

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 5 August 2018 ... Holy Communion Sunday!*

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## MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 118

## "OH, GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD"

### CELEBRATING OUR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

What thoughts should fill our hearts and mind as we celebrate Bethany's 40+5 Anniversary? Let us draw much encouragement from Psalm 118. Let us celebrate the

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# MEDITATION

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following things: -

1. The goodness of the Lord                      Psalm 118:1
2. His enduring mercy                              Psalm 118:1-4
3. His gracious answer to prayer                Psalm 118:5
4. The Lord God on our side                      Psalm 118:6-7
  - a) He provides people to be with us
  - b) He is also personally there with the people He sent
5. He is our strength and song                   Psalm 118:14
6. He is also the Giver of our salvation (deliverance)  
   Psalm 118:14-15, 21
7. His right hand does valiantly                Psalm 118:16

## HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

Appropriate response is necessary. Let us consider the following things the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 118. It is appropriate to do the following things: -

1. Give thanks                      Psalm 118:1
2. No fear                            Psalm 118:8
3. Trust                                Psalm 118:8-9

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| 4. Rejoice                  | Psalm 118:15 |
| 5. Declare God's works      | Psalm 118:17 |
| 6. Acceptance of chastening | Psalm 118:18 |
| 7. Praise                   | Psalm 118:21 |
| 8. Seek God in prayer       | Psalm 118:25 |

## RE-AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH IN GOD

Let us re-affirm our faith in the Lord God.

*You are my God and I will praise You;  
You are my God, I will exalt You.*

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD,  
For He is good  
And His mercy endures forever. Psalm 118:28-29*

Let us give great praise and rejoice in the Lord our God as we think of how the Lord has blessed us for all these 45 years! †

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Write to me at: [charlestan@bethanyipc.sg](mailto:charlestan@bethanyipc.sg)

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

*Welcome  
to Bethany IV*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THE LORD'S SUPPER

This is open to all who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and have been baptised/confirmed their faith.

Let us partake of the Lord's Supper with a great sense of joy of believing in the Lord!

### *The Bread*

*And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Mark 14:22*

### *The Cup*

*Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it.  
And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many." Mark 14:23-24 †*

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## CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4.07 †

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## PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 6 August 2018

Time: 7.00pm

## PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 6 August 2018

Time: 8.00pm

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## **BIBLE STUDY**

This week's BS will be cancelled.  
Wedding Rehearsal. †

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## **WEDDING BELLS**

Jason and Joanne will be married on 9 August 2018. They invite all at Bethany to their wedding service at 11.00am.

Francis and Abigail will be married on 11 August 2018. They also invite all at Bethany to their wedding service on 11 August 2018. The wedding service is also at 11.00am. †

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## **CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+5 ANNIVERSARY**

**Date: 19 August 2018**

**Venue: Shangri La**

**Time: 10.30am**

Plan to book your table as soon as possible! Let us celebrate the Lord's goodness and mercy extended to us for yet another wonderful year! †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## MID-AUTUMN GOSPEL OUTREACH

**Date: 22 September 2018**

**Time: 4.00pm**

**Theme: A living God**

1. Let us ever seek to share our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Plan to invite friends and relatives for this event

We do not know just how many hearts may be touched and blessed! †

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## YOUTH CONFERENCE

**2-6 December 2018**

**Theme: "A Wise Master Builder"**

1. Registration forms are out today
  2. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings †
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## CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Gary Kwang on the homegoing of his mother, the late Mdm. Tung Kwang Teng. She was called home on 31 July 2018 to be with her new-found Lord and Saviour. She was 90 years old. †

# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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*Psalm 91:9-10*

*Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge,  
Even the Most High, your dwelling place,  
No evil shall befall you,  
Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling.*

## 1. The Lord God

- a) He is indeed the Most High
- b) May there be great faith and confidence in our trust in Him

## 2. Making sure that:

- a) He is our refuge
- b) He is our dwelling place

## 3. Special keeping

- a) He will give special protection indeed
- b) How wonderful to have such trust in the Lord †

### BLESSED IS THE LORD GOD

Being filled with the Spirit brings inspiration;  
The heart and mind are lifted up with adoration.  
There is deeper understanding of God's grace;  
The soul desires to seek the Lord's holy face.

The Lord has planned our salvation from eternity;  
He revealed this plan when Jesus donned humanity.  
The plan of redemption is deep and profound;  
Only by the Spirit can deep understanding be found.

