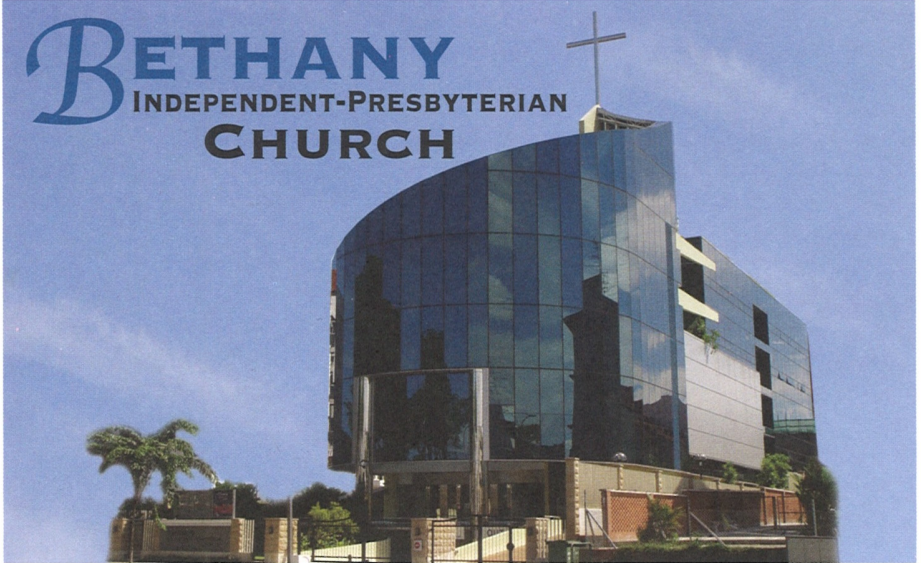


# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



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

*Bethany IV ... 4 March 2018 ... Holy Communion Sunday*

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## MEDITATION

*by Rev Dr Charles Tan*

**Text: Ephesians 4**



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## "IN CHRIST"

### THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY

What is the heart of Christianity? The Apostle Paul astutely used two words to summarise it- "In Christ!"

*Blessed be the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
In the heavenly places in Christ,*

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# MEDITATION

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*Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,  
That we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.*

*Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ  
To Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,*

*To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us  
Accepted in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:3-6*

## 1. God the Father

- (a) Paul wrote of Him reverently
- (b) He is called the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
- (c) We are given the privilege to be called “sons” by adoption

## 2. God’s Plan of salvation

- (a) His plan is one of blessing His children
- (b) He has given us every spiritual blessing we need in life and ministry
- (c) His plan included the following: -
  - i. His choosing
  - ii. His predestination
  - iii. His accepting us as His children
  - iv. All out of love
  - v. The above stem from God’s grace

## 3. In Christ

- (a) The Lord Jesus Christ is rightly called “the Beloved”

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- (b) All that God has planned revolved around Christ Jesus
- (c) Without Christ, we would have nothing at all

## NEW SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES

The March-April series of messages will focus on the doctrine called “Christology.” Let us seek to have a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Person of Christ! †

*Write to me at:* [charlestan@bethanyipc.sg](mailto:charlestan@bethanyipc.sg)

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

**WELCOME**  
**to Bethany IV**

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## CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

*Time: 1 pm*

This will be the last Class for the Easter Baptismal Service.

**11 March 2018:** Commencement of the Family Camp

**18 March 2018:** Meet the Session

**25 March 2018:** Baptismal Service †



## COMBINED WORSHIP

We will be having Combined Worship for the month of March 2018. †

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## HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE TODAY

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today!

### ***The Bread***

*And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Matthew 26:26*

### ***The Cup***

*Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.*

*For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.  
Matthew 26:27-28 †*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

11-16 March 2018

"Walk in the Light of the LORD"

We are just 1 week away from the commencement of the Family Camp. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings! Last chance to sign up today!

Let us look forward to learning great spiritual lessons from the Scriptures!

### **Morning Bible Studies**

2 Chronicles

### **Evening Messages**

From the book of Isaiah †

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## EASTER 2018

### 1 APRIL

#### 1. Celebrating Easter Sunday

(a) We celebrate the triumph of the Lord Jesus

- i. Over sin
- ii. Over death
- iii. Over Satan

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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(b) The resurrection of the Lord Jesus

- i. Personal significance for the Lord
- ii. Vital significance for all who believe and trust in Him
- iii. We will rise with Him as well!

2. Consecration of Benjamin Chong and Benjamin Quah as Intern-Pastors.

Let us be there to support them!

