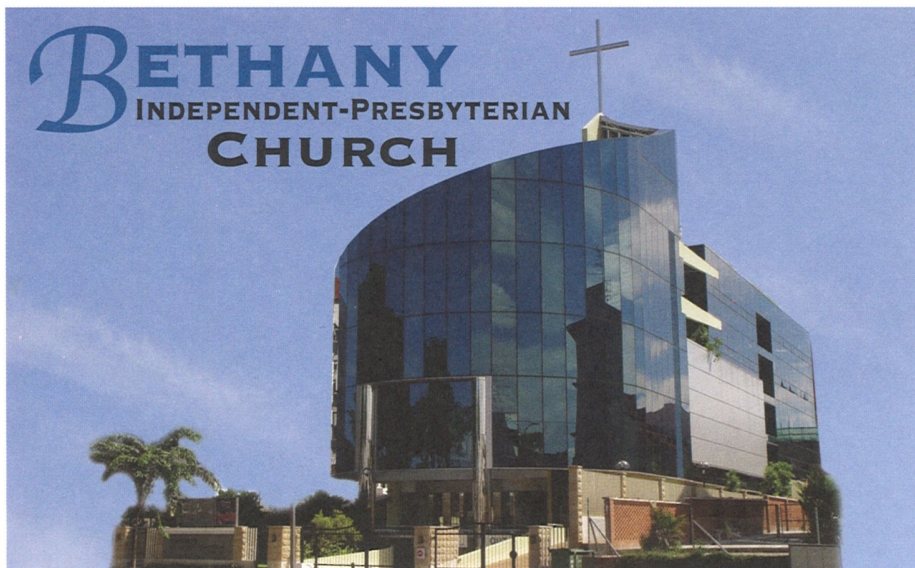


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God's kind of Church...where God is touching lives...and people care for people

Bethany IV ... 6 May 2018 ... Holy Communion Sunday!

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“FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS”

THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

The blessings of God are too numerous to even attempt to enumerate. From Genesis to Revelation, the blessings of God are described. Sadly, not too many have fully comprehended why the blessings of God were given.

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MEDITATION

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OUR NEW SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES

In the new series of pulpit messages, we will study afresh what it means to receive the blessings of God! Let's look at a beautiful text that King David wrote as he pondered the blessings of God.

*Bless the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits! Psalm 103:1-2

1. Blessings are indeed “benefits”
2. His blessings are not meant to be forgotten!
3. We should have a great response to God for all His blessings
 - a) We should bless the Lord's name
 - b) We should extol His name
 - c) We should magnify His glorious name
 - d) We should give all glory to God for all that He has done for us

WHAT ARE SOME OF GOD'S BLESSINGS?

King David wrote down a number of blessings that he gave thanks to God for!

*Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases;*

*Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,*

*Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:3-5*

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1. Forgiveness is a great blessing
 - a) ALL forgiven
 - b) Iniquity, transgression, any manner of sin
 - c) Amazing blessing indeed!
2. Healing of diseases
 - a) Small ailments
 - b) Life-threatening ones
 - c) Thank God for being there with us and for us
3. Redemption and tender mercies
 - a) We have been redeemed wonderfully
 - b) Our redemption is crowned with tender mercies and loving kindness
4. Renewal of life
 - a) Health and strength are blessings from the Lord
 - b) Renewal is a special blessing of God

Let us thank God for His matchless blessings. Let us seek to rejoice in our faith in the Lord.

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

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

WELCOME
to Bethany IV

ANNOUNCEMENTS



HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! Let us remember what He said!

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."

Matthew 26:27-28

Let us partake of the Lord's Supper with deep appreciation and love!

NEXT SUNDAY: 13 May 2018 MOTHER'S DAY

We will be having a Combined Worship Service.
The Children will be with us at the Morning Worship Service!

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4.07



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNIOR CAMP

28-31 MAY 2018
"FEED MY LAMBS"

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings!

1. Pray for the children as they come to Camp
 2. Pray for all who are looking after the children
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SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Date: 13-14 July 2018

Venue: Church

Focus: The Prayers of the Apostle Paul

1. Our spiritual retreats
 - a) They may be compared to an oasis in a desert
 - b) They have been places and times of refreshing
2. The Prayers of Paul
 - a) Deep
 - b) Insightful

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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3. Our Challenge

To deepen our prayer life through studying the Prayers of Paul

Plan to sign up as soon as possible.

Leading the Spiritual Retreat:

IPs Ben and Ben

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES



PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 7 May 2018

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: TUR

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 7 May 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 8 May 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL

God's blessings are unmerited but they are still freely given;
They must remind us of our great and gracious Father in heaven.
His blessings are to be treasured and they are second to none;
He gives them out as a loving heavenly Father, to every one!

He knows our human weaknesses and our sinful ways;
He provides atonement and forgiveness all our days.
He hears our prayers and heals us of all our illnesses;
How our heart must be filled with eternal gratefulness!

Our life could have been severely ruined by sin;
But in love and with mercy He lovingly steps in.
Jesus bore all our iniquities and offers redemption;
How we should bless the Lord for our salvation!

We must never forget the benefits from the Lord;
Throughout our life we have been loved by God.
May we be able to say "Bless the Lord, O my soul;"
He has gloriously redeemed us and made us whole!

Inspiration: Psalm 103:1-5

Charles Tan

ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The Disciples of the Lord Jesus made a mistake one day;
Children were stopped from coming to Jesus, to their dismay.
He had to tell His Disciples that they were wrong in thought;
Children are precious and to Jesus they are ever to be brought.

