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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 3 June 2018 ... Holy Communion Sunday

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MEDITATION

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Text: Genesis 22

“BECAUSE YOU HAVE OBEYED MY VOICE”

THE TESTING OF OUR FAITH IN GOD

Abraham was tested in his faith in God. The principle of testing is something that God seems to do with all who express faith in Him! Testing need not be feared if

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our faith in Him is genuine and strong.

A VERY CHALLENGING TEST

The test given to Abraham was a difficult one. The Lord said,

*Take now your son, your only son Isaac,
Whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah,
And offer him there as a burnt offering
On one of the mountains of which I shall tell you. Genesis 22:2*

1. God knew Abraham loved his son dearly
2. But he was asked to offer Isaac as a burnt offering

Without a deep understanding of God and a strong faith, this word of the Lord would be virtually impossible to fulfil!

MARKS OF FAITH SEEN IN ABRAHAM

The following features may be noted about Abraham's faith in the Lord. His obedience stood out significantly.

1. He obeyed promptly
 - a) He rose up early in the morning
 - b) He set off while it was still early in the morning
2. He prepared thoroughly
 - a) For the journey to Mount Moriah
 - b) He brought two servants along

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- c) He cut up the firewood
- d) He brought Isaac along
- e) He made the 3-day journey successfully

3. He held on to his faith steadfastly

- a) He believed that he and Isaac would return
- b) He said that God would provide the sacrificial lamb for the offering

4. He obeyed fully

- a) He did not withhold Isaac his beloved son
- b) He was prepared to obey God faithfully

GOD WAS PLEASED WITH ABRAHAM

God was certainly pleased with Abraham. He had proven that he feared God and that he would obey him to the letter! For his faith and obedience God confirmed His blessings promised to Abraham! †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

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

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We celebrate The Lord's Supper today.
Let us partake of The Lord's Supper prayerfully and meaningfully.

THE BREAD

*And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it,
and gave it to them, saying,
"This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
Luke 22:19*

THE CUP

*Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."
Luke 22:20 †*

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm
Venue: 4.07 †

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

These meetings are in recess for the month of June 2018.
We resume in July 2018. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNIOR CAMP 2018

1. Thank God for His grace and mercy
 - a) Safety
 - b) Strength
2. Thank God for all who have helped to make the Camp successful
 - a) The Planning Committee
 - b) The Kitchen Crew
 - c) The Helpers (Pines 2 especially)
 - d) The sponsors
 - e) The Pastoral Team
3. Pray for the Juniors as they return home
May the lessons they have learned stay in their hearts.†

BETHANY VISION BOOKSHOP

The Bookshop Ministry will re-open on 10 June 2018.

1. Plan to read more
2. Be a Bethany Vision Book Club Member
Sign up with those looking after the Book Club
3. The Bookshop would be open during the Fellowship Lunch †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONOURING OUR SENIOR MEMBERS

(Leviticus 19:32)

Let us consciously practise honouring those in our midst who are senior citizens.

1. Priority Queue

2. Priority Tables

These would be reserved for those who are physically weak and unable to queue for their meals at the Fellowship Lunch. †

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

13-14 July 2018

"The Prayers of the Apostle Paul"

Plan to sign up as soon as possible.

Let us seek to deepen our prayer life! †

MISSIONS MINISTRY

Pastor Charles Tan ministers in Myanmar this week (4-8 June 2018). †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 90: 11-12

*Who knows the power of Your anger?
For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.*

*So teach us to number our days,
That we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

1. The fear of God

- a) This ought to be cultivated and practised
- b) A good place to start learning is to fear the wrath of God

2. A wise prayer offered

- a) Teach us to number our days
- b) That wisdom may be given and applied to life †

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

Little children may be brought to Christ the Lord,
They may be included in the Kingdom of God.
Jesus rebuked His Disciples for trying to stop them,
To the Lord Jesus Christ, they were precious gems!

They may learn how to love Jesus as Saviour and Lord,
Jesus would happily receive them into the Kingdom of God.
How wonderful is the heart of Jesus the King,
He opens His arms and welcomes them in.

The heart of Jesus is pure and merciful indeed,
He would reach out to everyone who is in need.
Whether they were children or much older,
All must know He would not show a cold shoulder.

The heart of Jesus is humble and meek,
Many came to Him when they were sick.
He showed to all great love and mercy,
All who were helped, praised Him greatly.

Inspiration: Luke 18:16

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(FOR COMMUNION SERVICE)

DO YOU LOVE ME?

Jesus loved His Disciples dearly even when they failed;
His love for them caused Him to reach out and prevail.

He singled Peter out and asked him most directly;
“Do you love Me?” This had to be answered personally.

Peter did not dare to loudly declare his love as he once did;
He had to eat his words for he had denied his Lord indeed!
But deep down in his heart he knew he loved his Master;
“Yes, Lord, You know I love you,” was all he could muster.

Two more times Jesus raised this question, “Do you love Me?”
Peter would not use words that he was afraid would be empty.
He would trust that the Lord knew what was deep in his heart;
The lesson learned from having denied Jesus would never depart!

“Do you love Me?” How would we answer the Lord today?
Would we be able to declare our love without fear and dismay?
The Lord bids us to search our heart and speak of love for Him;
May we be able to answer bravely that our love would never dim!

Inspiration: John 21:15-17

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BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.*

1. The promise of Blessings from God
 - a) They were first given to Abraham
 - b) Then they were given to Isaac
 - c) The promised blessings were given to Jacob
 - d) In this context the promised blessings were given to Israel as a nation
2. The key challenge
 - a) To obey the Lord God
 - b) This was well-exemplified by Abraham (Genesis 22)
 - c) The pathway to the fullness of God's blessings being fulfilled is the path of full obedience

NEXT SUNDAY: 10 JUNE 2018

DEUTERONOMY 28:9 THE LORD WILL ESTABLISH YOU
*The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself,
just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of
the LORD your God and walk in all His ways. †*

THEME : I WILL BLESS YOU

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"God sent me before you to preserve life" Genesis 44

Chairman

Rev Mark Tan

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Chairman

Miss Aleena Kua

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Mr Lai Chung Han

Usher

Mr Stanley Woo

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE — **10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8**

"As a son with his father..."

Phil. 2:19-24

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞

10.30AM

"The Resurrection and the Life"
John 11:1-44

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Mrs Joanne Tan

Speaker

Miss Camille George

Chairman

Mr Allister Tham

Speaker

Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Interpreter

Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui
Mr Kevin Low

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7,8

"But the God of my father has been with me" Genesis 31

Breakfast : You Cai
Fellowship Lunch : 1995 Girls; Maureen Goh
Evening Tea : Hazel & children

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
3 June 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 356

Under His Wings

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev Mark Tan

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 77

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

HWC No. 289

There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing

Century Praise 358

Living For Jesus

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “God sent me before you to preserve life”

Text : Genesis 44

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

Century Praise 291

Jesus Is All The World To Me

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 319

He Hideth My Soul

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 295

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

10 June 2018

Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing *Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou*

Century Praise No. 314 We Gather Together

虔诚聚集

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Allister Tham

Interpreter : Mr Kevin Low

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. 68 The Love Of God

真神之爱

HWC No. 271 Standing On The Promises

坚立在应许上

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “But the God of my father has been with me”

“但我父亲的神向来与我同在。”

Text: Genesis 31 创世纪 31

Speaker: *Rev Mitchell Tan*

Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

THE LORD’S SUPPER 圣餐 Rev Dr Charles Tan

Hymn

Century Praise No. 308 Thanks To God For My Redeemer

感谢神

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise No. 310 Count Your Blessings

数算主恩

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise No. 305

Now Thank We All Our God

今来感谢恩主

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

3 JUNE 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

JUNIOR CAMP 2018

Thank God for His grace and blessings on the Junior Camp (28-31 May 2018). So many things to thank God for!

1. The Planning Committee
 - a) Their hard work
 - b) Their diligence
2. The Teachers at the Camp
 - a) The work put in to prepare well
 - b) The lessons taught prayerfully
3. The Support
 - a) The Kitchen Crew
 - b) The helpers, especially Pines 2
 - c) The sponsors

THE MINISTRY TO CHILDREN

The ministry to children has not ended, even if the Junior Camp has. The work continues to challenge us: -

1. To feed the little lambs
2. To pray for them
3. To further equip ourselves so that we can minister better

Let us continue to seek the Lord and His blessings for our ministry to children! May the children come to know what is faith in the Lord Jesus early in life.

BTS MYANMAR

Let us remember the ministry in Myanmar. We have a new intake of theological students who seek to be trained for ministry at BTS Yangon. Let us pray for the ministry of our Seminary in Yangon. May the Lord be pleased to bless the new academic year!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*