

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 2 September 2018 ... Holy Communion Sunday!

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MEDITATION

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Text: Daniel 2

“SEEK MERCIES FROM THE GOD OF HEAVEN”

A GOOD EXAMPLE OF SEEKING GOD

One very good and clear example of one who sought the Lord God was the Biblical Daniel. There is much to learn from his example.

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MEDITATION

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*Then Daniel went to his house,
And made the decision known to
Hananiah, Mishaël and Azariah, his companions,*

*That they might seek the mercies of the God of heaven
Concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions
Might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.*

*Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision.
So Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel 2:17-19*

1. The Context

- a) King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream
- b) He demanded that his wise men (advisors) reveal the content of his dream
- c) Failure to respond would result in execution
- d) This was typical of the despotic king Nebuchadnezzar

2. Daniel's response

- a) He went to his three friends
- b) He urged them to pray alongside with him

3. Their challenge

- a) To seek mercies from the Lord
- b) He was addressed formally as "The God of heaven"

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4. Prayers were offered to the Lord

- a) With a great sense of urgency
- b) Their very lives were at stake

GOD'S GRACIOUS ANSWER

God heard the prayers of Daniel and his friends. He personally revealed the secret of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Daniel and his friends would be spared from execution. Many lives were saved consequently. Daniel appropriately blessed the Lord for His gracious answer.

OUR CHALLENGE TO SEEK GOD

Let us be challenged to see God in prayer as we commence our 46th year of Ministry at Bethany.

- 1. Let us seek the Lord's face
- 2. Let us seek His mercy and grace
- 3. Let us seek His leading as a Church

Let us find the faith and the courage to follow through with the Lord's leading for the year ahead! Let us be greatly encouraged. †

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 uplifted through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMENCEMENT OF BETHANY'S 46TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

We commence our 46th year of Ministry today! Let us commence on a note of faith and confidence in the leading of the Lord! †

HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

As we observe the Lord's Supper, let us partake of the elements with an appropriate sense of joy and reverence. The Lord's Supper is for all who have been baptised and confirmed in their faith.

The Bread

*And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."
Matthew 26:26*

The Cup

*Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."
Matthew 26:27-28 †*

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm
Venue: 4.07 †

NEW SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES (September and October 2018)

Theme: "Show me Your ways, O LORD"
Psalm 25:4

1. Let us seek the Lord afresh
 2. Let us seek His leading prayerfully and humbly †
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MULTIPLE WORSHIP SERVICES RESUME

Teens Worship: 10.30am

Evening-Bilingual: 4.00pm †

NO PRAYER MEETING/ BIBLE STUDY/ PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING THIS WEEK (3-4 September 2018)

1. The Pastoral Team will be in Perth
2. Bethel celebrates its 24th Anniversary this week. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHEL'S 24TH ANNIVERSARY

Thank God for 24 years of blessings! A team from Bethany will be going over to Bethel to rejoice with the brethren and to worship with them. The theme for their Anniversary is drawn from Jeremiah 31 where God spoke to them of His everlasting love for His people. †

MID-AUTUMN SPECIAL

22 September 2018

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

Theme: "A living God"

Please plan to sign up especially those who are 65 and above. Let us pray that the Lord would open hearts to the Gospel message that would be shared. †

YOUTH CONFERENCE

2-6 December 2018

Theme: "A Wise Master Builder"

Let us pray for the Lord to bless all who are coming for the Youth Conference. Let us remember the Planning Committee!

1. Pray for hearts to be opened
2. Pray for lives to be impacted †

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2018

1. Christmas Carolling

Date: 8 December 2018

Time: 4.00pm

Followed by Fellowship Dinner at 6.00pm

Please plan to sign up.

2. Baptismal Services

9 and 16 December 2018

All candidates are asked to fill in the usual Application Forms

3. Christmas Concert

21 and 22 December 2018

Time: 8.00pm

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

Let us pray for all involved in the planning of the Christmas Concert! ✝

MY SONG IN THE NIGHT (MSITN)

1. Let us pray for the Seniors in our church
2. May the Lord help them to cope well in the evening years of their life
3. May the Lord bless the reading of the special Devotional written for the Seniors
4. Encourage all seniors to set aside time to read the Lord's word! ✝

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 92:3-4

*On an instrument of ten strings,
On the lute and on the harp, with harmonious sound.*

*For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work;
I will triumph in the works of Your hands.*

1. In great praise to God
 - a) A small orchestra
 - b) Different instruments employed
2. In a great spirit of joyous triumph
 - a) God is the Giver of this gladness
 - b) He Himself has given a spirit of triumph

THE HOUR HAS COME

Jesus was never afraid of the Hour of His death,
He determined He would serve till His last breath.
He spoke of His death as His Hour of glorification,
He served His Father with distinctive devotion!

