

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 17 June 2018 ... Happy Father's Day!

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MEDITATION

✞ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✞

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Text: Genesis 48

SIGNIFICANT LIFE-LESSONS

A LONG LIFE

Jacob's life was very chequered. There were as many dark patches as there were good ones! What finally stood out at the end of one's life?

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MEDITATION

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*God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked,
The God who has fed me all my life long to this day,*

*The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil,
Bless the lads;
Let my name be named upon them,
And the name of my fathers, Abraham and Isaac;
And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.
Genesis 48:15-16*

1. The God of Abraham and Isaac

- a) God was very real and personal to both Abraham and Isaac
- b) Both patriarchs consciously walked before the Lord
- c) Their walk may not have been perfect but they did walk before God

2. The God of Jacob

- a) Jacob too had a very real and personal faith in God
- b) He was conscious that it was God Himself who fed him all his life

3. The Angel of God

- a) This is a reference to the Pre-incarnate Christ
- b) The Messiah was very real and personal to Jacob
- c) His role was that of a Redeemer (Saviour)
- d) He redeemed Jacob from all kinds of evil

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4. The name of the Ancient Patriarchs

- a) Their name (collective) represented much
- b) Their name reflected the Lord's Covenant- relationship with them
- c) It was God who changed Abram's name to Abraham
- d) It was God again who changed Jacob's name to Israel

THE BLESSING OF GOD

It was the LORD God Himself who gave this word to Moses years later. Each time the Lord's name is invoked in a blessing, He will indeed bless!

*The LORD bless and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;*

*The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.*

*So shall they put My name on
The children of Israel, and I will bless them. Numbers 6:24-27 †*

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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

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Session and the Pastoral Team wish all fathers, "Happy Father's Day!"
May the Lord continue to uphold you in your role as father! †

COMBINED WORSHIP TODAY

On special Sundays, like Father's Day, we will have the Children with us in the Main Sanctuary. These are good things that we should not take for granted.

1. Sense of Oneness as a church
 2. Consciousness of being one Church Family
 3. Worshiping together can help build an even stronger bond across the generations †
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NO CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

We will not be having Catechism Class today! †

ON LEAVE

Pastor Charles Tan will be on leave 18-29 June 2018. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHANY VISION BOOKSHOP

1. There was good response from many
2. Requests:
 - a) Children's books
 - b) Children's Bibles

These have been brought in! Check out the Bethany Vision Book Stall at the Fellowship Lunch time! †

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

13-14 July 2018

"THE PRAYERS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL."

Plan to sign up to attend the Spiritual Retreat.
Let us desire to learn how we may grow a deeper prayer-life! †

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+5 ANNIVERSARY

Special Thanksgiving Service at Shangri La on 19 August 2018.
Plan to book your table as soon as possible. †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 90: 15-16

*Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us,
The years in which we have seen evil.*

*Let Your work appear to Your servants,
And Your glory to their children.*

1. The past may have some dark patches
 - a) Days of affliction
 - b) Times when we have seen evil

2. The Future with the Lord's mercy and grace bestowed
 - a) May the Lord grant gladness of heart
 - b) May the Lord's work be evident
 - c) May the glory of the Lord be revealed to the next generation †

THE BLESSINGS THAT STAND OUT

Some blessings stand out because they are so significant,
These are to be deeply appreciated for they are important.

The provisions of life ought to be traced to the LORD;
It is truly He who has proven Himself to be a faithful God!

Then there is the Angel of the LORD and His redemption;
His work must be remembered with deep affection.

Evil was afoot, bent on destroying any faith in life;
The salvation of the Messiah rescues from deadly strife!

The LORD has given believers a new and glorious name;

We no longer need to hang our head in awful shame.

He has totally forgiven our sinful and wretched ways;
He has offered to all who believe in Him a bright new day!

We may call on this great God and ask for His blessings;

He will hear and grant us, within His will, all things!

What a challenge it is to walk before this living God;

How wonderful it is to trust in our Covenant-LORD!

Inspiration: Genesis 48:15-16

Charles Tan



POETRY CORNER (CHILDREN)

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

The problems in life are near, disguised in every tear,
How I long to overcome, this emptiness of fear.
All the problems get in my way,
And sometimes I wonder, how will I get through the day?

