

Bethany IV ... 7 January 2018 ... Happy New Year!

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MEDITATION

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TEXT:PSALM 68



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"ASCRIBE STRENGTH TO GOD"

THE PROMISE OF STRENGTH

Thank God we have many repeated promises from the Scriptures that God would give us the strength we need for the various circumstances of our life.

MEDITATION

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Ascribe strength to God; His excellence is over Israel, And His strength is in the clouds.

O God, You are more awesome than Your holy places. The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people. Psalm 68:34-35

- 1. His strength is in the clouds
 - (a) This is a poetic saying
 - i. The clouds are high above
 - ii. The strength that we draw from is in the region way above our heads
 - (b) The challenge
 - i. To discover this strength from God
 - ii. To find that His strength is available to us to cope with life's many challenges
- 2. He gives strength and power to His people
 - (a) Strength and power are described in the same phrase
 - (b) Strength is power!
 - (c) His people will find that God will give them the needed strength to cope in life

THE HOLY PLACES

The Holy Places is an expression that describes certain "sacred sites." Three may be cited.

MEDITATION

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- 1. Mount Sinai
- 2. Jerusalem
- 3. The Tabernacle/The Temple
 - (a) The Tabernacle In the days of David
 - (b) The Temple In the days of Solomon

People made pilgrimages and in those places found inspiration and renewed strength.

YOU ARE MORE AWESOME

David the Psalmist declares that God Himself is more awesome than any "Holy Place."

- 1. A strong personal relationship with God brings needed inspiration
- 2. A solid faith in God brings forth strength in life and ministry

Let us be challenged to discover much-needed strength from the Lord! Let the New Year begin with a determination to find strength in God and to ascribe it to Him! ϑ

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We are glad you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May 2018 be a special year of spiritual growth!



to Bethany IV



HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Pastoral Team and Session wish all worshippers in Bethany a Happy New Year! May the year be one blessed by the Lord. **3**

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Today's Fellowship Lunch is given by the Church Session. Thank God that we have the Fellowship Lunch Ministry.

- 1. It allows members to fellowship with each other
- 2. Friendships are formed and strengthened 🕆

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm Venue: 4.08

These classes prepare candidates for Baptism and membership.

May the Lord bless this special ministry. 🕆

A NEW PULPIT SERIES OF MESSAGES

The new series of Pulpit Messages: "Ascribe strength to the LORD" (Psalm 68:34)

Goals:

- 1. To understand how we may draw strength from God
- 2. To know how we can apply strength from God into our daily life
- 3. To discover joy that comes with strength from God
- 4. To live powerfully for the Lord 🕈

HOLY COMMUNION

We will be partaking of the Lord's Supper today! A great way to begin the New Year.

The Bread

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "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 \mathring{T}



IPC INDIA FAMILY CAMP

15-17 January 2018
Theme: "You shall love the LORD your God"

The Pastoral Team will be leaving for India on 14 January 2018 after the Evening-Bilingual Service. 🕏

RESUMPTION OF WEEKDAY MEETINGS

- 1. Monday 8 January 2018
 - (a) Pre-marital Counselling (7.00pm)
 - i) For those who are born-again and baptised/confirmed members of the Church
 - ii) Studying the Scriptures to understand what a Christian marriage is all about
 - (b) Prayer Meeting (8.00pm)
 - i) To encourage a deeper prayer-life
 - ii) To enhance a strong prayer-life

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2. Tuesday. 9 January 2018

Church Bible Study (8.00pm)

- (a) To have a deeper understanding of the Book of Deuteronomy
- (b) So that we can have a better appreciation of Biblical laws **3**

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. Let us look forward to another wonderful Church Family Camp
- 2. Plan to register as soon as possible.
- 3. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings to be bestowed on all attending the Church Camp. $\hat{\tau}$

WORSHIP



Psalm 86:16-17

Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me! Give Your strength to Your servant, And save the son of Your maidservant.

Show me a sign for good, That those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, Because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

1. A heartfelt prayer

- (a) In the day of trouble
- (b) In the presence of enemies

2. A humble prayer

- (a) The Psalmist called himself "a servant"
- (b) He showed further humility when he saw himself as the son of a maidservant

3. Help sought from the Lord

- (a) Needed strength
- (b) Needed comfort ਪੈ



POETRY CORNER

I WILL HOLD YOUR HAND

God the Father had called His Son in righteousness, He would be there for Him in great steadfastness. He would give the Spirit in all His glorious power; He would not need to be afraid in the darkest hour!

The Father will uphold Him in all the work entrusted;
There would never be a time that is not monitored.
Even when it comes to great and painful suffering;
The Father's Presence and Love would be forthcoming.

