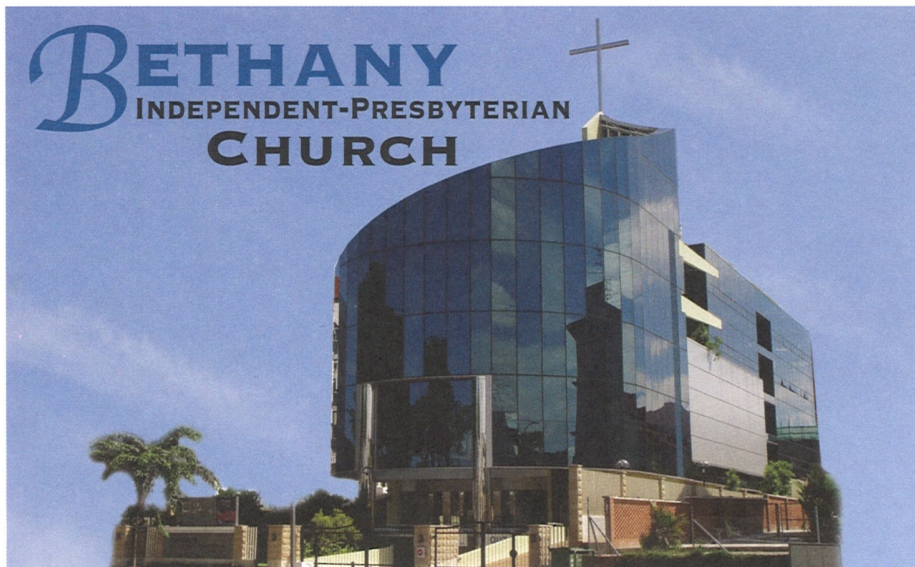


# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



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

Bethany IV ... 20 May 2018

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## MEDITATION

*by Rev Dr Charles Tan*

Text: Genesis 15



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## “AND HE BELIEVED IN THE LORD”

### GREAT BLESSINGS OF GOD PROMISED

Great were the blessings God promised to Abram. Here is a quick summary (Genesis 12:2-3)

1. I will make you a great nation

2. I will bless you

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# MEDITATION

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3. And make your name great
4. And you shall be a blessing
5. In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed

What would your response be if these words were said to you?

## NOTEWORTHY RESPONSES

The Scriptures noted the following response of Abram.

1. Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him    Genesis 12:4
2. He built an altar to the LORD    Genesis 12:7
3. And called on the name of the LORD    Genesis 12:8; 13:4

## AND HE BELIEVED IN THE LORD

It wasn't till much later when it was carefully recorded.

*And he believed in the LORD,*

*And He accounted it to him for righteousness.    Genesis 15:6*

Several questions arise as we read Genesis 12-15.

1. Did Abram "believe" in the beginning?  
The short answer is "Yes!"
2. His expression of faith was found in obedience    Hebrews 11:8
3. His expression of faith was in building an altar to worship God

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4. His expression of faith was to walk with God

## **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF GENESIS 15:6**

The following things may be noted: -

1. A clear declaration of faith must have been made
2. A certain and definite faith must have been found
3. A critical crux of faith must have been formed

There may have been some moments of uncertainty or doubt in the past! But no more!

## **AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Physical blessings are not to be sniffed at! They are wonderful and uplifting. But far greater is the justification that he received from the Lord God!

1. Righteousness was accounted to Abram
2. This may be called “imputed righteousness”
3. Abram stood as a justified person in the presence of a great and holy God

All who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ may receive the same justification of faith!

*Therefore, having been justified by faith,  
We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Romans 5:1*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad that 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**

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## CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

*Time: 1.00 pm*

*Venue: 4.07*

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## COMBINED WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, 27 MAY 2018

We will need to prepare the Church for the Junior Camp that commences on Monday, 28 May 2018. We will thus have a Combined Worship next Sunday. Much physical labour needed to prepare the Church grounds for the Junior Camp!

