

Bethany IV ... 17 December 2017

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"BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED"

THE MINISTRY OF THE ANGELS OF GOD

The ministry of angels was mentioned in the Holy Scriptures. However, their appearances are fairly limited.

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VITAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE ANGELS

From the Gospel text where the angel Gabriel's visit to Zacharias was noted, the following observations may be made: -

- 1. He is called "An angel of the Lord" Luke 1:11
 - a) He is a messenger sent by God
 - b) He represents the Lord
- 2. He can bring a word from the Lord
 - a) He brought an important message
 - b) His word is to be believed!
- 3. He has great authority
 - a) He could chasten Zacharias
 - b) He could strike him dumb

FAITH OR UNBELIEF

One could either choose to believe or choose not to believe.

- 1. Zacharias
 - a) He could not bring himself to believe
 - b) He had to be chastened for his unbelief
- 2. Mary
 - a) Beyond the initial hesitation
 - b) She believed with all her heart
 - c) She actually had the greater challenge of exercising faith

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THE COMMENDATION BY ELIZABETH

When Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, she was greeted with these words.

Blessed is she who believed,
For there will be a fulfilment of those things
Which were told her from the Lord.

Luke 1:45

- 1. Mary was blessed indeed!
- 2. The reason for this special blessing "She believed!"
- 3. Fulfilment
 - a) The word of the Lord was given
 - b) And every word of God will be fulfilled!

Let us be challenged to find our faith in the Lord renewed this Christmas! Blessed is everyone who believes!

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

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





BAPTISMAL SERVICE TODAY

Baptism

- 1. Agnes Song Yen Lin
- 2. Belle Cheong Wai Shin
- 3. Chua Jia Hui
- 4. Divina Y. Canlas Foo
- 5. Eileen Aw Ang Yee Ling
- 6. Jerome Lau Ming Jie
- 7. Jonathan Fok Wai Kin
- 8. Joseph Khoo Yok Sit
- 9. Judy Fok Soo Hee nee Tan
- 10. Lim Wee Ta
- 11. Low Fang Hian, Nick
- 12. Tan Yu Guang

Re-affirmation of Faith

1. Diane Ashley Seto Ern

Transference

- Cheng Siam Cheng
- 2. Francis Patrick Canlas Foo Phan Shan

Application For Church Membership

1. C. Simon Nagaraj



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Thank God for all who are seeking membership, via Application, Transference, Reaffirmation or Baptism. Warm welcome!

BAPTISM

There is such rich symbolic and spiritual significance!

1. Baptism

This was ordained by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself (Matthew 28:19-20)

- 2. Historical
 - a) Practised from the days of the Apostles
 - b) We continue with this practice
- 3. Theological
 - a) Identification with Christ
 - b) Identification with Him
 - i) Death
 - ii) Burial
 - iii) Resurrection

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4. Ramifications

- a) To be risen with Christ
- b) To walk with the Lord faithfully
- c) To serve Him as He calls us
- d) To strengthen the work of the Church

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

22 and 23 December 2017

Time: 8.00pm Venue: Main Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

Date: 25 December 2017

Time: 10.30am Christmas Service 12.30pm Christmas Lunch



CHRISTMAS CANDLES

First Christmas Candle - "The Prophecy Candle"

Second Christmas Candle - "The Bethlehem Candle" (10 December 2017)

Third Christmas Candle- "The Shepherds Candle" (17 December 2017)

- The Shepherds represent the Poor
 Yet they received a special visit from the angels of the Lord.
- 2. The shepherd was "symbolic" Baby Jesus would one day become "The Great Shepherd of the Sheep"

Fourth Christmas Candle - "The Angels Candle" (24 December 2017)

Let us enjoy and appreciate the lighting of the Christmas Candles. May they bring inspiration to our hearts!

DOWN MEMORY LANE

31 December 2017 Time: 8.00pm

Let us conclude this year with Worship of the Lord Jesus Christ!



NO FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

We will not be having Fellowship Lunch for the next 2 Sundays!

24 December 2017
Christmas Eve

31 December 2017

The Kitchen Crew will be preparing for the DML Supper instead.