The relationship between the Father and the Son, Is breath-takingly beautiful; they were truly One. In the morning, every day, before the sun had risen; The Son would be in prayer and in precious communion.

Thus, the Son found strength to cope in His darkest hour; God's strength was found, there was glorious power. How wonderful it is to know that the Father holds our hand; There need not be fear because everything has been planned!

> Inspiration: Isaiah 42:6 Charles Tan ণ

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 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.

1. You have ordained strength

- (a) This is a reference to what God has ordained
- (b) And what He has ordained nothing can nullify

2. A profound truth

- (a) God has ordained to be given to babes and nursing infants
- (b) He will preserve and protect

3. Clear examples of this profound truth

- (a) The preservation of Baby Moses from the wicked plans of the Pharaoh
- (b) The preservation of Baby Jesus from the murderous plans of King Herod

Next Sunday: 14 January 2018

Psalm 18:2 My God, My strength

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

THEME: ASCRIBE STRENGTH TO THE LORD

This Week @ Worship

- MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE -10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"You have ordained strength" Psalm 8

Chairmen

Rev Mark Tan Rev Mitchell Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mrs Sally Tan

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poev

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Chairman

Mr Joshua Phang

Speaker

Mr Quek Li Yen

Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

Usher

Ms Germaine Kong

TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE -10.30 AM.

3rd Floor Auditorium 3~2

"Prayer and the promise of strength" Ephesians 1

CHILDREN'S CHURCH -10.30 AM

"John the Forerunner" John 1:6, 19~28

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6 4th Floor

Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Mrs Joanne Tan

Speaker

Ms Camille George

Chairman

Mr Tang Hong Wee

Speaker

Rev Mitchell 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

"Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage." Psalm 84

Breakfast, Fellowship Lunch & Evening Tea: The Church Session

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)	Sun		Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			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	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	I st floor
Beginners' Sunday School		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			Main Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 th floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
Special Needs Ministry			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	-	-
	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	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-I	2 nd floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-2	3rd floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	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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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 7 January 2018 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist : Mrs Sally Tan

Organist: Mrs Elsie Poey

HWC No. 56 Day By Day

Prelude

Call to Worship Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 15 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Century Praise 44 I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

HWC No. 271 Standing On The Promises

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

SPECIAL SONG ITEM

"Song of the Nations"
Bethany Combined Choir

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "You have ordained strength"

Text: Psalm 8

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn

HWC No. 443 Give Me Jesus

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

HWC No. 445 Something For Thee

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn HWC No. 444

I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE 7 January 2018 Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist: Mr Gabriel Ou

HWC No. 56 Day By Day

每一天

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂 Mr Tang Hong Wee

Interpreter: Mr Allister Tham

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise No. 308 Thanks To God For My Redeemer

感谢神

HWC No. 354 Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

何等大快乐

HWC No. 355 Trusting Jesus

信靠耶稣

PRAYER 牧祷

"PREACH THE WORD" 证道

Message: "Blessed is the man whose strength is in You,

whose heart is set on pilgrimage."

靠你有力量心中想往锡安大道的,这人便为有福。

Text: Psalm 84 诗篇 84 Speaker: Rev Mitchell Tan

Interpreter : Me Ten Hue

Interpreter: Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

THE LORD'S SUPPER 圣餐 Rev Dr Charles Tan

Hymn

Century Praise No. 349 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

憑祢意行

Partaking of the Bread

Hvmn

Century Praise No. 349 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

憑祢意行

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn Century Praise No. 354 Take My Life And Let It Be 献己于主

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTE

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

7 January 2018

Dear Brethren,

THANK GOD FOR FAITH

How should we begin 2018? The theme for Youth Conference 2017 was "The same spirit of faith." Let us take time to look at 2 Corinthians 4:13.

> And since we have the same spirit of faith, According to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke:" We also believe and therefore speak. 2 Corinthians 4:13



- a) Let us face the New Year with a strong spirit of faith
- b) Let us seek to carefully and consciously apply our faith in life!
- 2. Faith in the excellence of the Power of God working within us
 - a) What a wonderful way to commence the New Year 2018

MANY THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

b) Let us exercise our spirit of faith and apply it to life

There are many things to look forward to as the New Year commences.

- 1. Bethany
 - a) New ministries
 - i) Sunday School Training (for prospective new teachers)
 - ii) Pines 2
 - b) On-going ministries These must be maintained and strengthened further!
- 2. For Missions
 - a) Further growth
 - b) More leaders to arise

Let us watch and pray faithfully and diligently.

Prayerfully, Pastor Charlie





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