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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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Text: Genesis 28

“BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU”

WHEN GOD BECOMES PERSONAL

Faith in God is sometimes more religious than personal. We miss out so much when our relationship with God lacks the personal element. Abraham's grandchildren, Esau and Jacob did not have a personal relationship with God. It was the Lord who initi-

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ated the cultivation of a personal faith in Him.

*And behold, the LORD stood above it and said:
I am the LORD God of Abraham your father
And the God of Isaac;
The land on which you lie I will give to you
And your descendants.*

*Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth;
You shall spread abroad to the west and to the east,
To the north and to the south;
And in you and in your seed all the families of the earth
Shall be blessed.*

*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.* *Genesis 28:13-15*

1. When God was just the Lord

- a) He was way up in heaven
- b) He took the initiative to relate to Jacob

2. The Divine Initiative

- a) Introductory remarks were deemed necessary
- b) Such was the ignorance of Jacob about God

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- c) He was the God of his father Isaac and the father of Abraham too

3. The Promises of God

- a) These were the same promises God made to Abraham
- b) He was merely repeating what was said earlier to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3)

4. The Personal Presence of God

- a) This was clearly stated
 - i) Behold, I am with you
 - ii) And will keep you wherever you go
 - iii) And will bring you back to this land
 - iv) I will never leave you
- b) These were powerful and precious promises from the Lord

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

Jacob was in awe as he pondered these words from the Lord. Humbly, he bowed and worshiped the Lord. The journey of faith had begun for Jacob! God did not ever fail him. Let us consider developing a closer relationship with the Lord! †

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

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4.07 †

FATHER'S DAY- 17 JUNE 2018

We will be celebrating "Father's Day" next Sunday! We will be having Combined Worship!

1. Let us thank God for good and faithful fathers
 2. Their hard work to provide and protect the family is to be admired †
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PRIORITY QUEUE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AT FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

1. Let us honour all who are 65 years and above
2. Let them enjoy the evening years of their life as they have fellowship lunch
3. Make the Fellowship Lunch a happy experience every Sunday!

This is one way of practicing the fear of God. †

BTS(YANGON)

1. There was a new intake of Seminary students
2. 27 new people became seminarians at BTS (Yangon)
3. More are still on their way to join BTS Yangon

Let us pray for the Lord to bless BTS Yangon, both teachers and students! 🙏

SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT BETHANY

13-14 July 2018
"The Prayers of Paul"

How the Apostle Paul prayed would be examined at the Retreat. Many lessons may be learned at the Spiritual Retreat. Sign up today! 🙏

BETHANY VISION BOOKSHOP

1. This is being relaunched this Sunday
2. The Bookshop has been closed during the Bethany IV project
3. A new team of people has been chosen
4. A new approach will also be adopted

Plan to visit the Book Corner today. 🙏

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THEME FOR OUR 40+5 ANNIVERSARY

"Is there anything too hard for the Lord?"

1. Let us take time to reflect on the Lord's many blessings
2. May our hearts be filled with joy as we recall the Lord's goodness to us.

Celebrating our 40+ 5 Anniversary at Shangri La

Date: 19 August 2018

Please take note of the change of date. †

PRAYER MEETING/ BIBLE STUDY

These will be in recess for the month of June 2018. †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 90: 13-14

*Return, O LORD! How long?
And have compassion on Your servants.*

*Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!*

1. Return, O LORD

- a) This is a prayer
- b) A plea to God to forgive sins
- c) And to restore a broken relationship

2. Pleading with the Lord

- a) To be given compassion
- b) To be granted mercy
- c) So that gladness and joy may be felt continually ✠

POETRY CORNER (CHILDREN)

(In honour of Pines 2 serving at the Junior Camp)

FAITHFUL SERVICE

**You responded admirably to the Call to serve;
And gave of your best to the Lord without reserve.
The hours were long and there were many things to do;
You stood out during the week, and we are proud of you.**

**There are many more lessons to learn along the way;
Some areas still need attention, and over these we pray.
You were found good and faithful in serving the Lord;
May you receive many wonderful blessings from God!**

**Some are standing out as possible future leaders;
Let there be a determination to listen to our teachers.
Thank God that the Junior Camp went quite well;
And thus, the praises of the Lord we must forthtell.**

**Many are the lessons we may learn through serving God;
We learn how to work hard faithfully trusting in the Lord.
Both strength and joy may be found in challenging service;
May you abide in your determination to put faith into practice!**

Inspiration: Luke 17:10

Charles Tan



BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU

*We often associate blessings with possessions;
This is not wrong, but it must not be our obsession.
One of the greatest blessings we could wish for,
Is God's Presence with us, as if He is next door!*