When I was down, discouraged and weak,
He spoke to me, tenderly and sweet.
"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid,
For I am with you, even as the trials await."

When the problems got too great,
When I could barely face the day,
I felt the comforting presence around me,
As I heard say lovingly.

"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid,
For My peace I leave with you; no one can take it away."

Chloe Lim
pines 2
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A Poem for Father's Day

We commemorate the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day;
A mother's love evokes in us a sense of debt we want to repay.
Although Father's Day is also celebrated nowadays;
It does not command the same degree of reverence; would you say?

As fathers labour to provide for their families from days of old;
Perhaps they see this as their most important role.
But busy fathers in our midst, please do not forget;
Time to speak and interact with your children you must not neglect.

The Lord has commanded that fathers must instruct their households;
About the Greatest Commandment their families must surely be told.
"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your strength";
By so doing, your families, the Lord will bless at length.

May our father's love, compassion, and resilience, come what may;
Be the contents of the epistle written on our hearts, which we read every day.
May their faithfulness and perseverance in God today,
Inspire us to live well and to emulate them in every way.

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Dr. Sing Li Wah



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.

1. The name of the LORD
 - a) It may be proclaimed by the believer
 - b) It is a glorious name
 - c) The name “LORD” is the covenant-name of God
 - d) It speaks of One who is Eternal in His Being
2. Ascribe greatness to the LORD
 - a) The LORD is essentially “great”
 - b) Greatness should always be ascribed to Him
 - c) His name must be proclaimed with great faith and boldness

NEXT SUNDAY: 24 JUNE 2018

DEUTERONOMY 32:4 HE IS THE ROCK

*He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice,
A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He. †*

THEME : I WILL BLESS YOU

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE **10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY**

"God will be with you and bring you
back to the land of your fathers"
Genesis 48

Chairman

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong
Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Interpreter

Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Rachel & Kevin Low
Fellowship Lunch : Chung Han & Chiew Yen

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
17 June 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

VIP No. 154

His Love Is Warmer

Prelude

Call to Worship

Intern-Pastor Benjamin Chong
Intern-Pastor Benjamin Quah

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Song No.1

God Is Our Father

HWC No. 46

God Leads Us Along

VIP No. 105

He's My Life, He's My Light

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “God will be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers”
Text : Genesis 48
Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 356

Under His Wings

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

17 JUNE 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Wishing all fathers, the Lord's blessings this Father's Day! May your heart be encouraged to know that your work to provide for the family is not in vain! Sharing with you a poem inspired by the way God introduced Himself as the God of Abraham, the grandfather of Jacob (Genesis 28).

Thank God for all who are privileged to be grandfathers. Your impact still counts on the grandchildren! Let us be challenged to be great channels of blessing to all we come into contact with in life, especially the family.

"I AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHER ABRAHAM"

God introduced Himself to fleeing Jacob in a special way;
"I am the God of your father Abraham;" An unusual display!
Jacob had never seen his grandfather Abraham at all;
Yet this was how God spoke to him in this Divine call.

"Your father Abraham..." Why was this reference made?
What was the meaning of the word "father" when it was said?
How can a grandfather make such a difference in life?
To Jacob, a sinful man who was caught up in family strife!

There was a time when God was not in Abraham's life;
He faced many problems, difficulties and painful strife.
There were painful family challenges that posed a danger;
He discovered faith and the Lord was no longer a Stranger.

Trials continued to come and he was sorely tested;
He applied faith; with God he became more acquainted.
His life was blessed because he learned to obey God;
He grew till he did not withhold anything from the Lord!

God promised that Abraham would be father to many nations;
That promise of blessing beckons us to give it contemplation.
We are heirs of Abraham through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ;
The most wonderful of all the blessings is the hope of eternal life.

Thank God for allowing us to call Him our Heavenly Father;
May we firmly confess Him as our God, desiring no other!
May our hearts find grace to thank God for earthly parents;
Who reflect the Love of God our Father in glorious Heaven.

Inspiration: Genesis 28:13-15

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*