

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 26 August 2018

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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ☸

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Text: Psalm 89

"BLESSED ARE THE PEOPLE"

HOW BLESSED WE ARE!

Let us take time to reflect on how truly
blessed we are as the people who belong to God!

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of
Your throne;
Mercy and truth go before Your face.*

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*Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance.*

*In Your name they rejoice all day long,
And in Your righteousness they are exalted.*

*For You are the glory of their strength;
And in Your favour our horn is exalted.*

*For our shield belongs to the LORD,
And our king to the Holy One of Israel. Psalm 89:14-18*

WHEREIN LIES OUR BLESSING?

Let us ponder the wisdom captured by the Psalmist Ethan the Ezrahite!

1. It is found in the Lord God Himself
 - a) In His righteousness
 - b) In His justice
 - c) In His mercy
 - d) In His truth
 - e) In the light of His countenance
 - f) In His name
 - g) In His favour

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2. It is expressed and evidenced most definitely
 - a) God has given so much joy
 - b) He gives glory and strength
 - c) He grants favour that our horn ("power") may be exalted

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

Let us consider some basic ways we can respond to the Lord's blessings. Three things may be highlighted: -

1. Let us know "the joyful sound"
2. Let us walk in the light of His countenance
3. Let us rejoice all day long

Let us truly and fully rejoice in the Lord our God who has blessed us so abundantly! Let us walk with joyous confidence with the Lord always! †

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 refreshed and encouraged through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARTFELT THANKS

Thank God for the MANY who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the 40+5 Anniversary a memorable one!

1. Pines
2. Photography Team
3. Video Team
4. The Sponsors
(Books/ Exercise band)
5. The Musicians

Impossible to list ALL who have contributed in one way or another to make this Anniversary so special and precious to the heart!
Thank you! †

EXHIBITION STANDS

The Exhibition at the Shangri La may be viewed at the Fellowship Hall today! Take time to look at the reflections of many posted on the Exhibition Stands.

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm
Venue: 4.07 †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES (September and October 2018)

We commence our 40+6 Year of Ministry with seeking the Lord's face!
Let us ask the Lord to teach us and show us His way!✠

NEXT SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

Let us begin our 40+6 year of ministry with the celebration of The Lord's Supper. Let us prepare our hearts well.✠

RESUMPTION OF MULTIPLE SERVICES

We will be resuming Multiple-Services from next Sunday, 2 September 2018.

Teens Worship: 10.30am

Evening-Bilingual: 4.00pm✠

MID-AUTUMN SPECIAL

Date: 22 September 2018

Time: 4.00pm

Theme: "A living God"

Let us seek to share our faith meaningfully! Please register, especially those who are 65 and above!✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE

2-6 DECEMBER 2018

THEME: "A WISE MASTER BUILDER"

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings.
Plan to sign up as soon as possible! †

CHRISTMAS 2018

Here is a preview of the Christmas Program for 2018.

1. CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

Date: 8 December 2018

Time: 4.00pm

Followed by Fellowship Dinner at 6.00pm

2. BAPTISMAL SERVICES

9 and 16 December 2018

3. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

21 and 22 December 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Theme: "With exceedingly great joy" (Matthew 2:10)

We will be seeking to feature how we may have exceeding great joy
in Christ the Lord!

Plan to celebrate Christmas with a tremendous spirit of joy! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“MY SONG IN THE NIGHT”

1. This is a new series of Devotionals dedicated to Seniors
 2. We hope to get this translated into Mandarin
 3. The Daily Devotional will be available online
 4. We will get hard copies for anyone who may not have access to a computer
 5. An encouragement- gift
- Please sign up to get a Large Print or Giant Print Bible as you sign up for “My Song in the Night”
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PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 27 August 2018

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: TUR

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 27 August 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 28 August 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

Bethany's 45th Anniversary - A Response

Forty- five years is a long time of ministering;
The struggles and strife in building our church were indeed trying.
The success stories we portray at anniversary celebrations, they belie;
The years of painstaking effort and prayers of those who on God rely.

It is perhaps timely to review the course which has taken us thus far;
And recognize God's hand in leading and guiding our path.
Then ask what will God do next and to where He will take us?
This is where we'll need to exercise faith and in Him to wholly trust.

God has blessed us with a church of many talents;
Musicians, artists, photographers and cooks even!
Praise God too for the generous giving by those who can;
Whose contributions go a long way in helping those in need to mend.