Salvation is not often appreciated in its fulness;  
The heart must desire to seek great faithfulness.  
The filling of the Spirit of God is what we need;  
When understanding comes, we are blessed indeed!

The heart cannot but cry out, "Blessed is the Lord God;"  
All true brethren proclaim this truth with one accord!  
How wonderful and great is the love of our Saviour;  
May we grow in faith and wisdom and in His favour!

Inspiration: Luke 1:68-69

Charles Tan





### A Faith Which Impacts Lives

They say it never rains, but it pours;  
Life's problems always come at us in scores!  
Then from life's challenges we attempt to flee;  
We get angry, we despair and ask "Why me?"

But what happened to that faith we presumably own?  
Perhaps it's only superficial faith which we have shown.  
Yet when faith is tested, we realize it has not grown;  
A genuine faith which impacts lives we sadly have not known.

The Bible affords us examples of men of God who had to learn to trust;  
That the promises which God had given them would surely come to pass.  
From Abraham to Jacob to Moses, we have learnt;  
That although each had erred or faltered, yet each had exercised real faith in his turn.

The challenges we face today are decidedly different from the past;  
But that same deep and genuine faith we must learn to hold fast.  
May we seek to have a faith which can stand up to the test;  
Let that faith which impacts lives come forth and manifest.

Inspiration: Genesis 22, 35; Exodus 14

Dr. Sng Li Wah



# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 5 AUGUST 2018**

**JEREMIAH 32:17 THERE IS NOTHING TOO HARD FOR YOU**

*Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arms. There is nothing too hard for You.*

1. An important declaration of faith
  - a) The Lord as Creator
  - b) There is nothing too hard for Him
2. Let us seek to develop a greater faith in the Lord
  - a) Let us not allow misgivings within our heart to affect us adversely
  - b) May our faith in the Lord grow significantly

**NEXT SUNDAY: 12 AUGUST 2018**

**JEREMIAH 32:27 IS THERE ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR ME?**

*Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh.*

*Is there anything too hard for Me? †*

THEME : IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?

## THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

### ✠ COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE ✠ 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth" Jeremiah 1

#### Chairman

Rev Mark Tan  
Rev Mitchell Tan

#### Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

#### Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

#### Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

#### Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

### — TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

## NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

### ✠ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ✠ 10.30 AM

"The Lord was with him"  
1 Samuel 2-3

#### 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

### ✠ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ✠

## NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast : Roots!  
Fellowship Lunch : Ee Ai Lin; Li Li

# 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

## Bethany Independent-Presbyterian Church

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**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**5 August 2018**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou*  
*Organist : Mrs Sally Tan*

Century Praise 295

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Rev Mark Tan*  
*Rev Mitchell Tan*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 89

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Century Praise 44

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

Song No. 3

Is Anything Too Hard For Me?  
*Bethany Combined Choir*

**PRAYER**

Pastoral Prayer

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth”

Text : Jeremiah 1

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Hymn

HWC No. 436

Whiter Than Snow

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

HWC No. 441

Take Time To Be Holy

Partaking of the Cup

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 23

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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## PASTORAL LETTER

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5 AUGUST 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

*Dear Brethren,*

### GOD'S GIFT OF THE SCRIPTURES

How we must praise the Lord for the gift of the Scriptures! There are so many things we can draw from the Scriptures! Take time to read from Psalm 98 as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Bethany's 40+5 Anniversary!

#### 1. Instruction from the Scriptures!

The following are some of the things we are instructed by when we read Psalm 98.

- a) The LORD has done marvellous things
- b) His right hand of power has gained Him victory
- c) He has made known His salvation
- d) He has revealed His righteousness
- e) He has remembered His mercy

#### 2. Inspiration may be drawn from the Lord's word too

- a) Inspiration to sing joyfully
- b) Inspiration to sing a new song to the Lord
- c) Inspiration to compose lovely music to praise the Lord!
- d) Inspiration that causes us to want to "shout joyfully" to the Lord

#### 3. Important insight

- a) Psalm 98 concludes with a special insight of the plans of God
- b) The Lord would one day return to the earth
- c) He would be coming as a Judge the next time round
- d) Can we look forward to the Lord's return?

### LET US BE FOUND FAITHFUL AND JOYFUL

Let us be sure that we will be found faithful in serving the Lord. Let us also be found joyful in our service given to the Lord our God!

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*