) He is the appointed heir of all things
- (b) He was co-creator of the worlds
- (c) He is the express image of God
- (d) He upholds all things in His power
- (e) He saw to the purging of our sins
- (f) He sits at the right hand of God

### 4. Honouring the Son of God

- (a) If we hold the prophets of God with honour
- (b) We must even more honour the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God!

Let us celebrate Christmas with the greatest sense of gratitude that the Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour! ✠

**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 greatly encouraged through worship and fellowship! ✠

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## NEW SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES

The main focus of this series of Pulpit Messages centres on the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, with special reference to His Sonship!

We will be looking at the Messianic Psalms. These special Psalms give us significant insights of the life, ministry and suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ.

These messages are designed to help us appreciate Christmas! May the celebration in this joyous season be centred on the Lord Jesus Christ! †

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## HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

We observe the Lord's Supper today!

#### *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*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

*Time: 1.00pm*

*Venue: Auditorium 4.1*

To all Candidates:

1. Your attendance at Catechism

This is to be faithfully complied with

2. Your testimony

(a) Your understanding of salvation is to be clearly reflected

(b) Your testimony of your faith must be evidenced

3. Meet the Session

Date: 3 December 2017

Time: 12.00nn

Venue: Auditorium 4.1 †

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### PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

We have concluded our PM and BS program for 2017. We will be in recess till January 2018.

1. Take time to review the lessons learned

2. Take time to pray about applying the lessons learned †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' TRAINING

*Monday and Tuesday, 6-7 November 2017*

*Time: 8.00pm*

*Venue: Main Sanctuary*

1. What is the ministry of a Sunday School Teacher?
2. How may one be an effective SS teacher?
3. The SSTT program
  - (a) To help equip our new SS Teachers
  - (b) To refresh those who have been serving as SS Teachers for some time

Thank God for our SS Teachers. Let us pray for and support our SS teachers. 🙏

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## YOUTH CONFERENCE

*3-7 December 2017*

*"The same spirit of Faith"*

1. Gospel emphasis Youth Conference  
Let us pray for this endeavour to help people come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings. 🙏



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CHRISTMAS AT BETHANY 2017**

### **1. Christmas Baptismal Services**

10 December 2017

Paedo-baptism

17 December 2017

Adult baptism

Confirmation

Transference of Membership

### **2. Christmas Carolling Service**

Date: Saturday, 9 December 2017

Time: 4.00pm

Please indicate if you are 65 and above

### **3. Christmas Concert**

Date: 22-23 December 2017

Time: 8.00pm

### **4. Christmas Service at Shangri La**

25 December 2017

Time: 10.30am Worship

12.30pm Christmas Lunch ☩

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WEDDING BELLS

Sudipto Bari and Andrea Lim will be joined together in holy matrimony on Saturday, 11 November 2017 at Bethany. The Wedding service commences at 11.00am. All in Bethany are cordially invited. †

## WORSHIP

Worship  
in Spirit  
& Truth

### Psalm 86:1–2

*Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me;  
For I am poor and needy.*

*Preserve my life, for I am holy;  
You are my God;  
Save Your servant who trusts in You!*



1. A heart-felt plea
  - (a) Poor and needy
  - (b) Holy
2. A humble plea of a servant of God
  - (a) One who knows the LORD
  - (b) One who trusts the LORD as his God

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3 †*



### THOUGH HE WAS A SON

We reason that if Jesus were the Son of God He would have an easy life,  
He would be surrounded by God's angels and there would be no strife.  
He would be living happily each day because of His relationship with God;  
But the truth of the matter is to be found only in the Word of the Lord!

Though Jesus was indeed the Son of God yet He had to learn obedience;  
Never did He have an easy life, but He showed tremendous resilience!  
He was born and bred in very humble circumstances, that He might learn,  
How to fully trust the Word of God and His Glorious Father in Heaven.

He had to learn about the lot of Man, through personal pain and suffering;  
He would then learn what it means to trust God for every single thing.  
He would set the Example for all His Disciples to see and to consider;  
Man was meant to live only by the Glorious Word of God forever!

Having fulfilled all that God had expected He became the Author of salvation;  
All who come to Him in faith and walk in His ways would find true consolation;  
There may be afflictions of life which bring pain and sorrow to the soul;  
But there is glorious assurance that the soul would be made whole!

*Inspiration: Hebrews 5:8*

Charles Tan



# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

**Today, 5 November 2017**

## **Psalm 2: 7 You are My Son**

*I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me,  
You are My Son, today I have begotten You.*

1. Psalm 2 is a Messianic Psalm
2. This text features a special decree made by God
  - (a) He is the Eternal Son of God
  - (b) God planned to have the Lord Jesus begotten in the flesh
  - (c) This was fulfilled when Jesus was born in Bethlehem
3. Let us celebrate Christmas with much joy that our faith is founded on the Holy Scriptures!