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## JUNIOR CAMP

28-31 May 2018

Theme: "Feed My Lambs"

The Junior Camp commences next week!  
Let us pray for the Lord's blessings.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# BETHANY VISION

1. Our bookshop ministry will be re-launched in June 2018
2. Goals
  - a) To encourage becoming more spiritually literate
  - b) To begin with, to encourage believers to be acquainted with the biographies of outstanding servants of the Lord
  - c) To enhance and strengthen Christian character
  - d) To encourage becoming members of Bethany Vision Book Club
    - i) No fees involved
    - ii) Good fellowship among reader-members
3. Team
  - a) The Pastoral Team would be involved
  - b) A small team of members would be helping to man the Bookshop
  - c) Get to know them. They are committed to reading and promoting Christian books

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## SPIRITUAL RETREAT

*13-14 July 2018*  
*"The Prayers of the Apostle Paul"*

1. Plan to sign up
2. Seek greater depth in your prayer life
3. Paul is a wonderful example of one who prayed well

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to David Chu on the demise of his mother.  
Mdm. Chou Ngon was called home to be with the Lord on  
Friday, 11 May 2018.

## LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

*Dear Pastor Charlie,*

On behalf of the Chu family, I would like to thank you, the whole Pastoral Team and all in Bethany for the marvellous way the Church came together in support during my family's recent bereavement.

The outpouring of love and concern is deeply appreciated, and shows the Bethany spirit of caring for each other. Friends and colleagues who came were staggered by the number of Church friends and members who came to lend their support and share our grief. Being a recipient of such love is truly something my family and I will remember for a long, long time.

Thank you all. It makes me so proud to be part of Bethany.

*In His love,  
David Chu*

### AND HE BELIEVED IN THE LORD

The LORD God had graciously given a Call;  
Abram obeyed, immediately leaving his all.  
He brought along his wife and his nephew too;  
Abram showed he had a faith that was true.

God had promised that He would truly bless;  
Abram's part was the Name of God to confess.  
It took him some time before he fully believed;  
An everlasting Covenant would Abram receive.

What would it take to fully, in God, to believe?  
So many find it hard, His Word, to fully receive.  
But it is not so hard at all to walk with God;  
If we trace, in our life, the Hand of the Lord!

Great blessings lie before those who believe;  
God grants grace and mercy to all who receive.  
The blessings of God are well within our reach;  
Faith enables us the great distance to bridge!

Inspiration: Genesis 12, 15  
Charles Tan

### AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

How would I know I am a child of God?  
When I believe in Jesus Christ the Lord.  
Jesus would forgive me of all my sins;  
He would cleanse me from deep within.

How would I bring glory to our God?  
I must do what is pleasing to the Lord.  
It means shining for Jesus in all I do;  
I will be salt of the earth and light too.

How would I be able to grow up well?  
By practising what the Lord tells!  
He wants me to be good and true;  
He wants me to be humble and kind too.

There are many things that we can do;  
Being sincere and loving all that is true.  
The Lord would then be pleased with me;  
And thus, we bring glory to God Almighty.

Inspiration: Matthew 5:3-16

Charles Tan



## Psalm 90:1-2

*LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.*

*Before the mountains were brought forth,  
Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,  
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.*

1. Our true Dwelling Place

The LORD God Himself

2. The Being of God

He is Eternal, “from everlasting to everlasting”

3. An appreciation of the Profundity of the Being of God

Standing in absolute awe of the Person of God!



## WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

### PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

*Monday, 21 May 2018*

*Time: 7.00pm*

*Venue: TUR*

### PRAYER MEETING

*Monday, 21 May 2018*

*Time: 8.00pm*

*Venue: Sanctuary*

### BIBLE STUDY

*Tuesday, 22 May 2018*

*Time: 8.00pm*

*Venue: Sanctuary*

# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

**TODAY, 20 May 2018**

## ***Genesis 22:18 In Your Seed***

*In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,  
Because you have obeyed My voice.*

1. The promise of God  
To bless Abraham
2. Reason for blessing highlighted  
He had obeyed God.
3. His seed would bless all nations on the earth
  - a) This seed is not so much a reference to Israel
  - b) But a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ who has indeed blessed all nations

**NEXT SUNDAY, 27 May 2018**

## ***Genesis 28:15 Behold, I am with You***

*Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go,  
and will bring you back to this land;  
for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.*

