

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

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Text: Psalm 116

"I LOVE THE LORD"

A PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

We are just one week shy of celebrating Bethany's 40+5 Anniversary! The Psalmist who wrote Psalm 116 offers a perfectly appropriate response.

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MEDITATION

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*I love the LORD because He has heard my voice
And my supplications.*

*Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore, I will call upon Him as long as I live. Psalm 116:1-2*

1. I love the LORD
 - a) This is most appropriate
 - b) Love for the Lord should be our natural response
2. Even if there is just one reason given
 - a) Because God has heard prayers
 - b) This was reason enough to love the Lord
3. Therefore, I will call upon Him as long as I live
 - a) Love for the Lord should lead us to pray to Him
 - b) A strong determination was made by the Psalmist to call upon the Lord always!

REMEMBERING THE TIMES WHEN GOD HEARD OUR PRAYERS

The Psalmist remembered a special time when the Lord heard his prayers.

*The pains of death surrounded me,
And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me;
I found trouble and sorrow.*

*Then I called upon the name of the LORD;
"O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!" Psalm 116:3-4*

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1. Remembering the tough times of life

There will be times when we go through some tough times. Some of us have had near-death situations!

2. Trouble and sorrow

Some of us have also experienced times of trouble and sorrow! And in such times, human help is very limited.

3. O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul

a) Desperate prayers were sent out to the Lord

b) In deep humility prayers were offered

4. And He saved me Psalm 116:6

The Psalmist could not forget how the Lord saved him out of his trouble and sorrow. The Lord delivered him from death! It was natural to express love for such a great and gracious God!

Let us speak of love for the Lord as we take time to remember His grace and goodness to us! †

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 lifted up through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4.07 †

NEXT SUNDAY: 19 AUGUST 2018

We will be worshipping at Shangri La to celebrate Bethany's 40+5 Anniversary.

Worship Time: 10.30am

Anniversary Lunch: 12.30pm

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

Please book your table today. Last opportunity to sign up for the Anniversary Lunch! †

THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR AT SHANGRI LA AT THE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

1. Anniversary Gifts
 - a) A special "door gift"
 - b) Devotional Book (1-3 John and Jude)
2. A Photo-Booth (Pines)
 - a) Commemorating your attendance at the 40+5 Anniversary
 - b) Look out for this
3. A small exhibition (Pines)
 - a) Take time to browse around
 - b) Much effort put in by the young people †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMBINED MEETING OF FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

(aM, YPG 1-3, YaG, YMG)

Saturday, 18 August 2018

Time: 3.00pm

Theme: "What shall I render to the LORD
for all His benefits toward me?" Psalm 116:12

MID-AUTUMN SPECIAL

Date: 22 September 2018

Time: 4.00pm

Theme: "A Living God"

Text: Acts 14:8-18

Let us seek to reach out to relatives and friends with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ!

YOUTH CONFERENCE

2-6 DECEMBER 2018

THEME: "A WISE MASTER BUILDER"

1. Application forms

They are available. Plan to sign up as soon as possible!

2. Let us pray for the Lord to bless the Youth Conference

THE THEME OF THE YOUTH CONFERENCE

1. A quick appreciation

- a) Relevant
- b) Important
- c) Urgent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. Young People need to learn
 - a) How to be a wise master builder
 - b) How to apply faith in the Lord in life

Sign up as soon as possible!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY-WEDDED COUPLES

1. Jason and Joanne
Married: 9 August 2018

2. Francis and Abigail
Married: 11 August 2018

May the Lord's richest blessings be yours!

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 13 August 2018
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: TUR

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 13 August 2018
Time: 8.00pm
Venue: Sanctuary

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 14 August 2018
Time: 8.00pm
Venue: Sanctuary

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 91:11-13

*For He shall give His angels charge over you;
To keep you in all your ways.*

*In their hands they shall bear you up;
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

*You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,
The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.*

1. The Lord's protection

- a) He may send His angels to give special protection
- b) The Psalmist waxed eloquent as he imagined how the angels could offer protection
 - i) Special protection from what is potentially a disastrous fall
 - ii) Treading on lions and serpents without being harmed
 - iii) Trampling of lions and serpents underfoot

2. Correct interpretation and application

- a) God must not be put to the test
- b) Due care must be exercised
- c) Accidents may prove fatal if we are careless †

Bethany's 45th Anniversary

"I am the Lord; Is there anything too hard for Me?"

