

Bethany IV ... 19 November 2017

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# MEDITATION

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Text: Hebrews 1



# THE ANGELS OF GOD

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The angels of God are mighty and aweinspiring. Each time an angel appears to people, a sense of awe and fear would be felt. The first words of the visiting angel were directed to calm fears.

"YOU ARE MY SON"

# MEDITATION

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1. To Zacharias

"Do not be afraid" Luke 1:13

2. To Mary

"Do not be afraid" Luke 1:30

3. To the shepherds

"Do not be afraid" Luke 2:10

#### THE ANGEL GABRIEL

The angel Gabriel was sent to speak to Zacharias and to bring him the good news that he would soon be a father. Zacharias, being an old man expressed doubt and uncertainty! Gabriel then said to Zacharias:

> I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, And was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.

But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak
Until the day these things take place, because you
Did not believe my words which will be fulfilled
In their own time.

Luke 1:19-20

- 1. The standing of Gabriel is to be noted
- 2. His power and authority are to be observed too

### JESUS THE SON OF GOD

Against this backdrop, we have the following observations about the Son of God!

# **MEDITATION**

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For to which of the angels did He ever say: You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

And again:

I will be to Him a Father;

And He shall be to Me a Son Hebrews 1:5

# CELEBRATING THE 1ST ADVENT OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

We have every reason to celebrate Christmas. We celebrate the 1st Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ!

- 1. The birth of the Lord Jesus was specially celebrated
- (a) When God created a Star to show the significance of the birth of Jesus
- (b) When God sent angels to sing about the birth of the Lord Jesus to faithful shepherds
- 2. The celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus today
- (a) Let us celebrate because we have a greater understanding of the significance of His birth
- (b) Let us celebrate because we have found salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ!

May the Lord grant us much spiritual insight as we enter into the Christmas season!  $\vartheta$ 

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We are glad you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today! May your heart be blessed through worship and fellowship!  $\hat{V}$ 



to Bethany IV

# **COMBINED WORSHIP**

We will have Combined Worship from this Sunday. The Evening-Bilingual Brethren will be joining us for Worship! \$\forall\$

# **EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP**

- 1. This has grown stronger this year
- 2. Thank God for His grace to build this ministry
- 3. We resume Evening-Bilingual Worship in January 2018 🕏



## **GREETINGS**

Pastor Charles Tan sends greetings from Perth. He will be returning to Singapore tonight. \$\forall

## SSTT

Monday and Tuesday night 8.00pm

- 1. Let us remember the Sunday School Ministry
- 2. Let us pray for our SS teachers as they attend SSTT
- 3. May there always be a strong commitment to teach the Lord's word!  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$

# WEDDING BELLS

Sherman and Zara will be joined together in holy matrimony this Saturday, 25 November 2017. The wedding service commences at 11.00am. All in Bethany are cordially invited!  $\hat{\tau}$ 



## YOUTH CONFERENCE

3-7 December 2017 "The same spirit of Faith"

- 1. Evangelism
  - (a) Let us pray for the sowing of the Word of God
  - (b) Let us pray for all who are teaching the Lord's word
- 2. Encouragement
  - (a) Pray for good fellowship to be found
  - (b) Pray for a strong development of friendship 🕈

# **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!**

Christmas Carolling
 December 2017
 Time: 4.00pm

2. Christmas at Shangri La 25 December 2017 Time: 10.30am Christmas Worship 12.30pm Christmas Lunch 🕏

## CHRISTMAS BAPTISMAL SERVICES

1. 10 December 2017
Paedo-baptism

2. 17 December 2017 Adult Baptism 🕏

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

22- 23 December 2017 8.00pm

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings! \$\foat{1}\$

## **WORSHIP**



## **Psalm 86:5**

For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

- 1. Wonderful attributes of God
  - (a) He is good
  - (b) He is ready to forgive
  - (c) He is abundant in mercy
- 2. Worshippers
  - (a) They call upon the Lord
  - (b) They call upon Him in faith and hope
  - (c) They worship Him because of who He is 🕈



# POETRY CORNER

# THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

Different people were involved in the Divine Plan; Mary and Joseph were chosen; an angel was sent. They were told that Mary would bring forth a Son; They had to exercise their faith till all was done!

John the forerunner had a mighty ministry; He was to prepare the way for His majesty! His words melted hearts; they were very strong; And many were drawn to his baptism ere long.

