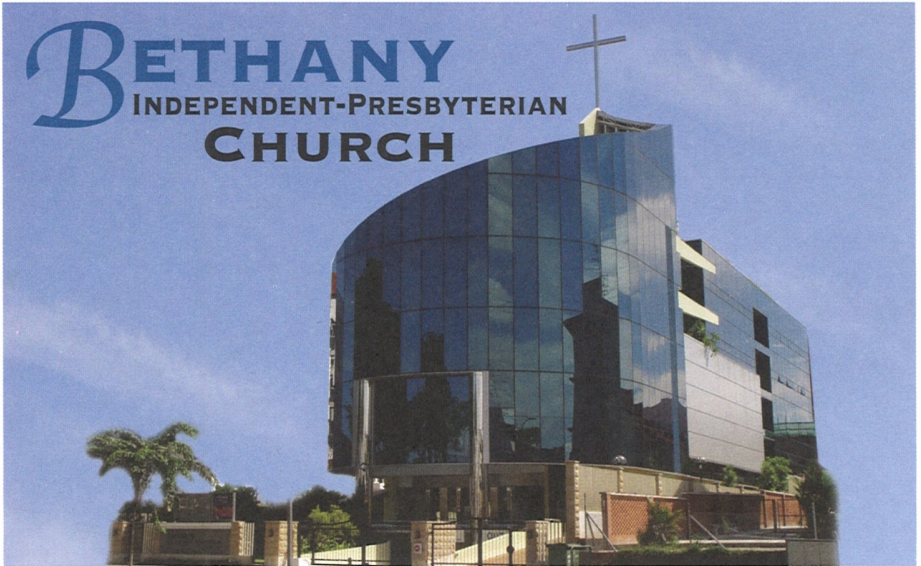


BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH



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

Bethany IV ... 18 March 2018

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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

TEXT:EPHESIANS 1



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"DO NOT CEASE TO GIVE THANKS"

COMMITTED TO PRAYING

The Apostle Paul stood out in more ways than one! Praying for people was one of the most moving features of his life.

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MEDITATION

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*Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith
In the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,*

*Do not cease to give thanks for you,
Making mention of you in my prayers,*

*That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The Father of glory, may give to you
The Spirit of wisdom and revelation
In the knowledge of Him.*

Ephesians 1:15-17

1. The Ephesian Church

- (a) Their faith in the Lord had become well-known
- (b) Their love for the saints was outstanding

2. Prayer of Thanksgiving

- (a) It was marked by thanksgiving
- (b) It was heart-felt
- (c) It was spontaneous
- (d) Prayer was a never-ceasing activity of Paul

3. What praying reflects

- (a) Prayer was never superficial to Paul
- (b) His prayer for the Ephesians reflected the following truths: -
 - i. His discernment of the needs of the Ephesians
 - ii. His faith in the Lord
 - iii. His love for the Ephesian church

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4. Essential things to pray about

- (a) To have wisdom
- (b) To have revelation (deep understanding) of the knowledge we have in Christ

5. The ministry of the Spirit of God

- (a) Only He can give that wisdom and revelation
- (b) Thus, every prayer must be offered
 - i. Humbly
 - ii. Earnestly
 - iii. Sincerely

Let us seek to emulate the example of the Lord Jesus Christ! †

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 lifted up through worship and fellowship! †

WELCOME

to Bethany IV

MEET-THE-SESSION

All Baptismal Candidates are asked to meet with the Session at 12.00nn today. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEXT SUNDAY 25 March 2018

1. Palm Sunday
2. Baptismal Service
(Combined Worship) †

CLEAN-UP EVENT

Deacon George is planning a Clean-up Event on Saturday 24 March 2018. Please plan to sign up.

Time: 8.00am
Meeting Point: Fellowship Hall †

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

These would be in recess till April 2018. †

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

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

1. Thank God for His abundant blessings
2. Thank God for revealing His word to us
3. Let us be challenged to walk in the Light of the Lord! †



HOLY EASTER WEEK

Thursday, 29 March 2018

Maundy Thursday Service
(Communion)
8.00pm

Friday and Saturday 30-31 March 2018

Easter Concert
8.00pm

Easter Sunday, 1 April 2018

Worship at Shangri La
10.30am

Consecration Service:

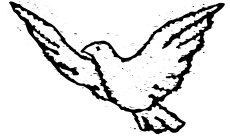
Benjamin Chong and Benjamin Quah will be consecrated
as our Intern-Pastors.

