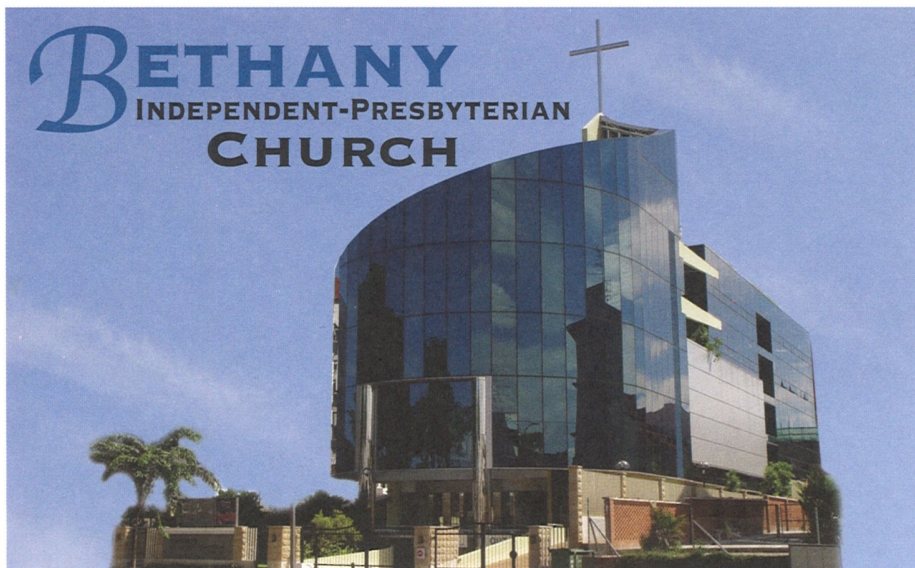


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"GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN"

A LONG-LASTING FRIENDSHIP

One of the most stirring stories about friendship recorded in the Scriptures was between two people, Joshua and Caleb. Their friendship went way back. They served under Moses as soldiers. They were sent out with ten other young men

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to spy out the land of Canaan.

Ten of the spies were frightened by the people who lived in Canaan. There were giants, they said. The children of Israel were like grasshoppers in comparison.

Joshua and Caleb together urged the children of Israel to be brave and to trust God for victory. They failed to persuade Israel. The children of Israel gave in to their fears and refused to enter into Canaan. Their punishment was that that generation of people who rebelled would trudge in the Wilderness for forty years.

Joshua and Caleb were the only two survivors of the children of Israel who trudged in the wilderness for forty years! When Joshua was dividing the land, he asked Caleb what portion of the land he would prefer. His reply was astonishing.

Here I am this day, eighty-five years old.

*As yet I am as strong this day
As on the day that Moses sent me;
Just as my strength was then, so now is
My strength for war, both for going out
And for coming in.*

*Now therefore, give me this mountain
Of which the LORD spoke in that day;
For you heard in that day how the Anakim were there,
And that the cities were great and fortified.*

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*It may be that the LORD will be with me,
And I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said.*

Joshua 14:10-12

A STIRRING TESTIMONY

The following features stand out in Caleb's testimony.

1. Consciousness of his age
He was 85 years old!
2. Clarity of Memory
 - a) 45 years ago, Moses had sent him out to serve as one of the spies
 - b) He was as strong now as when he was sent out when he was 40 years old
3. Continued courageous reliance on the LORD
 - a) He was aware of the Anakim race in that part of the land of Canaan
 - b) The Anakim were renowned for their tall stature (giants)
 - c) He trusted in the Lord to help him conquer the enemies in their fortified cities

OUR CHALLENGE

What a wonderful example of faith in the Lord! Let us seek to follow the LORD wholly (Joshua 14:8, 9). Perhaps the Lord would grant us His grace to walk in faith even to the evening years of life!

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 encouraged through worship and fellowship!

WELCOME
to Bethany IV

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Venue: 4.08
Time: 1.00pm

BETHANY FAMILY CAMP COMMITTEE MEETING

Venue: 4.08
Time: 2.00pm

FINDING STRENGTH IN THE LORD GOD

"I WILL GO IN THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD GOD;
I WILL MAKE MENTION OF YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS,
OF YOURS ONLY." PSALM 71:16

1. The promise of Strength for ministry is well-established
2. Let us be encouraged to step forward with faith in our hearts in life and ministry!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THREE SPECIAL EVENTS

Three special events are being planned!

1. Lunar New Year Special

Date: 24 February 2018

Time: 4.00pm

Followed by Light Dinner after the LNY program
Those who are 65 and above- please indicate!

2. Church Family Camp

Date: 11-16 March 2018

Venue: Le Grandeur

Theme: "Walk in the Light of the LORD"

3. Easter Sunday

Date: 1 April 2018

Venue: Shangri La

BETHANY ACM

Date: 25 February 2018

Time: 1.00pm

There will be a Combined Worship on that Sunday.
Thank God for His gracious provision!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



IPC INDIA FAMILY CAMP

Venue: Chennai, India

Date: 15-17 January 2018

Theme: "You shall love the LORD your God"

1. Thank you for praying alongside.
2. Thank God we can help strengthen the work of IPC India
3. The relevance of the Camp Theme
"You shall love the LORD your God"
 - a) To love the Lord is not easy
 - b) It takes a lot of faith and focus to effectively achieve this
 - c) Let us pray that the Word of God taught at the Indian Family Camp would strengthen the faith of our Indian brethren!

