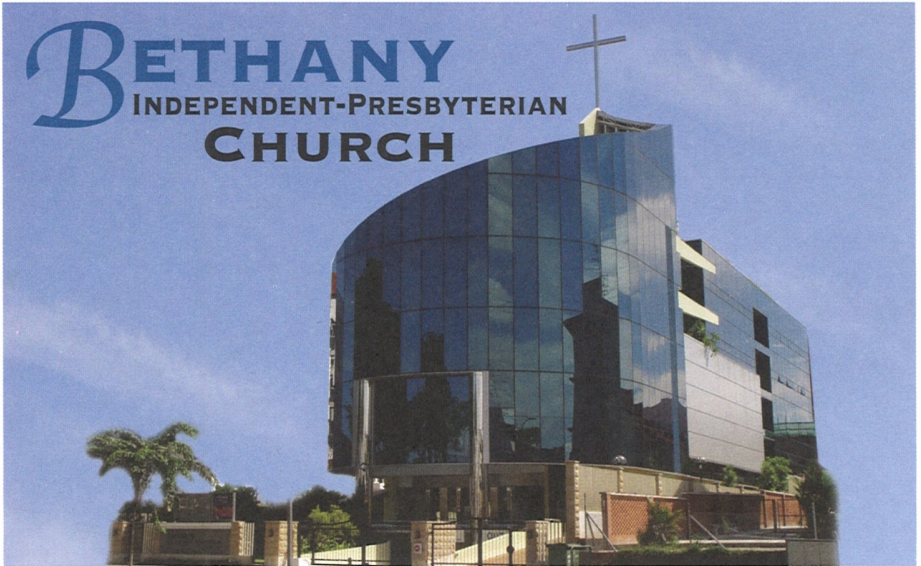


BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH



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

Bethany IV ... 25 March 2018 ... Palm Sunday!

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MEDITATION

by Rev Dr Charles Tan

Text: John 12



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PALM SUNDAY

REMEMBERING THE PUBLIC MINISTRY OF JESUS

The public ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ had been most monumental!

1. Multitudes flocked to hear Him
2. Myriads of sick people were healed

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3. Those who were demon-possessed were restored to normalcy
4. Many mighty sign-miracles were performed

IN FULFILMENT OF THE PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES

The Gospel writers carefully noted that the Lord Jesus fulfilled prophecy after prophecy.

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| 1. His virgin birth | Isaiah 7:14 |
| 2. His hometown of Bethlehem | Micah 5:2 |
| 3. His ministry in Galilee | Isaiah 9:2 |
| 4. His being anointed by the Spirit of God for ministry | Isaiah 11:2 |

Jesus walked in full awareness and obedience to His Father's Will.

THE PROPHECY CONCERNING HIS KINGSHIP

This was prophesied by Zechariah. The prophecy reads

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you;
He is just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey;
A colt, the foal of a donkey.* *Zechariah 9:9*

1. The Reception that Jesus received when He entered into Jerusalem
 - a) The people cut down palm branches
 - b) The palm is one of the national trees of Israel
 - c) These were waved as Jesus rode into Jerusalem

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2. The Recognition of Jesus

- a) Not all recognised Him as King
- b) But His disciples certainly did
- c) The LORD God certainly did
- d) He had already declared His Son as King (Psalm 2:6)

REJOICING IN OUR FAITH IN JESUS

Let us rejoice in our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ! We have every reason to rejoice in the Lord!

1. He is our Saviour
2. He is our Master
3. He is our King

Let us offer to the Lord the worship He deserves. Let us worship Him in spirit and truth and in great joy!

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus with us today. May your heart be encouraged through worship and fellowship!

WELCOME
to Bethany IV

ANNOUNCEMENTS



BAPTISMAL SERVICE TODAY

1. For Baptism

- a) Chong Li Min
- b) Geraldine Cheng Hua Yong
- c) Joanne Kwek Hui Ying
- d) Pang Hung Song James
- e) Quek Chye Huat (James)

2. For Re-affirmation of Faith

- a) Luke Tan Boon Yong
- b) Wong Sui Hong, Bryan

3. For Transference

- a) Chan Meng Lee, Jill
- b) Stanley Chan Hock Cheong

4. Paedo-baptism

- a) Charis Goh
 - b) Christabel Goh
- (Twin daughters of Goh Liangzhou and Weihui)

MEMBERSHIP

Let us rejoice with all who have found the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour! May they continue to grow in their faith in the Lord!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER HOLY WEEK PROGRAM

Maundy Thursday Service (Holy Communion)

29 March 2018 | Time: 8.00pm

Easter Concert

Theme: "The Call of Jesus"

Friday and Saturday | 30-31 March 2018 | Time: 8.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Date: 1 April 2018 | Time: 10.30am | Venue: Shangri La

Special Feature:

The Consecration of Benjamin Chong and Benjamin Quah as Intern-Pastors!

Plan to sign up today! Last call to book your table!

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor and all at Bethany,

My family and I are deeply grateful to the Lord for His grace and mercy, as well as for the Church family.

When I returned from the UK after visiting my younger daughter and family in early January this year, my husband Ah Sam started feeling unwell. After a series of tests, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Ah Sam was admitted to the hospital in late January. The doctor was not optimistic about the prognosis.

Upon receiving this shocking news, our hearts were overwhelmed. In our helplessness, we turned to our one and only God.

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Isaiah 45:5-6

*I am the Lord, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me.
I will gird you, though you have not known Me,
That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting
That there is none besides Me.*

It was good for me and Ah Sam to look to the Lord and know that our lives are in His hands. He will give us the strength we need for the journey ahead.