The philosophy of His life was simple but profound;
He based it on His love for God and this was sound.
He had always loved His Father and thus He served;
He would lay down His life for His flock without reserve.

He urged His Disciples to have a deeper understanding;
He encouraged them to discern the depth of His reasoning.
They must not be afraid to lay down their life for the Lord;
There was a great and definite Hope of being with God!

A life that is lived selfishly will never amount to much at all;
A true disciple must be able to respond fully to God's call.
Jesus was the Perfect Example of what it means to serve God;
May our hearts be moved to serve Him with full accord!

Inspiration: John 12:23-26
Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 2 SEPTEMBER 2018

PSALM 25:4 SHOW ME YOUR WAYS

*Show me Your ways, O LORD,
Teach me Your paths.*

1. Author of Psalm 25
King David

2. Focus of Psalm 25

- a) To seek God
- b) To seek His teaching and leading

3. Relevance

- a) We have a good example to follow after
- b) Let us be challenged to make this our prayer too
 - i) That God would show us His ways
 - ii) That He would teach us His paths

NEXT SUNDAY: 9 SEPTEMBER 2018

PSALM 25:5 LEAD ME IN YOUR TRUTH

*Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You are the God of my salvation;
On You I wait all the day. †*

THEME : SHOW ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
"Show me Your ways"
Psalm 25:1-5

Chairmen

Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Chairman

Ms Aleena Kua

Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker

Mr Lai Chung Han

Usher

Ms Germaine Kong

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —
10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8
"Show me Your ways"
Psalm 25:1-5

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
10.30 AM
"This is My Beloved Son"
Matthew 3:13-17

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Mrs Joanne Tan

Speaker

Ms Camille George

Chairman
Mr Allister Tham

Pianist
Mr Gabriel Ou

Speaker
Rev Mitchell Tan

Interpreter
Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui
Mr Kevin Low

**EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**
4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7,8
"Show me Your ways"
Psalm 25:1-5

Breakfast : Magdalene Heng
Fellowship Lunch : Janice & Henry Chua
Evening Tea : Kah Choo

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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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
2 September 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

Teach Me Your Way

Junior Sunday School Children

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 70

I Will Sing Of The Mercies

Century Praise 77

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

HWC No. 395

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Show me Your ways”

Text : Psalm 25:1-5

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

Century Praise 328

Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

HWC No. 445

Something For Thee

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 319

He Hideth My Soul

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

2 September 2018

Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou

VIP No. 479

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

祂看顾小小麻雀

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Lim Wei Quan

Interpreter : Ms Berlinda Cheong

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise No. 293

Now I Belong To Jesus 我永属主

Century Praise No. 306

Give Thanks 欢欣

HWC No. 395

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord 主啊,指示祢路

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “Show me Your ways” 求你将你的道指示我

Text: Psalm 25 诗篇 25

Speaker: *Rev Mark Tan*

Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

THE LORD’S SUPPER 圣餐 *Rev Dr Charles Tan*

Hymn

Century Praise No. 291

Jesus Is All The World To Me (Stanzas 1 & 2)

耶稣基督是我一切

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise No. 291

Jesus Is All The World To Me (Stanzas 3 & 4)

耶稣基督是我一切

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise No. 316

Have Faith In God 当信服神

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

2 SEPTEMBER 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

COMMENCEMENT OF BETHANY'S 40+6 YEAR OF MINISTRY

As we conclude 45 years of ministry, we commence our 46th year of service for the Lord! How should we begin the new year of ministry? The words of the Apostle Paul come to mind!

*Therefore, since we have this ministry,
As we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.
2 Corinthians 4:1*

1. Since we have this ministry
 - a) It is a glorious ministry that has been entrusted to us by the Lord
 - b) It is a ministry where the Spirit of God is actively involved 2 Corinthians 3:7
 - c) It is a ministry that has exceedingly great glory 2 Corinthians 3:9
2. As we have obtained mercy
 - a) We read about the mercy of the Lord given to us in Psalm 89
 - b) And with this mercy we have also the faithfulness of God promised and established
 - c) Let us draw much strength and encouragement from these truths
3. We do not lose heart
 - a) There is no reason to lose heart
 - b) We have every reason to believe that we will have another year of ministry
 - c) Let us begin the 46th year of ministry on a note of great confidence in the Lord

REFRESHED FAITH IN THE LORD

Let us seek a refreshed faith in the Lord. Let us remember that it is the Lord Himself who leads us in ministry!

*Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph
In Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge
In every place.
2 Corinthians 2:14*

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*