

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 19 August 2018 ... Happy 40 + 5 Anniversary!

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MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 107

“OH, THAT MEN WOULD GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD”

GIVING THANKS

The giving of thanks to the Lord was the central idea in Psalm 107. The Psalmist began with giving thanks to God for His redemption. He then followed the thought of

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giving thanks as his main focus throughout the Psalm.

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.*

*Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!*

Psalm 107:1,8

1. A Call to give thanks

a) This call was made by the Psalmist

b) A long list of people included the following: -

i) The redeemed Psalm 107:2

ii) The wanderers Psalm 107:4

iii) Those whose prayers were answered
Psalm 107:6, 13, 19

2. Things to thank God for

a) His goodness

b) His mercy

c) His wonderful works

d) Hearing and answering prayers

e) Deliverance/ salvation

OUR BIGGEST PROBLEMS

The Psalmist urged all his readers to give thanks to God for good

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reason. He knew, from experience, just how wicked the human heart truly is! The human heart is perverse and wicked and tends to do all the wrong things! Three may be highlighted: -

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| 1. Wandering away from God and landing in trouble | Psalm 107:4 |
| 2. Rebelling against the word of God | Psalm 107:11 |
| 3. Transgressing and being caught up with iniquity | Psalm 107:17 |

THE SACRIFICES OF THANKSGIVING

Thank God for His goodness and His tender mercy. Let us in gratitude do the following as we celebrate Bethany's 40+5 Anniversary!

*Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare His works with rejoicing.* Psalm 107:22

*Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people,
And praise Him in the company of the elders.* Psalm 107:32

1. Let us give thanks to the Lord
2. Let us declare His works with rejoicing
3. Let us exalt Him
4. Let us praise Him! †

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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 40+5 ANNIVERSARY TO ALL WHO MAKE UP BETHANY

Thank God for His matchless grace and tender mercy!
Let us extol the Lord for His goodness to us for all these years! †

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES TODAY

1. A door gift

An exercise band is given to all worshipper today!

2. Devotional Book

1-3 John and Jude

This is available to all who wish to have a copy.

3. Photo Booth

The Young People will be having a photo booth. Have your photo taken to commemorate your presence at Bethany's 40+5 Anniversary.

4. Exhibition

Three panels featuring Bethany 1-4 have been set up

a) Grounded and settled
Significant growth

b) Even more growth

c) The Future of Bethany

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5. Sing-along with Pines

- a) A short time of sing-along with the Pines
- b) During the Dessert-Buffer time †

SPECIAL THANKS

1. Our sponsors who have generously donated
2. Our organizers managing the activities
3. The Video Team
4. The Photography Team
5. The Musicians
6. All who have played different roles to ensure the success of our 40+5 Anniversary Celebration †

MID-AUTUMN OUTREACH

Date: 22 September 2018

Time: 4.00pm

Theme: "A Living God"

Let us learn how to share our faith sensitively.
Let us pray for the Lord to bless and touch hearts! †

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YOUTH CONFERENCE

2-6 DECEMBER 2018

THEME: "A WISE MASTER BUILDER"

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings. May the hearts of our young people be blessed as they learn about how to plan their life with faith in God! †

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 20 August 2018

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: TUR

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 20 August 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 21 August 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 91:14-16

*Because he has set his love upon Me,
Therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he has known My name.*

*He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and honour him.*

*With long life I will satisfy him
And show him My salvation.*

1. Assurance of blessing

- a) Because of love for the Lord God is confirmed
- b) Because of knowledge of God's name

2. A seven-fold blessing is promised!

- a) I will deliver him
- b) I will set him on high
- c) I will answer him
- d) I will be with him in trouble
- e) I will honour him
- f) With long life I will satisfy him
- g) And show him My salvation †

EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL WE ASK OR THINK

We celebrate Bethany's 40+5 Anniversary joyously;
We offer thanksgiving to God with heartfelt humility.
We acknowledge that Bethany has been greatly blessed;
The Lord has watched over us with great faithfulness!

The Lord has blessed us "exceedingly abundantly,
Above all we ask or think...!" Most evidently!
Who is like the Lord our God who shows us His power?
His protection and provision have kept us till this hour!