*It is the Lord Himself who said, "I am with you!"
What a glorious word of promise and it is all true!
Our challenge is to cultivate our consciousness of God,
And develop a deep and personal walk with the Lord!*

*It is the Lord Himself who said further, "I will keep you!"
What a precious promise we have from a God who is true.
From harm and from danger, He will give us protection;
How we must cultivate deep personal faith and devotion!*

*How thrilling to hear what God says, "I will never leave you!"
It is heartwarming to have a God who is both faithful and true.
Our hearts must be moved to offer God heartfelt and humble worship;
And to avow that we will walk with the Lord in grateful fellowship!*

Inspiration: Genesis 28:13-15

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BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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 His ways.

1. The Great Promise of God

- a) He will establish His people with holiness
- b) He will regard them as His people
- c) This is His solemn oath

2. The Great Challenge

- a) To keep the commandments of God
- b) To walk in all His ways

NEXT SUNDAY: 17 JUNE 2018

DEUTERONOMY 32:3 I PROCLAIM THE NAME OF THE LORD

For I proclaim the name of the LORD:

Ascribe greatness to our God. †

THEME : I WILL BLESS YOU

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"God has shown me your offspring"
Genesis 48

Chairman

Rev Mitchell Tan

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Mrs Koh Baoling

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Chairman

Ms Germaine Kong

Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Usher

Mr Kreston Ang

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

"Titus, a true son in our common
faith" Titus

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞

10.30 AM

"A Loving And Understanding Lord"
John 12:1-8

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
Eugene Seow

Chairman

Mr Kevin Low

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Pianist

Ms Tay Soo Leng

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng
Ms Berlinda Cheong

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

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

"I Will Deal Well With You"
Genesis 32

Breakfast : Gerald & Elaine
Fellowship Lunch : Jacob
Evening Tea : Jerry & Puay Khim

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
10 June 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 415

He Giveth More Grace

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev Mitchell Tan

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 61

The God Of Abraham Praise

HWC No. 347

Be Still, My Soul

Century Praise 339

Higher Ground

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “God has shown me your offspring”

Text : Genesis 48

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 354

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

10 June 2018

Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Ms Tay Soo Leng

Century Praise 70

I Will Sing Of The Mercies 我要唱耶和華的大慈愛

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齊來稱頌

Mr Kevin Low

Interpreter : Ms Berlinda Cheong

Invocation 祈禱

PRAISE 讚美詩

Hymns

Century Praise 308

Thanks To God For My Redeemer 感謝神

Century Praise 363

God Will Take Care Of You 天父必看顧你

Century Praise 399

Make Me A Blessing 借我賜恩福

PRAYER 牧禱

“PREACH THE WORD” 証道

Message: “I will deal well with you”
“我要厚待你”

Text : Genesis 32 創世紀 32

Speaker: Student-Pastor Moses Kwek
Interpreter : Miss Tan Hwee Cheng

RESPONSE

Offering 奉獻

Hymn

Century Praise 374

Sweet Hour Of Prayer 禱告良辰

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

10 JUNE 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

BEARING MUCH FRUIT FOR THE LORD

At the Junior Camp, the following poem was shared with the Camp Officers.

THAT YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT

Bearing fruit is a teaching we do well to take heed;
There are vital truths that Jesus taught that are deep.
He desires His Disciples to bear much fruit in ministry;
The Father is glorified when fruit is seen in quantity.

All true Disciples were specially chosen and anointed,
They were to bear much fruit as they were appointed.
Their fruit was meant to remain through time;
Every means was made available on the line.

Bearing fruit is something that can be learned;
There are principles that exist at every turn.
The key idea lies in learning how to truly abide;
All that we will ever need, the Lord will provide.

The first lesson is to learn how to abide in Christ;
Many assume that they are practising that in life.
True abiding in Christ will see the Disciple enabled;
The result is much fruit that will be discernible.

The second lesson is to abide in the Word given;
Christ's teachings came from the Father in Heaven.
His word profoundly has both spirit and life;
It will help us to bear much fruit, despite strife.

The third lesson is to learn how to abide in His love;
His love will encompass and fill us with joy from above.
We will find that we will have love enough to spare;
Deeds of love would be what we are able to share.

To truly abide involves every single feature of the believer;
The heart, the mind, the spirit are filled with the Saviour.
Our faith and life will deepen as we walk with the Lord,
Fruit-bearing will redound to the glory of our Father-God!

Inspiration: John 15:1-17
Charles Tan

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*