

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 27 May 2018 ... Junior Camp starts tomorrow!

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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

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Text: Genesis 17

“MY COVENANT”

AN APPRECIATION OF GOD'S COVENANTS

We often fail to appreciate the significance of God's covenants given to man! The words of God giving His covenants are most instructive and uplifting. Let us ponder God's covenant made with Noah.

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MEDITATION

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1. God's Covenant with Noah Genesis 9:9-11
 - a) And as for Me
 - i) God's covenant reflects who the Lord is!
 - ii) Our focus should be the Lord
 - iii) Rather than the recipient... Man
 - b) My covenant
 - i) This is important to note
 - ii) Let us be reminded that all covenants are the Lord's!
 - iii) They originate from Him
 - iv) They are articulated by Him
 - c) Behold, I establish My covenant with you
Thus, I establish My covenant
 - i) It is God who must establish a Covenant
 - ii) Man cannot establish a Covenant for he is powerless
 - iii) To establish is to make firm or certain
 - iv) This is to be appreciated at a very personal level
 - d) And with your descendants
 - i) Noah greatly appreciated the covenant given
 - ii) How about his descendants?

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2. The sign of the Covenant with Noah Genesis 9:12-17

- a) This is the sign of the covenant which I make
 - i) Between Me and you
 - ii) And every living creature with you
 - iii) For perpetual generations
- b) The rainbow
 - i) The rainbow shall be seen in the cloud
 - ii) I will remember My covenant
 - iii) This is the sign which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth

TREASURING GOD'S COVENANTS

Let us learn how to treasure the Covenants God has given to mankind. We have all but forgotten His Covenant with Noah and all mankind. Let us seek to cultivate a deeper sense of appreciation for this covenant that still stands till today! †

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

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMBINED WORSHIP TODAY

We will be having Combined Worship today.
We will need to prepare the Church for the Junior Camp
that commences on Monday, 28 May 2018. †

NO CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

There will be no Catechism Class today because we have a
Combined Worship and also because we will need to
prepare the Church for the Junior Camp. †

PRAYER MEETING / BIBLE STUDY

We will be in recess for a month (School vacation). †

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

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

Plan to sign up for this Retreat. May our prayer life deepen further. †

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

1. Let us be extra mindful of our honoured senior citizens.
2. They must be given due respect!
3. A Priority Queue will be created for them

Let us practise what the Lord teaches about honouring the aged.

*"You shall rise before the grey headed
and honour the presence of an old man,
And fear your God: I am the LORD."
Leviticus 19:32 †*

NEXT SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

Let us come with prepared hearts and minds to partake the
Lord's Supper meaningfully. †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 90: 3-6

*You turn man to destruction, and say,
"Return, O children of men."*

*For a thousand years in Your sight
Are like yesterday when it is past,
And like a watch in the night.*

*You carry them away like a flood;
They are like a sleep.
In the morning they are like grass which grows up;*

*In the morning it flourishes and grows up;
In the evening it is cut down and withers.*

1. Life

- a) Even if it is a thousand years
- b) It may seem long (in our human estimation)

2. Life is very brief

- a) It is like yesterday when it is gone
- b) It is like a watch in the night
- c) It is like sleep
- d) It is like grass that flourishes but it is soon cut down

3. Life is very fragile

- a) It can be lost in an unexpected flash flood
- b) It is easily destroyed
- c) All God needs to say, "Return, O children of men" ☩

POETRY CORNER (CHILDREN)

BIBLE TEACHINGS

Bible teachings are important to know;
They help us to learn how we can grow.
Stories in the Bible are absolutely true;
They help us to live well, giving us clues.

To learn well, we need a humble heart;
And God's Kingdom we may have a part.
We also need to learn how to say "Sorry;"
It pleases God to see such true humility.

Lessons learned must be put into action;
Thus, we must always give full attention.
We learn from our teachers how to live;
And prayers of thanksgiving to give.

How blessed we are when we do God's will;
He will help our troubled hearts to be still.
He will always be with us even when we are sad;
He draws near to us, to comfort and to make us glad.