THEME : I WILL BLESS YOU

# *This Week @ Worship*

— MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY  
“An everlasting Covenant”  
Genesis 17

Chairman  
Dr Daniel Chia

Organist  
Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker  
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter  
Mrs Koh Baoling

Pianist  
Mrs Esther Ang

Chairman  
Mr Joshua Phang

Pianist  
Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker  
Intern-Pastor  
Benjamin Chong

Usher  
Mr Stanley Woo

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —  
10.30 AM .  
3rd Floor Auditorium 3-8  
“Here are My mother and  
My brothers!...” Matthew 12:48-50

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —  
10.30 AM  
“A Loving and Protective Shepherd”  
John 10:1-16

CC I: P1—P3  
3rd Floor  
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6  
4th Floor  
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker  
Student-Pastor  
Eugene Seow

Speaker  
Intern-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah

Chairman  
Mr Jonas Tan

Speaker  
Intern-Pastor  
Benjamin Chong

Pianist  
Ms Tay Soo Leng

Interpreter  
Ms Tan  
Hwee Cheng  
Ms Aleena Kua

— EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE —  
4.00 PM . 4th Floor Auditorium 4-7, 8  
“Behold, I am with you and will keep  
you wherever you go”  
Genesis 28

Breakfast : Mary Soh & Mr Soh  
Fellowship Lunch : Mary Soh & Mr Soh; Yong Jing & Shufang  
Evening Tea : Joanna Yam

# Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
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 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
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 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-8	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 4-7	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	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
BIBLE STUDY				
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
CATECHISM CLASS				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	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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**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**20 May 2018**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang*  
*Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey*

HWC No. 508

I Will Sing The Wondrous Story

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Dr Daniel Chia*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

HWC No. 76

O For A Thousand Tongues

Century Praise 188

Lamb Of Glory

HWC No. 378

Only One Life

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “An everlasting Covenant”

Text : Genesis 17

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 322

The Solid Rock

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

**EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**20 May 2018**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION 预备**

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Ms Tay Soo Leng

Song No. 1

The Path Of Grace  
恩典之路

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Jonas Tan  
Interpreter : Ms Aleena Kua

Invocation 祈祷

**PRAISE 赞美诗**

Hymns

Century Praise 57

Worthy Of Worship  
神配受崇拜

Century Praise 323

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus  
信靠耶稣真是甜美

Century Praise 339

Higher Ground  
向高处行

**PRAYER 牧祷**

**“PREACH THE WORD” 证道**

Message: “Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go”  
“我也与你同在。你无论往哪里去, 我必保佑你”

Text : Genesis 28 创世纪 28

Speaker: Intern-Pastor Benjamin Chong  
Interpreter : Miss Tan Hwee Cheng

**RESPONSE**

Offering 奉献

Hymn

HWC No. 46

God Leads Us Along  
神带领我们

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

## Postlude

# PASTORAL LETTER

Senior Pastor : Rev Dr Charles Tan

20 May 2018

*Dear Brethren,*

## RBTS AMOS

We have begun reading the Book of Amos. This is not an easy book to read or understand. But plan to read for the instruction from this book is most relevant!

### 1. Prayer

- a) Let there be heart-felt prayers offered
- b) Pray for wisdom and discernment

### 2. Seeking wisdom

- a) This is something we must seek to do for the rest of our life
- b) It is through wisdom that we can live meaningfully and fruitfully

## SPIRITUAL RETREAT

This Retreat will be in mid-July 2018. It is good to know that more than 70 have already signed up!

### 1. Deepening our prayer life

- a) This is vital
- b) Let us never allow our prayer life to stagnate

### 2. Rich spiritual lessons

- a) Paul was a man of prayer
- b) There are many lessons that await discovery

Plan to sign up for the Spiritual Retreat as soon as possible.

## JUNIOR CAMP

The Junior Camp is just a week away. This is the largest Junior Camp yet! About a third of the Juniors are new campers. They are also new to the faith.

### 1. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings

### 2. Let us seek His grace and strength for ministry

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*