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY

Come August 19, 2018 we would have completed 45 years of ministry as a Church. There is so much to rejoice in! Let us recall what the Apostle Paul wrote about oneness in the Church!

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*I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to
walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,
With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,
Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;
One Lord, one faith, one baptism;
One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
Ephesians 4:1-6*

1. Let us guard this sense of oneness
2. Let us practise this special sense of oneness
3. Let us ever promote this spirit of oneness



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

*Monday, 22 January 2018
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: TUR*

PRAYER MEETING

*Monday, 22 January 2018
Time: 8.00pm
Venue: Sanctuary*

BIBLE STUDY

*Tuesday, 23 January 2018
Time: 8.00pm
Venue: Sanctuary*

Psalm 88:1-3

*O LORD, God of my salvation,
I have cried out day and night before You.*

*Let my prayer come before You;
Incline Your ear to my cry.*

*For my soul is full of troubles,
And my life draws near to the grave.*

1. The author
 - a) He was identified as Heman the Ezrahite
 - b) Heman was mentioned in 1 Kings 4:1 as “a wise man”
2. The troubles he faced in life
 - a) He did not specify the kind of problems he had
 - b) He was perhaps facing death
3. Crying out to God in prayer
 - a) He knew he needed God’s help
 - b) He cried out to the Lord in humble and sincere prayer
4. Our challenge
 - a) To recognize our need for God’s help
 - b) To cry out earnestly to the Lord as Heman did

I AM AS STRONG THIS DAY

To be strong at forty years of age is not remarkable;
But to be “as strong” at eighty-five; that is incredible!
How does a person maintain such obvious might?
He was lucid in his mind; he possessed deep insight!

He had “wholly followed the Lord my God,” he said;
He had earlier determined he would never be afraid.
There may be great obstacles to face along the way;
Even if there were giant-foes; he would just pray!

His strength was a gift from God that he had treasured;
Each year would see him walk with God in faith assured.
He had to do his part in keeping himself fit and strong;
This was not impossible for God was beside him all along!

He would not choose the path of ease even though he was old;
Faith in the Lord God and in His promises made him ever bold.
He was prepared to climb high mountains trusting the Lord;
He would conquer all enemies in the mighty name of God!

Inspiration: Joshua 14:8-15

Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY, 21 January 2018

Psalm 21:1 Joy in Your strength

*The king shall have joy in Your strength, O LORD;
And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!*

1. The work of a king
 - a) In the ancient days the kings were actively involved
 - b) They ruled their kingdom personally
 - c) They defended their kingdom against enemies
2. The joy of the king
 - a) The joy of the kings of Israel was in the Lord
 - b) The good kings trusted in the Lord's protection
 - c) They believed in the Lord's deliverance (salvation)

NEXT SUNDAY, 28 January 2018

Psalm 28:7 My strength and My shield

*The LORD is my strength and my shield;
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped.*

THEME : ASCRIBE STRENGTH TO THE LORD

This Week @ Worship

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
“Joy in Your strength”
Psalm 21

Chairmen

Student-Pastor
Benjamin Chong
Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

Chairman

Mr Ryan Tan

Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Usher

Ms Sylvia Chan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM .
3rd Floor Auditorium 3-2
“The Excellence of the Power”
2 Corinthians 4

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“Seeking and Finding”
John 1:35-51

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Chairman

Mr Charles George

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Pianist

Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Interpreter

Mrs Lee Yuwen
Ms Aleena Kua

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —
4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-2, 3
“I will go in the strength of the Lord”
Psalm 71

Breakfast, Fellowship Lunch & Evening Tea :
Mark & Chen Kee

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 th 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	1 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	1 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	4 th 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 4 th Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 st and 3 rd Fri	7.30 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
CATECHISM CLASS				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 th floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
21 January 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

VIP No. 586

To The Work

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong
Student-Pastor Eugene Seow

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 81

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

HWC No. 46

God Leads Us Along

Century Praise 319

He Hideth My Soul

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Joy in Your strength”

Text : Psalm 21

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 410

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINUGAL WORSHIP SERVICE
21 January 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Voon Min-Yi

Century Praise 445

Moment By Moment
时刻蒙恩

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Charles George
Interpreter : Ms Aleena Kua

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 316

Have Faith In God
当信服神

Century Praise 363

God Will Take Care Of You
天父必看顾你

Century Praise 49

Majesty
敬拜主

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “I will go in the strength of the Lord”

Text : Psalm 71 诗篇 71

Speaker: Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong

Interpreter : Mrs Lee Yuwen

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 81

O God, Our Help In Ages Past
千古保障

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

21 January 2018

Dear Brethren,

EXTRA-ORDINARY PROMISES

The Scriptures offer extra-ordinary promises of strength from the Lord. Let us consider the following texts.

*And what is the exceeding greatness of His power
Toward us who believe, according to the working
Of His mighty power.*

Ephesians 1:19

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly
Above all that we ask or think, according to the power
That works in us*

Ephesians 3:20



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1. God's Power described
 - a) Exceeding greatness
 - b) Mighty power
2. God's power demonstrated
 - a) When He raised Jesus from the dead Ephesians 1:20
 - b) In the lives of those who believe in the Lord
 - i) It is seen in the inner-man
 - ii) It is evidenced in our ministry

EXERCISING OUR TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES

The challenge for all believers is to put into practice what we read in God's word!

1. Believe the Lord's word
2. Memorise these promises
3. Exercise faith in the Lord
 - a) Consciously
 - b) Consistently

See for yourself how the power of God would be manifest in your life.

***Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie***