

Bethany IV ... 18 February 2018 ... Happy Lunar New Year!

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Text: Isaiah 41



"I WILL HELP YOU"

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THE PROMISE OF HELP

How wonderfully uplifting it is to know that God will help us in all the different circumstances of our life!

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed for I am Your God. I will strengthen you;

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Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, Saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you. Isaiah 41:13

Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel!

I will help you, says the LORD and your Redeemer,
The Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 41:14

- 1. Three times the promise of help was uttered Isaiah 41:10, 13 and 14
 - (a) For emphasis
 - (b) To express certainty
 - (c) To encourage trust in the Lord!
- 2. The expressions of help
 - (a) Presence of God
 - (b) Strength
 - (c) Upholding
 - (d) Holding the right hand
- 3. Different titles of God
 - (a) The LORD God
 - (b) The Redeemer
 - (c) The Holy One of Israel

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APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

Let us consider the following appropriate responses!

- 1. Fear not Never yield to fear!
- 2. Do not be dismayed Never give in to feelings of dismay too!
- 3. Believe in the Lord and His precious promises
 - (a) That He would indeed keep us
 - (b) That He would fulfil all that that He has promised

Let us grow deeper in our knowledge and faith in the Lord our God! \$\forall \]

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today! May your heart be refreshed and uplifted through worship and fellowship! \Im



to Bethany IV

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

No class today (Lunar New Year). No class next Sunday too (ACM). \$\forall



LUNAR NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The Pastoral Team and Session Members send Lunar New Year greetings to all at Bethany! May the Lord be your protection!

May He provide for all your needs in the year ahead! \$\frac{1}{2}\$

NO EVENING-BILINGUAL SERVICE TODAY

We will not have the usual Service at 4.00pm (CNY). む

MINISTRY IN BETHEL IPC

Pastor Charles Tan will be ministering in Bethel this week (19-23 February 2018). ট

LUNAR NEW YEAR SPECIAL

24 February 2018 4.00pm

Last week to sign up! む



ACM NEXT SUNDAY

1. 1.00pm 2. After Fellowship Lunch ថិ

BETHANY CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

11-16 March 2018 "Walk in the Light of the LORD"

- 1. Bible Studies at the Church Camp
 - (a) The period of the Kings of Judah
 - i. Uzziah
 - ii. Jotham
 - iii. Ahaz
 - iv. Hezekiah
 - (b) The Doctrine of Light from the Lord in historical context
 - i. When Light is accepted and appreciated
 - ii. When Light is rejected
- 2. Let us look forward to learning deep and meaningful lessons at the Church Family Camp.

Plan to sign up today!



EASTER AT SHANGRI LA

1 April 2018 (Easter Sunday) Plan to sign up for the Easter Lunch. \$\forall

MISSIONS REPORT I:BETHELIPC

- 1. Thank God for the pastoral leadership of Rev. Christopher Lai.
- 2. The Church has continued to show signs of steady growth.
- 3. Good programmes are in place: -
 - (a) Regular activities (Worship, Sunday School, Choir etc)
 - (b) Discipleship Classes (both young and older people)
 - (c) Leadership Focus for the future
- 4. Provision and Protection

Thank God that we can count on the Lord to meet all needs. His protection is not to be taken for granted either.

- 5. Pastor Christopher travels with the Bethany Pastoral Team for Ministry in India.
- 6. Church Camps
 - (a) Youth Camp
 - (b) Family Camp

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7. Church Anniversary

This is the 24th year of Ministry as a Church. Thank God for the strong support from Bethany members who travel to Perth to celebrate Bethel's Anniversary.

8. Special Features

- (a) Church Fellowship Lunch (Weekly)
- (b) Concert Programs
- (c) Special Occasions (Christmas, Easter, Lunar New Year) These are especially well-attended.

9. Pastor Charles Tan

- (a) In close touch with Pastor Chris and the Session
- (b) Regular bi-monthly visits
- (c) Speaking at the Church Family Camp
- (d) Writing the lead article in the Bethel Weekly Bulletin 🕈



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 19 February 2018 Time: 7.00pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 19 February 2018 Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 20 February 2018 Time: 8.00pm

WORSHIP



Psalm 89:8-9

O LORD God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.