Plan to book your table for the Easter Lunch! †

Psalm 89 : 17-18

*For You are the glory of their strength,
And in Your favour our horn is exalted.*

*For our shield belongs to the LORD,
And our king to the Holy One of Israel.*



1. Appreciation of God

- (a) As the glory of our strength
- (b) As the LORD
- (c) As the Holy One of Israel

2. His grace

- (a) By His gracious favour is power (horn) exalted
- (b) Protection (shield) comes from the Lord
- (c) Leaders (king) come from the Lord †

BLESSED WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,”
Our hearts cannot but be moved to offer this “sacrifice.”
Prayers of thanksgiving must arise from our grateful heart;
Let us determine that from God, we will never ever depart!

“Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing...”
How profound to be so blessed from the beginning!
The plan of salvation in Christ is so deep and great;
The giving of thanks to God- we must never hesitate!

“Just as He chose us in Him!” O, the depth of this Love!
Such a profound love cannot but be from Heaven above.
The heart cannot but be filled with awe and humility;
How we must pray that the Lord will be our God of reality!

“That we should be holy and without blame-”
May we never walk in darkness to our shame!
We have so much to be thankful for in reflection;
To a life of holiness must be our dedication!

Inspiration: Ephesians 1:3

Charles Tan



CHILDREN'S POETRY CORNER

This week's Poem is contributed by Chole Lim (Pines 2).

WALKING IN THIS JOURNEY OF FAITH

Sometimes I get discouraged,
And a tear comes to my eye.
Sometimes life doesn't seem fair,
And I can't understand why.

Sometimes I want to give up,
When things aren't going right.
Sometimes it seems like a waste of time,
Not really worth the fight.

Sometimes my hope fades,
And my dream dies,
But I find no answer
By asking why.

Then I remember what the LORD has said,
"For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9)

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CHILDREN'S POETRY CORNER

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And so when life seems unfair, more than I can take,
I look up to the Father- for He never makes mistakes.
I just keep trusting Him and hang on to my little faith.
Should the storms come and I find no solution,
I rest in God's grace.

I will try to keep and grow in my faith in God,
Strong as a rock,
And not to make fun of gossip, or mock;
To run away from that awful dark sin,
That is tempting me to do bad within;
To keep His commandments faithfully,
And to share my faith with all who do not see.
To not give in to Satan's evil deeds
But to love and care for people who have needs;
But most of all to love the Lord with all my heart
To stay faithful to Him and never depart.

Chloe Lim
(Sec. 1) †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today, 18 March 2018

Colossians 1:21 He has reconciled

*And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind
by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled.*

1. Before faith in Christ Jesus the Lord

- (a) Alienated
- (b) Enemies
- (c) Wicked works

2. Faith in Christ Jesus the Lord

- (a) Reconciled to God
- (b) Sins forgiven
- (c) Restored fully

NEXT SUNDAY, 25 March 2018

Colossians 1: 22 To present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach

*In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless,
and above reproach in His sight.*



THEME : COMPLETE IN CHRIST

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
“The afflictions of Christ”
Colossians 1

Chairman
Dr Tang
Kong Choong

Organist
Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Mrs Koh Baoling

Pianist
Dr Daniel Chia

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“A Compassionate Lord”
John 6:1-14

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Speaker
Miss Camille
George

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Si Hui
Fellowship Lunch : Alison & Terence

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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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
18 March 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

This Little Light Of Mine
It's A Great Thing To Praise The Lord
Your Word
You Are The Light Of The World

*Family Camp Children's
Programme Item*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Dr Tang Kong Choong

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

HWC No. 56 Day By Day

Century Praise 420 Who Is On The Lord's Side?

Song No. 3 How Deep The Father's Love

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "The afflictions of Christ"
Text : Colossians 1
Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 358 I Am Thine, O Lord

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

18 March 2018

Dear Brethren,

THANK GOD FOR ANOTHER GOOD FAMILY CAMP

Thank God for another good Family Camp. Let us give thanks to God for the following especially:

1. The Camp Committee!
 - a) The Main Committee
 - b) The Sub-Committees
2. Those involved in the Children's Committee
3. The sponsors for the Family Camp
4. Our overseas brethren who took the time and trouble to come for the Camp

WALK IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD

Light from the Lord given to us so that we may be able to appreciate its significance! Some outstanding lessons: -

1. That God would speak to sinful people even though He is:
 - a) God the LORD
 - b) The Mighty One
 - c) The LORD of hosts
2. That God would speak as He does: -
 - a) Candidly
 - b) Lovingly
 - c) Graciously
 - d) Warning of pitfalls and dangers
 - e) Offering His forgiveness and His Power to help us in our life

Let us take time to ponder the many lessons learned at the Family Camp. Let us in response walk with the LORD.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*