**NEXT SUNDAY: 12 November 2017**

## **Isaiah 7:14 The LORD Himself will give you a sign**

*Therefore the LORD Himself will give you a sign;  
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,  
and shall call His name Immanuel.*



THEME : YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU

# *This Week @ Worship*

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

“I have set My King  
on the holy hill of Zion”

Psalm 2

**Chairman**

Student-Pastor  
Eugene Seow  
Student-Pastor  
Moses Kwek

**Pianist**

Mrs Esther Ang

**Organist**

Mrs Sally Tan

**Speaker**

Rev Dr Charles Tan

**Interpreter**

Dr Jane Tan

**Chairman**

Ms Shamini Joseph

**Pianist**

Ms Edlyn Chong

**Speaker**

Mr Lai Chung Han

**Usher**

Ms Germaine Kong

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM .

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2

“And you shall call His name  
JESUS...” Matt. 1:18-25

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —

10.30 AM

“Needed Repetition”

Mark 8:1-10

**CC I: P1—P3**

3rd Floor  
Auditorium 3-1

**CC II: P4—P6**

4th Floor  
Auditorium 4-1

**Speaker**

Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah

**Speaker**

Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Chong

**Chairman**

Mr Lim Wei Quan

**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

“I have set My King  
on the holy hill of Zion”

Psalm 2

Breakfast : Chin Heng & Kar Inn  
Fellowship Lunch : Jon & Michelle  
Evening Tea : Steven & Sharon Heng

# BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
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
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
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
CHOIRS				
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
BIBLE STUDY				
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
CATECHISM CLASS				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
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**  
**5 November 2017**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang*  
*Organist: Mrs Sally Tan*

HWC No. 56

Day By Day

Prelude

Call to Worship

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

HWC No. 76

O For A Thousand Tongues

Century Praise 340

O, To Be Like Thee

HWC No. 365

Close To Thee

**PRAYER**

Pastoral Prayer

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “I have set My King on the holy hill of Zion”

Text : Psalm 2

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Hymn

HWC No. 512

My Saviour’s Love

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 291

Jesus Is All The World To Me

Partaking of the Cup

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 508

I Will Sing The Wondrous Story

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

## **EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

**5 November 2017**

### **Order of Worship**

#### **PREPARATION 预备**

Pre-Worship Singing	<i>Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou</i>
HWC No. 229	Our God Reigns 主作王
Prelude 前奏	
Call to Worship 齐来称颂	<i>Mr Lim Wei Quan</i> Interpreter : Mrs Lee Yuwen
Invocation 祈祷	

#### **PRAISE 赞美诗**

Hymns	
Century Praise No. 370 世纪颂赞(370)	He Keeps Me Singing 不住的歌唱
Century Praise No. 321 世纪颂赞(321)	Blessed Assurance 有福确据
Century Praise No. 77 世纪颂赞(77)	Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing 万福泉源

#### **PRAYER 牧祷**

#### **“PREACH THE WORD” 证道**

Message:	“I have set My King on the holy hill of Zion” 我已经立我的君在锡安我的圣山上了。
Text:	Psalm 2 诗 篇 2
Speaker:	Rev Mark Tan Interpreter : Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

#### **THE LORD’S SUPPER 圣餐**      Rev Dr Charles Tan

Hymn	
Century Praise No. 331 世纪颂赞(331)	Be Thou My Vision 成为我异象

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn	
Century Praise No. 331 世纪颂赞(331)	Be Thou My Vision 成为我异象

Partaking of the Cup

**RESPONSE**

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise No. 325 I Know Whom I Have Believed  
世纪颂赞(325) 我知所信的是谁

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

5 November 2017

*Dear Brethren,*

## REVIVAL

Thank God for the revival that we can experience in our journey of faith. Let us take time to review our understanding of revival. May our spirit stay revived in the Lord!

1. It is to be sought
  - a) From the Lord
  - b) In humble prayer
  - c) In confession
    - i) Recognising our weakness
    - ii) Acknowledging our sins
2. Hope is to be exercised
  - a) Trusting in God
    - i) In His lovingkindness
    - ii) In His tender mercies
  - b) Trusting in the Word of the Lord
    - i) As the Word of God is revealed
    - ii) As the Word of God is applied

## REVIVAL AND THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Let us seek to apply the spirit of revival God gives to us as we prepare to celebrate Christmas!

1. Let us seek to rejoice in the Lord
2. Let us seek to renew our faith in our glorious Saviour
  - a) As we revisit many wonderful truths about the Lord in the prophetic word
  - b) As we offer heartfelt worship of the Lord on different occasions

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*