"What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits toward me?"
How shall I respond to the Lord's blessings appropriately?
Let us do justly, love mercy, and walk with our God humbly;
And let us with thanksgiving in our hearts, serve the Lord wholeheartedly.

Inspiration: Psalms 116:12; Micah 6:9
Dr. Sng Li Wah

BLESSED ARE THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE JOYFUL SOUND

How blessed we are to be called the people of the Lord!
How wonderful to know that we can be so blessed by God!
In love He has chosen and called each one by name;
Of His beloved brethren He will never be ashamed!

How blessed we are to know the joyful sound!
With joy and love, His saints, He surrounds.
He watches over His own with great attention;
He pours out on them His Divine affection!

How blessed we are to walk in the light of His countenance!
And in His favour we find strength in every circumstance.
We may rejoice greatly that in His power and His might;
He will watch over His children through the darkest night.

How blessed we are that we may rejoice all day long!
In the most trying of times He gives a joyous song.
May we never fail to give thanks to our great God!
Who is like the Most High, our wonderful LORD?

Inspiration: Psalm 89:8, 14-18
Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 26 AUGUST 2018

LUKE 1:37 NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE
For with God nothing will be impossible.

1. What a challenging truth to consider
2. May there be faith in our heart to believe that with God nothing is impossible

NEXT SUNDAY: 2 SEPTEMBER 2018

PSALM 25:4 SHOW ME YOUR WAYS
*Show me Your ways, O LORD,
Teach me Your paths. †*

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 92:1-2

*It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High!*

*To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,
And Your faithfulness every night.*

1. Giving thanks to the Lord
 - a) This is good practice indeed
 - b) Let us determine to do the following
 - i) To declare God's lovingkindness
 - ii) To proclaim His faithfulness
2. Singing praises to the Lord's name
 - a) Natural response
 - b) Let us seek to heighten this spirit of praise! †

THEME : IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

✠ COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE ✠ 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"I will show you great and mighty things, which you do not know"
Jeremiah 33

Chairmen

Student-Pastors from
Myanmar & India

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

✠ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ✠ 10.30 AM

"God specially protects"
1 Samuel 18:1-16, 19

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

✠ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ✠

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast : Gordon Hoi
Fellowship Lunch : Moses & Gan Ann

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
26 August 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

HWC No. 555

We're Marching To Zion

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastors from Myanmar & India

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

HWC No. 521

Redeemed
Student-Pastor Karong Seichunga Kom (Steve)

Century Praise 59

To God Be The Glory
Student-Pastor C. Simon Nagaraj

Century Praise 53

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Student-Pastor Khrh Muan Khum (Khu Khum)

HWC No. 270

Wonderful Words Of Life
Student-Pastor Hrang Kulh Luai (Hranga)

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “I will show you great and mighty things, which you do not know”

Text : Jeremiah 33

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 325

I Know Whom I Have Believed

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

26 AUGUST 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

THE SPIRIT OF JOYOUS THANKSGIVING

The spirit of joy is a precious gift that we must never take for granted. This was certainly felt strongly at the celebration of Bethany's 40+5 Anniversary! Let us pray that this spirit of joy is never lost!

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Joy was certainly a hallmark of the way in which the Apostle Paul served. This was well evidenced in the letter he wrote to the Philippians!

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| 1. Joy was found in prayer | Philippians 1:3-4 |
| 2. It was found in fellowship | Philippians 1:5 |
| 3. It was there even when he was in jail | Philippians 1:12-18 |
| 4. It was there when Paul contemplated death | Philippians 2:17-18 |
| 5. Paul urged all his readers to rejoice in the Lord | Philippians 4:4 |

THE LOSS OF JOY

The danger of losing this spirit of joy is very real and deadly. So many things can go wrong in life and ministry when that spirit of joy is missing!

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| 1. Serving can become "weariness" | Malachi 1:13 |
| 2. There is poor regard for the Lord | Malachi 1:13-14 |

JOY- A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

How do we know that we are being Spirit-filled? The fruit of the Spirit would be evidenced! Let's refresh our memory of the fruit of the Spirit.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
Joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness,
Goodness, faithfulness,*

*Gentleness, self-control.
Against such there is no law.*

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23, 25

Let us pray humbly that we will see more fruit of the Spirit in our 40+6 year!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*