The Lord provided us with a good medical team to care for Ah Sam. We have also received much love and support from relatives and friends, especially from Bethany. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel. Thank you for praying for us. You have brought a lot of encouragement and comfort to our hearts.

During this challenging time, Isaiah 40:29-31 has been a text I cling on to. The children and grandchildren love Ah Sam very much. I could also sense the heaviness in their hearts. I told them that God will give power to the weak and to those who have no might, He will increase strength. We will pray for strength, calmness and wisdom as we walk this journey with faith in the Lord. We will also learn to cast all our care upon the Lord, for He cares for us.

Though on our part, we have sought to give our best care to Ah Sam, we do not forget that God is sovereign. We commit Ah Sam to God, knowing that God is in charge and our hearts can rest in Him. I really believe that God has His good reasons for allowing this illness. Through these past weeks, our home has been filled with love and forbearance. We also had many opportunities to share our faith with relatives and friends.

Through the Lord's grace and mercy, we saw some improvement in Ah Sam's condition. We are so grateful to God that the medical report in early March showed a dip in the PSA count.

The journey ahead is long but we will continue to press on with faith. We pray that our great God may be glorified always! Please continue to pray alongside us.

Linda Then

Psalm 89:19

Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one,

And said:

*“I have given help to one who is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen from the people.*

*I have found My servant David;
With My holy oil I have anointed him.*

*With whom My hand shall be established;
Also My arm shall strengthen him.’*

1. David was the 2nd King of Israel
2. These words were said about David
 - a) He would be God’s “servant”
 - b) He would be “anointed”
 - c) He would be “established”
 - d) He would be “strengthened”
3. God is deeply committed to establishing His servants!

MY WALK OF FAITH

As I begin my walk of faith, He plants a little seed
To grow this faith and only the Lord I shall please
To live is Christ and to die is gain
It is something I would want to attain.

There are times when I falter,
But I can always go back to Him for shelter
To come before our God who is filled with lovingkindness
I can only humbly bow and seek His forgiveness.

Seeing His hand guiding me in life,
To fit into His perfect plan that's world wide
To see that everything He does fits perfectly
Makes me want to find my faith more real to me.

He is the Way, the Truth, the Light,
He gives me strength to walk by faith and not by sight
To seek to draw near
The beginning of wisdom is the Lord we fear.

Seeking for understanding of my faith,
To serve Him with all my heart by giving Him praise
I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength
And only to Him I will give thanks.

Written by Michelle Choo (Pines 2)

“IF THESE SHOULD KEEP SILENT”

The Disciples of Christ were filled with excitement;
Jesus rode into Jerusalem for prophetic fulfilment.
The prophet Zechariah had foretold this glorious Day;
The Anointed King would lead them all the way.

They had seen His power heal the sick and raise the dead;
They had sought to comprehend all that He had said.
Though there were gaps in their understanding still;
They believed that Jesus was the King in God's Will.

There were people who had objected to their cries of praise;
These had opposed Jesus and their voices they would not raise.
But the response of their Master and Lord cut short their shout;
“If these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

The Disciples could not and would not keep silent about their King;
Into the Kingdom of God, Jesus sought out humble souls to bring.
The Disciples came from humble backgrounds before their Call;
To their Lord and King, they would present and give their all!

Inspiration: Luke 23:28-40

Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY, 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.*

1. The death of Jesus
 - a) Great Significance
 - b) Through His dying for us many things were achieved
2. Things achieved
 - a) We are presented as “holy” before God
 - b) And “blameless”
 - c) And “above reproach”

NEXT SUNDAY, 1 April 2018

Colossians 1:23 ***Grounded and Steadfast***

*If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from
the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven,
of which I, Paul, became a minister.*

THEME : COMPLETE IN CHRIST

This Week @ Worship

— COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
“To reconcile all things to Himself”
Colossians 1

Chairmen

Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Mrs Koh Baoling

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“Seeking a Saviour”
John 12:12-19

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
Benjamin Quah

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Roger & Lena
Fellowship Lunch : Tan Kok Yang

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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BAPTISMAL WORSHIP SERVICE
25 March 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Song No. 1

Forward By Faith

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

HWC No. 173

All Glory, Laud And Honour

Century Praise 296

Redeemed

Century Praise 323

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “To reconcile all things to Himself”

Text : Colossians 1

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 325

I Know Whom I Have Believed

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

25 March 2018

Dear Brethren,

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

We bid a very warm welcome to all who become our new Church Members. The following are the ways in which we receive members.

1. Through Baptism
 - a) Confession of faith in Christ Jesus as Saviour
 - b) Commitment to follow the Lord as He leads in life
2. Through Re-affirmation
 - a) Baptised as Infants
 - b) Believing and affirming faith in Christ
3. Through Transference
 - a) Seeking to note the Lord's leading
 - b) Settling down in Bethany as the chosen home church
4. Paedo-Baptism
 - a) Thank God for parents who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ
 - b) May they be encouraged to teach their children how to fear the Lord

GLORIFYING GOD WITH ONENESS OF HEART AND MIND

The words of the Apostle Paul come readily to mind.

*Now may the God of patience and comfort
Grant you to be like-minded toward one another,
According to Christ Jesus,*

*That you may with one mind and one mouth glorify
The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us,
To the glory of God. Romans 15:5-7*

Let us seek to glorify God with "one mind and one mouth!"

***Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie***