

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 24 June 2018*

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## MEDITATION

✞ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✞

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Text: Psalm 135

## "BLESS THE LORD"

### THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD

As we ponder the doctrine of the Lord's blessings, we must stand amazed at the things we have discovered about the Lord God!

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1. The greatness of the Lord's mercy and grace
2. The promise of blessings which extend for generations
3. The profundity of the promised blessings
4. The power behind the promise of blessings
5. The Covenantal concept which guarantees the giving of the blessings

## ON THE OTHER HAND

We discover many appalling but very real weaknesses in man, even if they were patriarchs!

1. The weakness of the flesh
2. The inconsistency
3. The tendency to sin and to fail
4. The slow appearance and growth of faith
5. The faltering steps of attempting to walk with the Lord

## HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND APPROPRIATELY?

Let us ponder what the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 135.

*Praise the LORD!*

*Praise the name of the LORD;*

*Praise Him, O you servants of the LORD!*

*Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;*

*Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.*

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*Your name, O LORD, endures forever,  
Your fame, O LORD, throughout all generations.*

*Psalm 135:1, 3, 13*

## 1. Offering praise to God

- a) Let us attempt to do this always
- b) We cannot praise the Lord often enough

## 2. The great name of the Lord

- a) Let us ever seek to honour His name
- b) Let us thank God that we know His name at all

## 3. The LORD is indeed good

- a) Wonderfully so
- b) Profoundly so too!

May our hearts be filled with awe and gratitude! May praise always be offered to the Lord spontaneously! †

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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

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### GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN

Pastor sends greetings to all in Bethany!  
May the Lord watch over each one lovingly and wonderfully. †

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### ***CATECHISM CLASS TODAY***

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4.07 †

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NEXT SUNDAY, 1 JULY 2018

We will be having Holy Communion. Let us prepare our hearts well to partake of the Lord's Supper meaningfully.†

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### NEW SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES

***"Is anything too hard for the LORD?"      Genesis 18:14***

Let us take time to ponder the Lord's leading in our Church and in our personal life! May we be challenged to grow deeper in our faith and conviction that there is truly nothing too hard for the Lord to fulfil and accomplish! †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## SPIRITUAL RETREAT

**13-14 July 2018**

***Theme: "The prayers of the Apostle Paul."***

Plan to sign up as soon as possible!

Things we can look forward to:-

1. Further enlightenment about prayer
2. A deeper walk with the Lord
3. A more meaningful prayer-life

Let us seek to be a praying-Church! 🙏

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## SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Thank God for the Special Needs Ministry and its faithful Team. The Team will be leading in worship on 8 July 2018.

1. Thank God for all who have been our faithful sponsors
2. As a result the children have special mats bought for them and the Auditorium has been made safer too.
3. Let us continue to pray and care for the children who have special needs!

Let us never cease to have a heart that goes out to children with special problems in life. 🙏

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## PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY

We will commence these week-day meetings in July 2018.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+5 ANNIVERSARY

19 AUGUST 2018  
VENUE: SHANGRI LA

Please plan to book your table as soon as possible. Let us give to the Lord heartfelt and grateful worship for His glorious blessings! †

## WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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### **Psalm 90:17**

*And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us,  
And establish the work of our hands for us;  
Yes, establish the work of our hands.*

#### 1. The beauty of the Lord upon us

- a) Grace and humility
- b) Love and mercy
- c) Longsuffering and perseverance

#### 2. Establish the work of our hands

- a) In laying the foundations for the church and ministry
- b) In building with gold, silver and precious stones (qualitative material)
- c) In faithfulness and strong commitment to every ministry here and overseas †

# I WILL BLESS YOU WHILE I LIVE

The blessings of God are so wonderfully given;  
Each one is sent directly from our Lord in Heaven!  
The blessings of the Lord stem from His lovingkindness;  
They reflect so much His love, mercy and graciousness!

The blessings of God are profound and they show His glory;  
Our humble lives become so much more enriched happily.  
The blessings of the Lord challenge us to deeply meditate;  
Do we appreciate the blessings that flow from Heaven's gate?

May our hearts be filled with the greatest sense of thanksgiving;  
And may we lift up our hands in gratitude, our God praising!  
Knowing God's lovingkindness is better than the riches of life;  
He is our Help, and He shelters us from hatred and deadly strife!

The great troubles of life will never go away entirely;  
We must thank God that He watches us so faithfully.  
May our heart's deep desire be the seeking of the Lord;  
May we find His gentle presence in the sanctuary of God.

Inspiration: Psalm 63  
Charles Tan

## POETRY CORNER (CHILDREN)

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### LIKE A WEANED CHILD

Life begins as a baby, needing mother's milk constantly;  
Thank God for mothers who devote themselves quietly.  
And through constant feeding and loving care, the baby grows,  
Steadily health is achieved and strength that overflows.

But at some time, the little child must be weaned;  
This is not easy, but painful at times, so it seems.  
But this is important for the future of the child;  
It must feed on solids, or strength would be mild.

This is true in the spiritual realm, we must understand;  
It is important we grow up, many things to comprehend.  
It is not easy to grow up well, and we must not fail;  
God will be there to help us, over problems to prevail.

We must learn how not to be haughty in life;  
We can learn how to be calm amidst strife.  
Our hope is in the most wonderful God;  
How glorious it is to trust in the Lord!

Inspiration: Psalm 131  
Charles Tan



## Never Alone

Some days the sky seems to hold nothing but the promise of more storms.

Other days it seems like the flood of problems will never end.

But I have Nothing to fear as God is near.

He gives me the strength and courage to face all of them.

I can smile through the thunderstorms,

No matter what life may bring.

I know I'm not alone

Even in darkness, he gives my heart a song to sing.

Mighty, Gentle, Loving and Kind

His everlasting grace is so divine.

He created the universe and is even willing to be my friend

It's such an amazing thing I can't comprehend.

I know He'll always be there for me each step of the way

With him in my life, there's no need to dismay

For God encourages me each and every day

I know I can trust in him, He is here to stay!

Della Chua

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 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.*

## THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

1. They are absolutely wonderful
2. They are often deep and profound too
3. They are often seen in the following: -
  - a) His works
  - b) His ways
  - c) These are always perfect
  - d) Thus, His blessings are also perfect!

## THE ONE WHO BLESSES

1. He is the Rock
2. He is the God of truth and without injustice
3. He is totally righteous and gloriously upright

**NEXT SUNDAY: 1 JULY 2018**

GENESIS 18:14 "IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?"

*Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you,  
according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. †*

THEME : I WILL BLESS YOU

## THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY**  
"God meant it for good"  
Genesis 50

Chairman  
Student-Pastor  
Eugene Seow

Organist  
Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker  
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter  
Mr Alex Tan

Pianist  
Mrs Esther Ang

Chairman  
Miss Sea Su-An

Pianist  
Miss Edlyn Chong

Speaker  
Rev Mark Tan

Usher  
Mr Samuel Tan

**— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —**  
**10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8**  
"So does Mark my son..."  
1 Peter 5:13

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
**10.30 AM**

"The Wonderful Love of Jesus"  
John 13:1-17

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

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

Speaker  
Student-Pastor  
Jonathan Jacob

Speaker  
Intern-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah

Chairman  
Mr Lim Weiquan

Speaker  
Intern-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah

Pianist  
Mrs Amelia Toi

Interpreter  
Mrs Lee Yuwen  
Miss Aleena Kua

**✿ EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE ✿**  
**4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7,8**  
"I will not let you go unless  
You bless me" Genesis 32

Breakfast : Swee Keng  
Fellowship Lunch : Jason & Joanne  
Evening Tea : Gabrielle

# 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**  
**24 June 2018**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

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

Song No. 1

My Father's Love

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Student-Pastor Eugene Seow*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

HWC No. 415

He Giveth More Grace

Century Praise 328

Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Century Praise 502

Send The Light

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “God meant it for good”

Text : Genesis 50

Speaker: Rev Mitchell Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 399

Make Me A Blessing

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

## **EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

**24 June 2018**

### **Order of Worship**

#### **PREPARATION 预备**

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi

Century Praise 314

We Gather Together 虔诚聚集

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Lim Weiquan

Interpreter : Ms Aleena Kua

Invocation 祈祷

#### **PRAISE 赞美诗**

Hymns

Century Praise 293

Now I Belong To Jesus

我永属主

HWC No. 395

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

主啊,指示祢路

Century Praise 338

O Jesus, I Have Promised

主耶稣, 我曾应许

#### **PRAYER 牧祷**

#### **“PREACH THE WORD” 证道**

Message: “I will not let you go unless You bless me”  
“你不给我祝福, 我就不容你去。”

Text : Genesis 32 创世纪 32

Speaker: Intern-Pastor Benjamin Quah

Interpreter : Mrs Lee Yuwen

#### **RESPONSE**

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 377

What A Friend We Have In Jesus 恩友歌

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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## PASTORAL LETTER

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24 JUNE 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

*Dear Brethren,*

### FIRST HALF OF 2018

We have come to the end of the first half of the year 2018. It is so good to take time to review and contemplate.

#### 1. Ministry in Bethany

- a) Church Family Camp in March
- b) Junior Camp in June
- c) Lunar New Year Special in February
- d) Easter in April

We have had a very full ministry in the first half of the year 2018! Thank God for His grace and strength to serve Him! Thank God for all who have been involved in serving the Lord with so much faithfulness and commitment!

#### 2. Ministry- IPC Family

- a) IPC India Family Camp in January
- b) Graduation of BTS (Yangon) in February
- c) Pastoral Conference in Myanmar in April
- d) Bethel Church Family Camp in April

Thank God for His absolutely wonderful grace given so that we could minister to our IPC Family overseas! His grace is of utmost importance!

### THE NEXT HALF OF 2018

We will be having a wonderfully challenging ministry in the second half of the year in Bethany! Let us continue to look up to the Lord in humble prayer, seeking His matchless grace and mercy for life and ministry! Three major events may be highlighted!

- 1. The Spiritual Retreat in July
- 2. 40+5 Anniversary in August
- 3. Youth Conference in December

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*