We cannot forget the humble beginning of Bethany;
We remember His word of promise in deep humility.
"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the LORD;
His word has been fulfilled by the great mercy of our living God!

We bow our heads before this great God in humble adoration;
We renew our faith in Him and our love for Him with affection.
"Is there anything too hard for Me?" Says the LORD;
Let there be a resounding cry of faith "I love You, O God!"

Inspiration: Ephesians 3:20; Zechariah 4:6; Micah 7:18-20; Psalm 116:1

Charles Tan



Bethany's 45th Anniversary

- an acrostic poem

Bethany turns 45 today amidst much thanksgiving and praise;
Every milestone she has attained is testament to God's grace.
Through the years, the Lord has seen us through thick and thin;
He has blessed us over and beyond what we could ever imagine.

As we celebrate, we pray that we must also be prepared;
New challenges will come and hardship we will not be spared.
Yesteryears were great! But for how long will good years last?
In God's Word and His leading, we must unwaveringly trust.

Praise the Lord for 45 years of blessings and love;
Cherish the present, persevere for the future, but never fail to look to God above.

Dr. Sng Li Wah



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.”

1. On the human level

- a) Limitations observed
- b) Some things are not possible

2. On the Divine level

- a) No limitations
- b) All things are possible (within God’s will)

NEXT SUNDAY: 26 AUGUST 2018

LUKE 1:37 NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE

For with God nothing will be impossible. †

THEME : IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

✠ COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE ✠

10.30 AM . SHANGRI LA HOTEL

"Is there anything too hard for Me?"

Jeremiah 32

Chairmen

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong
Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

✠ CHILDREN'S WORSHIP PROGRAMME ✠

10.30 AM

"Know that the Lord, He is God"

Psalms 100

✠ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ✠

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

40+5 Anniversary Lunch at Shangri La Hotel

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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BETHANY 40+5 ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
Shangri La
Island Ballroom
10.30am

19 August 2018

PRE-WORSHIP
"Ten Thousand Reasons"

Pines

PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Intern-Pastor Benjamin Chong
Intern-Pastor Benjamin Quah
Interpreter: Miss Tan Hwee Cheng

INVOCATION

HYMN CP 44 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

IP Benjamin Chong

HYMN CP 59 To God be the Glory

IP Benjamin Quah

SPECIAL ITEM Immortal, Invisible

Pines

Special Video Video Team

40+5 Anniversary Message: "Is there anything too hard for Me?" Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

Text: Jeremiah 32:16-27, 37-41

Anniversary offering

Hymn HWC 280 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

19 AUGUST 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

HAPPY 40+5 ANNIVERSARY!

Wishing all who love the Lord and Bethany, "Happy Anniversary!" May our hearts be filled with gratitude and joy as we celebrate the Lord's goodness to us for yet another year! We have "ten thousand" reasons to sing to the Lord our God!

READING PSALM 96

Let us take time to read Psalm 96 as we celebrate Bethany's 40+5 Anniversary! Let us learn how we may rejoice in the Lord and give Him the glory that is due to His name! Ponder the spirit of praise and joy that was obviously in the heart of the Psalmist! Let us seek to enter into that same spirit of joy and praise! It is right that we offer to the Lord a sacrifice of great thanksgiving!

GIVE TO THE LORD THE GLORY DUE TO HIS NAME

We cannot but give to the Lord the glory due to His name;
To do anything less would be our greatest shame!
It is the Lord who has done wondrous things for Bethany;
We began as a small house church! He has blessed infinitely!

We cannot but desire to sing a new song to the Lord;
How blessed we are to have faith in a wonderful God!
His blessings are real and we must ascribe to Him glory;
Bethany is what it is today only because of His great mercy!

We cannot but extol the greatness of our glorious Lord;
In love He has given us a Saviour and the Spirit of God!
Each year He makes sure that we have all that we need;
Every year concludes with blessings abundant indeed!

We cannot but declare the glory of our great God;
We acknowledge the Presence and Power of the Lord!
It is God who has kept us strong and happy all these years;
We renew our faith to walk with God even if there are tears!

"Let the heavens rejoice and all the earth be glad!"
He gives loving comfort so that none need remain sad.
We cannot but declare among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"
And this wonderful God has blessed every faithful Bethanian!

Inspiration: Psalm 96
Charles Tan

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*