You have broken Rahab in pieces,
As one who is slain;
You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.

- 1. The greatness of God appreciated
 - (a) His might
 - (b) His faithfulness
 - (c) His power to calm storms
- 2. Rahab
 - (a) A mythological deity
 - (b) She is supposed to be in control of the sea
 - (c) The myth of Rahab is destroyed **?**

POETRY CORNER

I WILL HELP YOU

Helplessness brings on a sense of fear; There is dread that takes away all cheer! Dismay then sets in and causes distress; The soul that is fearful has little rest!

Thank God for His promise of help Divine; We need to believe in His Word sublime! How glorious it is to have faith in God; He is our Redeemer and our great LORD!

God's promise of Divine Help is emphasised; This word from God should not be a surprise! How wonderful it is to feel free and strong; God's Presence inspires writing a new song!

The battle against fear and dismay must be won;
God promises to be with us from morn till set of sun!
The soul cannot thank God enough for His promises;
Let us know that God will help us overcome our miseries!

Inspiration: Isaiah 41:10-14 Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 18 February 2018

Psalm 41:3 The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness

The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sickbed.

- 1. Strength of the LORD promised
- 2. This applies even to those who are ill
- 3. God Himself will sustain the sick!

NEXT SUNDAY 25 February 2018

Psalm 68:34 Ascribe strength to God

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

THEME: ASCRIBE STRENGTH TO THE LORD

This Week @ Worship

– COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"The rock of my strength"
Psalm 61

Chairman

Dr Tan Huay Cheem

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

<u>Pianist</u>

Dr Daniel Chia

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH — 10.30 AM

"Bearing Witness of Jesus" John 3:22~36 CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

Speaker

Miss Camille George CC II: P4-P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast: Chin Heng & Kar Inn No Fellowship Lunch

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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	Day	Time	Venue	Locatio
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 10.30 am		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				
		8.30am	T	I
Crèche	10.30am		Green Turf	I st floor
Beginners' Sunday School			Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Junior Sunday School I	- 	Auditorium 3-I	3 rd floor	
Junior Sunday School II	-	Sun	Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor
Intermediate Sunday School	Sun		Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Senior Sunday School I	8.30am	Fellowship Hall	Ist floor	
Senior Sunday School II		0.30am	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
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CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
One Voice	Cont	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor
Youth Choir	Sat	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	2nd 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
PRAYER MEETING	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
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FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I			Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Young People's Group II	1	3.00	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III	3 00 pm		Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Young Adults' Group	1		Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4th floor
Young Married Group	1		Auditorium 4-1	4th floor

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 18 February 2018 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia

Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 499 Sunshine In My Soul

Prelude

Call to Worship Dr Tan Huay Cheem

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

HWC No. 415 He Giveth More Grace

HWC No. 349 Trust And Obey

Century Praise 377 What A Friend We Have In Jesus

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "The rock of my strength"

Text: Psalm 61

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 316 Have Faith In God

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

18 February 2018

Dear Brethren,

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR

Wishing all at Bethany the Lord's joy in the Lunar New Year! The joy of the Lord is a blessing that we must not take for granted!

1. Gladness

You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

Psalm 4:7

a) Gladness is a synonym of "joy"

b) It is the Lord Himself who puts gladness (joy) in our heart!

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2. Joy

But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name be joyful in You,

For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous;

With favour You will surround him as with a shield.

Psalm 5:11-12

- a) Rejoice
 - i) Another synonym for "joy"
 - ii) This is in the verbal form
- b) Shout for joy
 - i) Joy that is exuberant
 - ii) This is a good expression of the joy God gives
- c) Reasons for this great joy
 - i) Because God defends the righteous
 - ii) Because He will bless the righteous
 - iii) Because He will protect them with His favour that functions as a shield

May the Joy of the LORD truly be yours this Lunar New Year!

Prayerfully,

Pastor Charlie

God's kind of Church ... where God is touching lives ... and people care for people