(a) Student-Pastoral Training (3 years)

(b) This was a challenging time

- i. To acquire Biblical knowledge
- ii. To be exposed to pastoral ministry
- iii. To understand Missions work
- iv. To be involved in actual ministry (preaching, teaching, counselling)

(c) Consecration as Intern-Pastors

- i. Leading to Ordination in 2019  
(At our 40+6 Anniversary Service)
- ii. Many more lessons to learn
- iii. To discern and cultivate spiritual gifts

3. Book your table for the Easter Lunch Fellowship today! ✠



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ACM ON 25 FEBRUARY 2018

1. Attendees

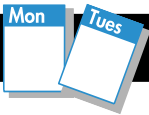
305 people turned up for the ACM

2. Spirit at the ACM

(a) Rightful consciousness of the Lord

(b) Rejoicing in the Lord's provision and protection

3. May we always be sure that we keep this sense of consciousness of the Presence of the Lord in all our meetings/ services! †



## WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

### PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 5 March 2018

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: The Upper Room



### PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 5 March 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary



### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 6 March 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary



## Psalm 89 : 13 - 14

*You have a mighty arm;  
Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand.*

*Righteousness and justice are the foundations of Your throne;  
Mercy and truth go before Your face.*



1. God's arm/ hand described  
Representing the Person of God

- (a) Mighty
- (b) Strong
- (c) High

2. The foundations of God's throne

- (a) Righteousness
- (b) Justice
- (c) Mercy
- (d) Truth

3. Our confidence

- (a) To worship the Lord with great joy
- (b) Let us rejoice in who God is! ✠



## IN CHRIST

Two simple words - "In Christ" - often taken for granted;  
Every blessing we have comes from our Saviour Beloved.  
The blessings of God are almost seen as if they are expected;  
The grace and love of God- "In Him" - we have not delighted!

What a blessing it is to be given such a great Adoption!  
Sinners, yet forgiven and given sonship with affection.  
All made possible only because of Christ Jesus the Lord.  
Without Him we would be alienated from our Holy God!

Without Christ, there is nothing but darkness and life is grim;  
The believer must know what God desires and expects of him;  
Christ is the Pattern for our life and our humble ministry;  
We are justified by Him and we may serve blamelessly!

How wonderful it is to trace God's great plan of salvation;  
Chosen, Predestined, Called- all done with deep affection!  
What grace God has shown because of Christ the Lord;  
May we bow in deep gratitude before the throne of God!

*Inspiration: Ephesians 1:3-14*

Charles Tan



# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

**Today, 4 March 2018**

## **Colossians 2:10 Complete in Christ**

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

1. Complete in Him

- (a) Nothing needs to be added
- (b) Everything for our salvation is found in Christ

2. Who Christ is

- (a) He is the Head
- (b) Of all principality and power

**NEXT SUNDAY, 11 March 2018**

## **Colossians 1:18 The Pre-eminence of Christ**

*And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence. †*

THEME : COMPLETE IN CHRIST

# *This Week @ Worship*

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY  
“Faith in Christ Jesus”  
Colossians 1

**Chairmen**

Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Chong  
Student-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah

**Pianist**

Mrs Esther Ang

**Organist**

Mrs Sally Tan

**Speaker**

Rev Dr Charles Tan

**Interpreter**

Mr Alex Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE**

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —  
10.30 AM  
“Going To Jesus For Help”  
John 4:46 - 54

**CC I: P1—P3**

*3rd Floor  
Auditorium 3-1*

**CC II: P4—P6**

*4th Floor  
Auditorium 4-1*

**Speaker**

Mrs Joanne Tan

**Speaker**

Miss Camille  
George

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Mr & Mrs Tsoi  
Fellowship Lunch : Joseph & Clara Khoo; Alex & Shuhua;  
Albert, Bobby & Michele

# BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b>				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School II			Main Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-3	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>CHOIRS</b>				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Home Bible Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	7.30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>CATECHISM CLASS</b>				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>PRAYER MEETING</b>				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
<b>FELLOWSHIP GROUPS</b>				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor

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**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**4 March 2018**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang*  
*Organist : Mrs Sally Tan*

HWC No. 196

There Is A Fountain

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Student-Pastor Benjamin Chong*  
*Student-Pastor Benjamin Quah*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 23

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

Century Praise 100

Fairest Lord Jesus

HWC No. 512

My Saviour's Love

**PRAYER**

Pastoral Prayer

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “Faith in Christ Jesus”

Text : Colossians 1

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Hymn

Century Praise 358

Living For Jesus

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 345

Wherever He Leads, I'll Go

Partaking of the Cup

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 333

More Love To Thee

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

4 March 2018

*Dear Brethren,*

## CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

Camp is just one week away! Thank God for the number of people who have signed up to come for the Family Camp. This is the largest Camp thus far!

## THE CAMP MINISTRY

What is so special about our Family Camp that so many sign up to attend every year?

1. It is time for the refreshing and reviving of the soul
  - a) Work is wearying
  - b) Life can be tough
  - c) Spiritual energy needs to be re-charged
2. It is time for the Church Family to renew and strengthen ties
  - a) Thank God for the spiritual family we have in Church
  - b) Many have noted just how Bethany is like a family and it is “Home”
  - c) Let us deepen our spiritual family ties!
3. It is time to learn new and deep lessons from the Scriptures
  - a) Each year at the Family Camp we learn many lessons
    - i) New lessons
    - ii) New book to study (Isaiah this year)
    - iii) Deeper lessons
  - b) Let us prepare our hearts and minds to learn deep lessons
    - i) Let us attune our spiritual ears to hear the Lord speaking to us
    - ii) Let us plan to respond well to what we learn from the Lord’s word

Let us be much in prayer for the Lord’s blessings!

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*