WORSHIP



Psalm 86:11

Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

- 1. Two vital requests
 - a) Teach me Your way
 - b) Unite my heart to fear Your name
- 2. One vital commitment
 - a) I will walk in Your truth
 - b) This is an appropriate response

POETRY CORNER

CONSIDER CHRIST JESUS

Christ Jesus was born to fulfil God's profound will; High expectations! How could His heart be so still? Huge tasks were given that would wear a person down; Yet, Jesus performed every task and never wore a frown!

Let us indeed consider Christ Jesus and fathom how He fared; Nothing seemed to faze Him, and in all circumstances He was glad! What was His secret, that He could do all that had been entrusted? He was King, Priest, Prophet; He fulfilled all; beyond the expected!

Jesus did not take lightly that He was called the Beloved Son of God; Deep in His heart, He determined that He would be faithful to the LORD. No matter how hard life may be, His soul was focused on pleasing Him; He would not fail His Father, even at death, when His eyes grew dim!

Faithfulness was the lesson He determined He would practise from the heart; The day may be long, and the work demanding, but His eyes were on God's chart; The Word of God had charted His life and His ministry, and He would not fail; His faith was strong, His Spirit was focused, and by God's grace He would prevail!

> Inspiration: Hebrews 3:1 Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY, 17 December 2017

Psalm 110:4 You are a Priest forever

The LORD has sworn and will not relent, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

- 1. A solemn oath made by the LORD
 - a) This word is binding
 - b) No changes
- 2. A priest forever
 - a) The Lord Jesus is made High Priest
 - b) According to the order of Melchizedek

NEXT SUNDAY: 24 December 2017

Psalm 118:22 The chief cornerstone

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

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

This Week @ Worship

– COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek" Psalm 110; Hebrews 7

Chairman

Deacon George Thomas

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poev

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE –

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —— 10.30 AM

Shepherds Candle: "He will feed His flock like a shepherd" Isaiah 40:11

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah

— COMBINED EVENING~BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast : Wei Quan Fellowship Lunch : Gina Lee

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SER VICES				
Morning Worship Service		10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Children's Worship I (PI – P3)	1		Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)	Sun Au		Auditorium 4-1	4th 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		8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	I st floor
Beginners' Sunday School	Auditorium Auditorium Sun Auditorium		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	1	8.30am	Fellowship Hall	I st floor
Senior Sunday School II	1		Main Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Senior Sunday School III	1	Prayer Room 4-1	4 th floor	
Senior Sunday School IV	1		Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
Special Needs Ministry	1		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	3.00 pm	1- 1-	
•	4th Thurs	•		
Mandarin Bible Study	Ist and	7.30 pm	4th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
	3 rd Fri			
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CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 th 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 nd floor
Young People's Group II	-		Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III	3.00 pm		3rd floor	
Young Adults' Group	- Sat	Sat Auditorium 3-1 3'' 1100		4 th floor
Young Married Group			4th floor	
Adults' Ministry	-{ -{	4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
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BAPTISMAL WORSHIP SERVICE 17 December 2017 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia

Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 139 Joy To The World

Prelude

Call to Worship Deacon George Thomas

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 140 The First Noel

Century Praise 133 Silent Night

VIP No. 758 Down From His Glory

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "You are a Priest forever according to

the order of Melchizedek"

Text: Psalm 110; Hebrews 7 Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 170 One Day

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTE

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

17 December 2017

Dear Brethren,

A LIVING FAITH

How wonderful it is to have a living faith! It brings so many wonderful blessings! It affects the very way we live! Five things may be highlighted!



We live by faith.

2. Our ministry

We desire to bear fruits to the glory of God.

3. Our hope

We are confident that if we are absent in the body, we are present with the Lord.

4. Our strength

The Lord renews the inward man again and again.

5. Our joy

We can rejoice in the Lord always!

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A LIVING CHURCH

We welcome into Bethany a new set of members. Thank God for those who have stepped forward to seek baptism in Christ! May all at Bethany remember the Lord's teaching about what it means to be a living Church!

1. The Church

It is meant to be the Body of Christ!

2. A holy temple

The Spirit of God builds all believers into a holy temple in which God Himself dwells.

3. A Church with a Mission

We have a great mission to fulfil. The Lord wants us to bear witness for Him faithfully.

4. A Church empowered

The Lord has promised us Divine power to carry out the work He has entrusted to us.

5. A growing Church

Let us be deeply committed to grow Bethany from strength to strength!

6. A united Church

Let us continue to build a church that is strongly united in every sense of the word!

Prayerfully, Pastor Charlie