Inspiration: Matthew 5:3-12

Charles Tan

THE LORD'S BLESSINGS

God's Covenant was given to Abram, full and complete;
Yet it took years before he understood, and decided to heed.
Is this not often the case with Man?
We hear God's bidding, but do we truly comprehend?

God's blessings are so graciously given;
If only we can be more perceptive children.
But even if we take years before we comply;
He patiently waits for us to reply.

The Lord's promises always materialize;
We are just oblivious to realize.
Instead, we unashamedly seek to compromise;
And fail to seize the day and receive the prize.

May we always be alert to obey God's Call;
It will save us many unnecessary falls.
Lest we feel discouraged and think we're over our prime;
Know that God will bless us in His perfect time.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: In response to
"And He Believed in the Lord" by Pastor Charles Tan
Genesis 12,15



MY COVENANT

The first Covenant God made was with Noah;
He was truly God's man of the hour.
While the world became increasingly sinful;
Noah found grace and his Walk was meaningful.

He heard God's Word of judgment and was alarmed;
His heart wanted to protect his loved ones from any harm.
He heeded God's voice and built a mighty ark;
The imperative in His message he did hark.

Salvation came to Noah and his little family;
God promised He would bless his posterity.
In gratitude Noah offered a heartfelt sacrifice;
God received the offering all the way in Paradise.

He then gave to Noah a special Covenant;
The Lord would also bless His descendants!
We are the beneficiaries of God's blessings;
Have we responded with grateful thanksgiving?

Inspiration: Genesis 9
God's Covenant with Noah

Charles Tan
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BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.*

1. Uplifting promises from the Lord
 - a) I am with you
 - b) And will keep you wherever you go
 - c) And will bring you back to this land
 - d) For I will not leave you
2. These promises reflect the Person of the Lord
 - a) Faithful
 - b) Committed
 - c) Gracious

NEXT SUNDAY: 3 JUNE 2018

DEUTERONOMY 28:2

AND ALL THESE BLESSINGS SHALL COME UPON YOU
*And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you,
because you obey the voice of the LORD your God.*



THEME : I WILL BLESS YOU

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

✠ **COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE** ✠
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
"Blessing I will bless you"
Genesis 22

Chairman
Dr Quek Li Wei

Organist
Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Mr Alex Tan

Pianist
Dr Daniel Chia

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

✠ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** ✠
10.30 AM
"Belonging to Jesus"
John 10:22-30

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

✠ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ✠

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Ainslie Kua
Fellowship Lunch : Minli & Albert; KC & Elaine

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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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
27 May 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 451

It Is Well With My Soul

Prelude

Call to Worship

Dr Quek Li Wei

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

HWC No. 271

Standing On The Promises

HWC No. 65

The Wonder Of It All

Century Praise 32

God Of Our Fathers

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Blessing I will bless you”

Text : Genesis 22

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 410

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

27 MAY 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

HONOURING OUR PARENTS

The Biblical injunction is very clear. We are to honour our parents. This was laid down as the Fifth Commandment (Cf. Exodus 20:12).

The Apostle Paul took time to teach how this Commandment was to be applied.

1. In the biological family

Paul wrote to encourage the Ephesians to practise this within the biological family Ephesians 6:1-3

2. He went on to apply this Commandment in the non-biological family. The context is obviously the church.

*"Do not rebuke an older man,
But exhort him as a father..." 1 Timothy 5:1*

OUR LUNCH FELLOWSHIP

We have several hundred people staying back for Lunch Fellowship on Sunday afternoons. If we take a careful look in Church we would notice the following: -

1. We have more wheel-chair bound people

2. We have a growing number of people who are senior citizens (65 years and above)

3. Here is the challenge for us to consider practising: -

a) We will have a Priority Queue for our senior citizens

b) In the case of those who are much older, family members may queue up on their behalf

c) We will have a section which will be reserved for our senior citizens

d) Let us seek to put into practise the Biblical injunction about honouring parents

AN ADDITIONAL WORD

Here is another challenging word to read in the Scriptures.

*You shall rise before the grey-headed
And honour the presence of an old man,
And fear your God. I am the LORD.* Leviticus 19:32

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*