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Text: 2 Corinthians 4



"WE DO NOT LOSE HEART"

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THANK GOD FOR THE MINISTRIES ENTRUSTED TO US

It is God who has given to us the joy and privilege of serving Him.

Therefore, since we have this ministry, As we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. 2 Corinthians 4:1

MEDITATION

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- 1. We do have a ministry entrusted to us
- 2. We have received mercy from the Lord
- 3. Thus we conclude 2017 on a strong note
 - a) We do not lose heart
 - b) We have no reason to lose heart!

GOD'S COMMAND TO BE LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD

The Lord's word is obvious. The command to be a light was first given by the Lord Jesus Christ.

You are the light of the world. Matthew 5:14

Paul picked this up and explained what it means to shine for the Lord.

For it is the God who commanded light to shine
Out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts
To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
In the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

- Darkness
 - a) This describes accurately the state of the world at large
 - b) Darkness and sin are closely related
- 2. The commandment to be light
 - a) This comes from the Lord God Himself

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- b) He Himself has given us light personally
- c) Symbolically
 - i) Paul was struck blind for a few days
 - ii) He realised how dark his world was
- d) He became deeply committed to being a light that shone in the darkness
- 3. To give light to a dark world
 - a) The true Light of the world is the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:7-9)
 - b) Let us be deeply committed to be a light for the Lord

IN THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST

In God's Divine will and plan, He wants all believers to honour the Son! Our challenge to bear witness effectively is to be fully identified with Christ. We are to bear witness to the True Light.

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg



We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us for the whole year. Your faithfulness in worship, fellowship and ministry brings great encouragement to the heart!



NEXT SUNDAY- 7 JANUARY 2018

We commence the New Year with observing the Lord's Supper! Let us come prepared in heart, mind and soul.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Last Service for the year 2017 8.00pm

Text: Psalm 71

Title: "I will go in the strength of the LORD"

THINGS TO THANK GOD FOR ESPECIALLY

- 1. His wondrous provision
 - a) For the A & A project
 - b) For Missions

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- c) For local church ministries
- 2. His wonderful and faithful children who serve Him
 - a) In so many different ministries
 - b) Some of which are humble areas
 - c) With a deep sense of love and commitment
- 3. His grace and strength in Missions work
 - a) To teach the Lord's word
 - b) To minister to many people with needs, some of which are painfully severe
 - c) Thank God for grace and blessings

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

Venue: Le Grandeur Date: 11-16 March 2018

Theme: "Let us walk in the Light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5)

1. A Dark World

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- a) Deeply affected by sin
- b) Disastrously affected by the Evil One
- 2. Walking in the Light of the Lord
 - a) This is our challenge at this year's Family Camp
 - b) Let us seek to be enlightened by the Lord and His word

Plan to sign up as soon as possible!

TPC INDIA FAMILY CAMP

Date: 15-17 January 2017

Theme: "You shall love the LORD your God" Deuteronomy 6:5

- 1. Pastors in India
 - a) Let us pray for them
 - b) They interpret for our local pastors and Pastor Chris Lai
- 2. The congregations in India
 - a) May the Lord bless all who are coming for the Camp
 - b) Let us seek to strengthen the hands of our brethren in India



RESUMPTION OF MULTIPLE SERVICES

1. When?

We resume on the first Sunday of January 2018.

- 2. Which Services will be resumed?
 - a) Teens Worship
 - b) Bilingual Worship



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

RESUMPTION OF WEEK-DAY MEETINGS

- 1. Monday 8 January 2018
 - a) Pre-marital Counseling (7.00pm)
 - b) Prayer Meeting (8.00pm)
- 2. Tuesday. 9 January 2018

Church Bible Study

WORSHIP



Psalm 86:14-15

O God, the proud have risen against me, and a mob of violent men have sought my life, And have not set You before them.