To the River Jordan Jesus of Nazareth came one day; John was astonished; he heard Jesus with dismay! How could he baptise Jesus who was the Lamb of God? But this was to fulfil all righteousness- the will of the Lord!

Then John heard a glorious Voice, full of power and majesty;
"This is My beloved Son!" A memory that would last for eternity!
The Son of God had come to fulfil the Divine Plan of Salvation,
Jesus is Emmanuel; we have every reason for joyous celebration!

Inspiration: Matthew 3:17 Charles Tan ণ

# **BIBLE MEMORY WORK**

## Today, 19 November 2017

#### Isaiah 9:6 For Unto us a Child is Born

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

#### 1. The Titles of the Son of God

- (a) Wonderful
- (b) Counselor
- (c) Mighty God
- (d) Everlasting Father
- (e) Prince of peace

#### 2. He is also our: -

- (a) Saviour
- (b) Our High Priest
- (c) Our Lord

#### **NEXT SUNDAY: 26 November 2017**

Psalm 8:5 You have made him a little lower than the angels

For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honour. THEME: YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU

# This Week @ Worship

#### COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM. CHURCH SANCTUARY

"They pierced My hands and My feet" Psalm 22

#### Chairman

Mr Lai Chung Han

#### Speaker

Rev Mitchell Tan

#### Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

#### Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

#### Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

#### Chairman **Pianist**

Mr Stanley Woo Ms Edlyn Chong

#### Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah

#### Usher

Ms Shamini Joseph

#### TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE -10.30 AM.

#### 3rd Floor Auditorium 3~2

"A Saviour Who is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:8~20

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH -10.30 AM

"The Problem of Fearing Difficulties" Mark 10:32~34

#### CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

#### Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong

#### CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

#### Speaker

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow

COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

## NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast: Nicholas Khoo

Fellowship Lunch: Eugene & Yvette; George & Ruby

# BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SER VICES				
Morning Worship Service		10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Children's Worship I (PI – P3)	1		Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)	Sun 10.30 am 4.00pm		Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual			Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche		8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	I <sup>st</sup> floor
Beginners' Sunday School	Sun		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	1	8.30am	Fellowship Hall	I <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	<b> </b>	Auditorium 4-1	4th floor	
Special Needs Ministry	1		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	3.00 pm	-	
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Mandarin Bible Study	Ist and	7.30 pm	4th Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri			
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CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
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PRAYER MEETING	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	Z''' TIOOT
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I			Auditorium 2-I	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II	-		Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III	Sat 3.00 pm Auditorium 3-1 3rd flo		3rd floor	
Young Adults' Group			4 <sup>th</sup> floor	
Young Married Group			4th floor	
Adults' Ministry	-{ -{	4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
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#### COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 19 November 2017 Order of Worship

#### **PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist: Mr Gabriel Ou

Organist: Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 466 Jesus, Lover Of My Soul

Prelude

What Child Is This? Bethany Handbells Choir

Call to Worship Mr Lai Chung Han

Invocation

#### **PRAISE**

Hymns

Song No. 1 Behold Our God

Century Praise 321 Blessed Assurance

Century Praise 270 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

#### "PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "They pierced My hands and My feet"

Text: Psalm 22

Speaker: Rev Mitchell Tan

#### **RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 289 And Can It Be?

**Prayerful Meditation** 

Benediction

Postlude

# PASTORAL LETTER

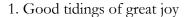
Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

19 November 2017

Dear Brethren,

# THE JOY OF EVANGELISM

One of the greatest things we could do for the Lord is to share the Gospel. As we enter into the Christmas season, we have every reason to share our joy in the Lord. Let us look at some of the things that bring us great joy.



Luke 2:10

- a) These were the words spoken by an angel to a group of shepherds
- b) This was a summary of the Message they were delivering from God
  - i) Good tidings (good news)
  - ii) Of great joy which will be to all people
- c) The Birth of the Lord Jesus Christ
  - i) He will be the Saviour of the world
  - ii) He is Christ the Lord (The Messiah)
- 2. The first group of people who shared their faith
  - a) The shepherds were the first group of people who shared
  - b) What did they share?
    - i) What they had heard from the angels
    - ii) What they had seen and experienced themselves
  - c) How did they share?

i) They were glorifying God

Luke 2:20

ii) They were praising Him

Luke 2:20

## LET US SHARE ABOUT OUR FAITH IN GOD

Let us take the time to share about our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. In a world of gloomy darkness, let our message of faith in God bring hope and joy to many hearts! Reach out with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas.

Prayerfully,

Pastor Charlie





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