I am moved as strains of this song permeate Bethany.

What a wondrous sight it is to behold;

The congregation testifying to God's goodness and strength so bold.

What does it take to build such a church? we ask;

How do we persevere at this momentous task?

By realizing and **remembering** God's Word given to us;

And **rejoicing** at every big or small milestone as each comes to pass.

Yet we know that Bethany is far from a finished work;

The responsibility to strive to better her we cannot shirk.

A continuous and close relationship with God we ought to seek;

So that the vital **renewal** of faith will help us to succeed.

As we look to the future of Bethany;

We pray that God will keep and bless her abundantly.

We must grow to become even stronger and mightier;

But always be guided by The Word and prayer.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

*Inspiration: Pastor Charlie's pulpit message on 5/8/2018,
based on Jeremiah 1*

I LOVE THE LORD

Have you ever suffered a time of deep sorrow?
And life looked bleak and there seems no tomorrow?
Did you cry out to God and He heard you pray?
Then let the heart exclaim, "I love the Lord today!"

Have you had a near-death encounter?
Life hung in the balance and it was not in your favour?
Did you cry out to God and He heard you pray?
Then let your heart exclaim, "I will call upon Him always!"

Have you found out how the Lord has loved you?
He was always there for you with a love that is true?
Have you ever cried out to God in deep appreciation?
Then today cry out to God in loving jubilation.

We have a God who is wonderful and merciful;
He hears the cry of His people, because He is faithful!
How our hearts must cry out to the Lord loud and clear;
"I love the LORD! He is most precious and He is dear!"

Inspiration: Psalm 116:1-11
Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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?

1. God's question to Abraham
"Is anything too hard for the LORD?" Genesis 18:4
2. God's question to Jeremiah
"Is anything too hard for me?" Jeremiah 32:27
3. Reason for raising this question
 - a) To inspire further thinking
 - b) To inspire a deeper faith in the Lord

NEXT SUNDAY: 19 AUGUST 2018

MATTHEW 19:26

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

But Jesus looked at them and said to them,

"With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. †

THEME : IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

✠ COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE ✠ 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"If you have run with the footmen
and they have wearied you"
Jeremiah 12

Chairman

Dr Tan Huay Cheem

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Mrs Koh Baoling

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

✠ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ✠ 10.30 AM

"God sees the heart"
1 Samuel 16

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

✠ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ✠

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast & Fellowship Lunch :
Lay Eng & Family

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
12 August 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 495

Heaven Came Down

Prelude

Call to Worship

Dr Tan Huay Cheem

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 387

All The Way My Saviour Leads Me

VIP No. 504

O Rejoice In The Lord

Song No. 3

Is Anything Too Hard For Me?
Accompanied by the Bethany Ensemble

SPECIAL ITEM

“Majesty”

The Handbells Choir with Bethany Combined Choir

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “If you have run with the footmen and they have wearied you”
Text : Jeremiah 12
Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 316

Have Faith In God

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

12 AUGUST 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

THE PSALMS

The Psalms are absolutely wonderful to read for many reasons! Four reasons may be highlighted!

1. Informative
2. Instructive
3. Insightful
4. Inspirational

PSALM 100

How wonderfully uplifting to read Psalm 100 as we draw nearer to our Anniversary celebration!

1. Know that the LORD, He is God Psalm 100:3
 - a) Let us appreciate the Lord afresh
 - b) Let us ponder the good God that He is
 - c) Let us never allow ourselves to become tired and weary of knowing the Lord
 - d) He is our wonderfully faithful Shepherd and we His blessed sheep!
Ponder afresh the bountiful blessings He has outpoured on us!
2. Appropriate response Psalm 100:1, 2, 4
 - a) Let us make a joyful sound to the Lord
 - b) Let us serve the Lord with gladness
 - c) Let us come before His presence with singing
 - d) Let us enter into His gates with thanksgiving in our hearts
 - e) Let us be truly thankful and bless His name!

THANK GOD FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL IN BETHANY

Thank God for all the faithful who make up Bethany! Thank you for your faithfulness in serving the Lord our God!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*