But You, O LORD, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

- 1. Man and God compared and contrasted
- 2. The wickedness that Man is capable of doing:
 - a) To have a heart full of Pride
 - b) To engage in Violence
 - c) To contemplate Evil deeds (expressed in plans to destroy people)
- 3. What God is like:
 - a) Compassionate
 - b) Gracious
 - c) Longsuffering
 - d) Abundantly merciful
 - e) Abounding in truth
- 4. The worship of God
 - a) In recognition that He is worthy of worship
 - b) Worship is a response from a grateful heart

THE GREATNESS OF HIS POWER

When God created Man, He looked into many things; The story of His creating both Man is truly inspiring. He granted intelligence and Man had a mind of his own; The greatness of God's glorious design was clearly shown.

But sin came in and Man found himself defeated; Sin had made him weak and strength was depleted. Man would have to find his source of power in God; He would have to seek it in his prayers to the Lord.

The many trials in life remind Man of his need; He would have to find faith to seek God indeed! Pride often stands in the way and Man soon falls; He would have to learn how, on God, he must call.

The greatness of God's power will not diminish; He will grant strength, so that work can be finished. How grateful we must feel as we reflect on the year! He was there to give strength when we were in tears!

> Inspiration: Ephesians 1:19; Psalm 32 Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY, 31 December 2017

Psalm 87:30 city of God

Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God!

- The city of God
 - a) Commonly understood as Jerusalem
 - b) Spiritually significant name: Zion
- 2. The spiritual description of Zion is found in Hebrews 12:22-24
 - a) Far greater than Mount Sinai
 - b) It is the holy dwelling place of God Himself

NEXT SUNDAY: 7 January 2018

Psalm 8:2 You have ordained strength

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

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

This Week @ Worship

– COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"City of God" Psalm 87; Hebrews 12:22~24 <u>Chairman</u>

Dr Daniel Chia

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poev

Interpreter

Mrs Koh Baoling

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH — 10.30 AM

"And the Word became flesh" John 1:14 <u>CC I: P1—P3</u>

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah 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 : Audrey & Dorothy No Fellowship Lunch

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		Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual			Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 th floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche		8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	I st floor
Beginners' Sunday School	Sun 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	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	-	-
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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	Sat	3.00 pm		3rd floor
Young Adults' Group	Auditorium 3-1 3-3-7 Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3 4th fl		4 th floor	
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
Adults' Ministry	-{ -{	4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 31 December 2017 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang

Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Pre-Worship Song 10,000 Reasons

Prelude

Call to Worship Dr Daniel Chia

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 51 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Century Praise 459 Blest Be The Tie

Century Praise 389 He Leadeth Me

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "City of God"

Text: Psalm 87; Hebrews 12:22-24

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 20 All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

31 December 2017

Dear Brethren,

THANK GOD FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF SERVICE

Psalm 86 is a good Psalm to read as we come to the end of another year of living for the Lord and of serving Him.

- 1. Consciousness of serving the Lord
 - a) This was acutely felt by the Psalmist (Psalm 86:2, 4, 26)
 - b) There was also consciousness of challenges in service
- 2. Consciousness of who the Lord is

a) He is "my God" Psalm 86:2b) He is good, abundant in mercy and ready to forgive Psalm 86:5

c) He is great and does wondrous things Psalm 86:10

d) He is full of compassion, gracious and longsuffering Psalm 86:15

CONCLUDING THE YEAR ON A NOTE OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

It is right and wise to conclude on a note that includes both Prayer and Praise.

1. Praise

a) Let us offer praise to God Psalm 86:12

b) Let us glorify Him Psalm 86:12

2. Prayer

a) The trials and tribulations of life will never go away completely

b) There may be times when we may even be in danger Psalm 86:13-14

c) Let us seek the Lord

i) To preserve our life Psalm 86:2

ii) To teach us how to walk in His ways Psalm 86:11

iii) To give strength to serve Him faithfully Psalm 86:16

Prayerfully,

Pastor Charlie



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