To show them what He meant, Jesus called a little child;
The child may be very young, and may be meek and mild;
But the little one can learn to love God with all his heart;
To every one, God promises, that He would never depart.

Each and every child is precious in God's loving sight;
Jesus was sent to teach everyone; He would be their Guide.
He would lead them each and every day and He would not fail;
He would lead them all the way to Heaven, He will always prevail.

Jesus used children as an example of entering heaven;
Little ones are without guile, like bread without leaven.
In their simple ways they can learn to believe in the Saviour;
Jesus comes into their heart and He can change their behaviour.

Inspiration: Matthew 18:1-5

Charles Tan

Psalm 89:34

*My covenant I will not break,
Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.*

1. My covenant
 - a) Abrahamic Covenant
 - b) Davidic Covenant
 - c) New Covenant

God has wonderfully given a number of covenants!

2. I will not break
 - a) It is God who gives covenants
 - b) He will not break His own covenant
3. Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips
 - a) The covenants contain the words God uttered
 - b) He stands deeply committed to His covenant-words
 - c) Thank God for His faithfulness

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY, 6 May 2018

Genesis 12:2 I Will Bless You

*I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.*

1. These were the words God spoke to Abraham
2. These were great promises of blessings indeed
 - a) From Abraham
 - b) A great nation would emerge
 - c) With God's blessings his name would be great
 - d) He would be a blessing to many
3. These words of promise have been wondrously fulfilled
4. God's promises will never fail
 - a) Let us hide His word in our hearts
 - b) Let us believe in the Lord
 - c) Let us also look forward to how God would fulfil His promises

NEXT SUNDAY, 13 May 2018

Genesis 12:3 I Will Bless those who Bless You

*I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*

THEME : I WILL BLESS YOU

This Week @ Worship

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
“And in you all the families of the
earth shall be blessed”
Genesis 12

Chairman
Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Organist
Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Dr Jane Tan

Pianist
Mrs Esther Ang

Chairman
Mr Stanley Woo

Pianist
Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker
Mr Quek Li Yen

Usher
Ms Sea Su An

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM .
3rd Floor Auditorium 3-8
“Honour your father and your mother ”
Deut. 5:16, Ephesians 6:1-3

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —
10.30 AM
“Jesus Helps Us Understand”
John 9

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Miss Camille
George

Speaker
Mrs Joanne Tan

Chairman
Mr Goh Qing Yang

Speaker
Rev Mark Tan

Pianist
Mr Gabriel Ou

Interpreter
Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui
Ms Berlinda Cheong

— EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE —
4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-7, 8
“I will be with you and bless you”
Genesis 26

Breakfast : Si Si
Fellowship Lunch & Evening Tea : Andrew & Hwei Li

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 3-8	3 rd floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	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 4-8	4 th floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-8	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 4-7	4 th floor
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	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 4-8	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 3-8	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	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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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
6 May 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 275

How Firm A Foundation

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 89

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Century Praise 77

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

HWC No. 512

My Saviour's Love

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed”

Text : Genesis 12

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

Century Praise 299

Amazing Grace

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

HWC No. 201

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 289

And Can It Be?

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

6 May 2018

Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou

Century Praise 77

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

万福泉源

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Goh Qing Yang

Interpreter : Ms Berlinda Cheong

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise No. 89

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

赞美全能神

Century Praise No. 370

He Keeps Me Singing

不住的歌唱

Century Praise No. 53

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

祢信实何广大

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “I will be with you and bless you”

我必与你同在，赐福给你

Text: Genesis 26 创世纪 26

Speaker: *Rev Mark Tan*

Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

THE LORD’S SUPPER 圣餐

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Hymn

Century Praise No. 316

Have Faith In God (Stanzas 1 & 2)

当信服神

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise No. 316

Have Faith In God (Stanzas 3 & 4)

当信服神

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise No. 321 Blessed Assurance
有福确据

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

6 May 2018

Dear Brethren,

A NEW SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES

We begin a new series of pulpit messages today. The theme is drawn from the book of Genesis. The LORD said to Abraham "I will bless you" (Genesis 12:2).

Blessings are often taken too much for granted! Sometimes they are not even well-understood. This series of messages will help us understand to appreciate the significance of the Lord's blessings in our life.

MOTHER'S DAY NEXT SUNDAY

We will be celebrating Mother's Day next Sunday. Mothers are often taken for granted. They are a special blessing from the Lord to us. Let us take time to love and appreciate our mothers!

MINISTRY IN INDIA

I leave for ministry in India tonight. Thank God that our churches in India are seeking to grow further in faith and in growth.

1. Ministry in Visuvasam

The church this year is 24 years old! Visuvasam has grown well.

2. Outreach in Bangalore

This is a new ministry that needs to be studied and explored further. About 30 people gather for worship and fellowship regularly.

3. More servants of the Lord needed

Let us pray that God would send forth labourers into the harvest field!

EVANGELISM IN BETHANY

Let us remember that we have a huge mission field right at home. So many of our older folks need to hear the Gospel message.

1. Reaching the older generation

Let us be mindful of their need for the Lord.

2. Dialect ministry

Many of the older generation need to be reached via dialect.

3. Praying for a love to win souls

This is where we must start. Let us pray for a love for souls. This love-principle must be instilled in our hearts. The Lord Jesus practised this in His life. It was with a heart of love that He ministered as He did. Let us seek to cultivate our love for the Lord and for souls.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*