

Bethany IV ... 25 February 2018

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Text: Isaiah 43



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"MY PEOPLE, MY CHOSEN"

THE PROMISES OF GOD

Many are the promises of God. They are heart-warming and precious! They bring such an uplift to the heart! Let us read the following text with much joy.

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Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old.

Behold, I will do a new thing,
Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it?
I will even make a road in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert.

The beast of the field will honour Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I give waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen.

This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise.

Isaiah 43:18-21

- 1. Do not remember the former things/the things of old
 - a) A reference to the sinful past
 - b) Bad memories can be such a bane to the soul
- 2. Behold, I will do a new thing
 - a) A road in the wilderness
 - b) Rivers in the desert
 - c) This will require great power from the Lord
- 3. Consequences
 - a) The animals that live in arid regions
 - b) They will honour the Lord for His provision

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- 4. What about us?
 - a) His people
 - b) His chosen
- 5. How should we respond?
 - a) To God for His provision
 - b) To the Lord for His wonderful grace, mercy and love?

THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Let us declare His praise! Let us offer to the Lord the honour that is due to His name! Let us share our faith boldly and with great joy!

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 uplifted through worship and fellowship!



CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

There will be no Catechism Class today!

ACM

We will be having our ACM at 1.00pm (after the Fellowship Lunch).



<u>acm agenda</u>

25 February 2018

- 1. Devotions Isaiah 40
 - a) The Promise of the LORD
 - i) A message of Comfort
 - ii) The sending of the forerunner
 - iii) The Advent of the Messiah
 - b) The Presence of the LORD
 - i) As a Shepherd
 - ii) Tending to the Flock
 - c) The Power of the LORD
 - i) To the weak
 - ii) The promise of renewed strength
- 2. Minutes of the ACM 2017
- 3. Matters Arising
- 4. Treasurer's Report
- 5. Budget 2018
- 6. Pastoral Report
 - a) Missions
 - i) India
 - ii) Myanmar
 - iii) Perth

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- b) Bethany
 - i) Bethany IV and the new Auditoriums added
 - ii) Special Needs Ministry
 - iii) Pines 2
 - iv) Training of Student-Pastors
 - v) Intern-Pastors (Easter 2018)
- c) The years ahead

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Prayerfully, Charles Tan

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"Complete in Christ" Colossians 2:10

- 1. This series of messages (March-April) will help us appreciate the Lord Jesus Christ
- 2. This will also help us appreciate Easter!

NEXT SUNDAY, 4 March 2018

We will have Combined Worship for the entire month of March. We will be having Holy Communion next Sunday.



CHORCH FAMILY CAMP

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

We are just 2 weeks away from the commencement of the Family Camp. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings!

Plan to sign up today!

EASTER 2018

1 April 2018

- 1. Celebrating Easter Sunday
- 2. Consecration of Benjamin Chong and Benjamin Quah as Intern-Pastors. Let us be there to support them!
- 3. Book your table for the Easter Lunch Fellowship today!

MISSIONS REPORT II

A. IPC India

1. Churches in India

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- We have one church in Andra Pradesh Kirubai IPC
- b) Two churches in Chennai
 - i) Sathiyam IPC
 - ii) Jayam IPC
- c) One church in Trichy Visuvasam IPC
- 2. The Pastoral Team
 - a) Pastor S. Baskaran (Sathiyam)
 - b) Pastor Victor Venkatesh (Kirubai)
 - c) Pastor Stephen James (Visuvasam)
 - d) Pastor Titus Balaji (Jayam)
- 3. IPC India Family Camp
 - a) In January of each year
 - b) Over 400 people attend the Family Camp
 - c) All the Churches send members to the Camp

B. Bethany IPC Myanmar

- 1. Bethany Theological Seminary (Yangon)
 - a) Over 380 graduates in the past 22 years
 - b) They serve in other churches besides our own denomination
- 2. Bethany Children's Development Centre (Kalay)
 - a) Some of our children do well in school
 - b) Some have even graduated from local universities
- 3. Regular Pastoral Conferences held each year

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- a) To train new pastors
- b) To further equip older pastors
- 4. Two Burmese young men will train with us in Bethany from March 2018
 - a) Khu Khum
 - b) Hranga

WORSHIP



Psalm 89:11-12

The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours. The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.

The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name.

- 1. The greatness of God
 - a) As Creator
 - b) As the LORD
- 2. The greatness of God is seen in the world and all its fullness
 - a) Its beauty
 - b) Its majesty (the mountain ranges of Tabor and Hermon)
- 3. Worship of the Lord
 - a) In joy
 - b) In awe

THE PATH OF THE JUST IS LIKE THE SHINING SUN

The Light that God gives to the Just is well-described; This promise brings great encouragement and delight! The Lord will give Light like the bright and shining sun; That Light will be there till the work in the day is done!

The Light may begin gently as the sun awakens the dawn; It continues strongly till it shines brightly, all gloom is gone! What a beautiful picture of the Light that God promises; The Just is challenged to build his life based on this premise!

The contrast to the wicked is startling and truly grim; The ungodly wicked will have darkness because of sin! The way of Darkness is dangerous and many will stumble; How one must forsake arrogance and choose to be humble!

The choice between Light and Darkness is so very clear; Wisdom teaches us to choose Light and God who is near! With God leading with His glorious light, we can rejoice; May we always be wise enough to make the right choice!

Inspiration: Proverbs 4:18-19
Charles Tan

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES



PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 26 February 2018 Time: 7.00pm Venue: TUR

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 26 February 2018 Time: 8.00pm Venue: Sanctuary

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 27 February 2018 Time: 8.00pm Venue: Sanctuary

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY, 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.

- 1. The strength we have each day
 - a) This comes from the Lord
 - b) Let us ascribe strength to the Lord
- 2. What our strength teaches us about God
 - a) His strength is excellent
 - b) His strength is unfathomable
 - c) It is as high as the clouds!

NEXT SUNDAY, 4 March 2018

Colossians 2:10 Complete in Christ

And you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

THEME: ASCRIBE STRENGTH TO THE LORD

This Week @ Worship

- COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Ascribe strength to God"
Psalm 68

Chairman

Mr Lai Chung Han

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

<u>Pianist</u>

Mrs Esther Ang

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poev

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

– CHILDREN'S CHURCH —— 10.30 AM

""The Giver of Life"
John 4:1~42

CC I: P1—P3

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 & Fellowship Lunch: ALBERT & HELEN

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

| | Day | Time | Venue | Location |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| WORSHIP SER VICES | _ u, | | Tonac | |
| Morning Worship Service | | | Church Sanctuary | 2nd floor |
| Children's Worship I (PI – P3) | - Sun 10.30 am | | Auditorium 3-I | 3rd floor |
| Children's Worship II (P4 – P6) | | Auditorium 4-I | 4 th floor | |
| Teens' Worship Service | | | Auditorium 3-2 | 3rd floor |
| Combined Evening-Bilingual | † † | 4.00pm | Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3 | 4 th floor |
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| SUNDAY SCHOOL | | | | |
| | | 8.30am | T | |
| Crèche | | 10.30am | Green Turf | I st floor |
| Beginners' Sunday School | 1 | | Auditorium 2-1 | 2 nd floor |
| Junior Sunday School I | 1 | | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| Junior Sunday School II | 1 | | Auditorium 4-2 | 4 th floor |
| Intermediate Sunday School | Sun | Sun 8.30am | Auditorium 3-2 | 3 rd floor |
| Senior Sunday School I | † · · · · | | Fellowship Hall | Ist floor |
| Senior Sunday School II | ┪ | | Main Sanctuary | 2 nd floor |
| Senior Sunday School III | 1 | | Prayer Room 4-1 | 4 th floor |
| Senior Sunday School IV | † | | Auditorium 4-1 | 4 th floor |
| Special Needs Ministry | 1 | | 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 | C-+ | 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 |
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| 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 | 2 nd floor |
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| FELLOWSHIP GROUPS | ļ, | | TA 10 | 0-46 |
| Young People's Group I | 」 | | Auditorium 2-1 | 2 nd floor |
| Young People's Group II | ا <u>،</u> ا | 3.00 pm | Auditorium 3-2 | 3 rd floor |
| Young People's Group III | Sat | , F | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| Young Adults' Group | ⊿ | | Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3 | 4 th floor |
| Young Married Group | 4 | _ 4 | Auditorium 4-1 | 4 th floor |
| Adults' Ministry | | 4 .00 pm | Auditorium 4-1 | 4 th floor |

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 25 February 2018 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang

Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 321 Blessed Assurance

Prelude

Call to Worship Mr Lai Chung Han

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 57 Worthy Of Worship

Century Praise 370 He Keeps Me Singing

Century Praise 477 Shine, Jesus, Shine

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "Ascribe strength to God"

Text: Psalm 68

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 261 Fill Me Now

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

25 February 2018

Dear Brethren,

ACM TODAY

We hold our Annual Congregational Meeting today! How should we approach the ACM?

- 1. Remembering the purpose of the ACM
 - a) For the Church Session to present financial statements
 - b) For the Pastoral Team to report on the progress of the year's ministry
 - c) For the Congregation (baptised members) to rejoice together



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- 2. Recalling of the Lord's blessings
 - a) His grace bestowed
 - b) His goodness proven
 - c) His greatness evidenced
- 3. Reference to the Year ahead
 - a) To pray for the Lord to continue blessing us
 - b) To determine that we will always seek to glorify Him
 - c) To plan to attempt even more for the Lord
- 4. Rejoicing in the Lord
 - a) For His blessings graciously bestowed
 - b) For strength to sustain serving the Lord with joy
 - c) For the many promises in His word that bring:
 - i) Much joy
 - ii) Great confidence
 - iii) Appropriate strength

Prayerfully,

Pastor Charlie