

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 16 September 2018

MICA (P) No.: 030/10/2012

MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Meditation	1
Announcements	3
Worship	8
Poetry Corner	9
Bible Memory Work	10
This Week @ Worship	11

Text: Isaiah 55:1-2

"EVERYONE WHO THIRSTS, COME TO THE WATERS"

NATURAL THIRST

We have all had experiences of what it means to be thirsty. The need to quench that thirst is natural. Till the thirst is satisfied, the desire to drink remains strong. In the hot seasons in India, many stalls are set up on the

(continued on page 2)

MEDITATION

(Continued from page 1)

roadside and vendors do a roaring trade selling coconut water. The heat is too strong to ignore. The need to quench thirst drives many to seek refreshment!

SPIRITUAL THIRST

How about spiritual thirst? What do we do when it comes to spiritual thirst?

*Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
And you who have no money, come, buy and eat.
Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*

*Why do you spend money for what is not bread,
And your wages for what does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,
And let your soul delight itself in abundance. Isaiah 55:1-2*

1. A thirst of the Soul

- a) There is such a thing as "Soul thirst"
- b) Many are not even aware of the thirst of the soul, sadly

2. God reaches out to the Soul

- a) The Soul needs spiritual food and water
- b) God will provide spiritual food in abundance

3. Mistaken needs

- a) Many ignore the needs of the Soul
- a) Some think that if the body is satisfied all the needs of the

(Continued on page 3)

(Continued from page 2)

Soul are met

- b) Thus, many indulge in looking for things that do not truly satisfy
- c) They spend money on things that are not bread (for the soul)
- d) They spend hard-earned wages on things that do not truly satisfy

LISTENING TO GOD

How important it is to pause for a bit to listen to God speaking to the Soul.

1. Listen to Me

- a) God seeks to speak to our Soul
- b) The Soul needs spiritual nourishment
- c) God will meet the needs of the Soul

2. Seek the LORD

- a) Let us recognise the needs of our Soul
- b) Let us seek God and ask Him to feed our Soul abundantly
- c) Let us respond to the gracious Call of God humbly

Let us seek the Lord and discover His ways! Walking in the ways of the Lord will bring such wonderful delight to the Soul! †

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

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4.07 †

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 17 September 2018

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: TUR

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 17 September 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

BIBLE STUDY

Monday, 18 September 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary †

MID-AUTUMN SPECIAL

22 September 2018

Time: 4.00pm

Last Call to sign up today.

Please indicate if you are Seniors (65 and above). †

YOUTH CONFERENCE

2-6 December 2018

Theme: “A Wise Master Builder”

1. Let us pray for the Lord’s blessings
 - a) Pray for the Bible Study Teachers
 - b) Pray for the Campers
2. Let us remember the Planning Committee too

Sign up as soon as possible! †

MY SONG IN THE NIGHT BREAKFAST PROGRAM

1st MSITN Breakfast

Date: Saturday, 27 October 2018

Time: 8.30am

Venue: Fellowship Hall (Bethany)

Sponsor: SSS 4

Program: Pastoral Team

Please plan to sign up. This is for all Seniors reading MSITN. Those who are planning to bring relatives who are Seniors are asked to sign up too!

†

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHEL IPC

Bethel enters into its Silver Jubilee year. They have begun their 25th year of ministry. Thank God for His continued grace and His blessings bestowed on Bethel! Let us pray for the Lord to raise up more believers to grow up and lead the Church! †

KIRUBAI IPC

Kirubai celebrates its 15th Anniversary. Thank God for the following things that were present:

1. A spirit of joy
Remembering the Lord's grace and goodness
2. A spirit of faith
As they face the 16th year ahead
3. A spirit of support for each other
This is something good to note!

Let us continue to pray faithfully for the Lord's blessings to be bestowed as Kirubai enters into its 16th year! †

CONGRATULATIONS TO FABIAN AND JEAN

May the Lord bless Fabian and Jean on the occasion of their wedding on 15 September 2018. May they know His wonderful blessings as they walk in His ways! †

THANK YOU LETTER

From Dn. Winston Teo

Dear Pastor,

I am overwhelmed by God's love outpoured to me and my family through the visits and gifts of the brethren from Bethany. Many came to give their condolences, spending time with us during the wake, vigil service and funeral. My family and I are deeply touched. My second brother wept when he understood the response from Bethany. Thank you Pastor for your support. The pastoral team who returned on Saturday came to visit directly from the airport. Please convey our gratitude to Bethany.

The Lord has touched my siblings deeply with special acts of kindness during this time of grieving.

PLMC offered the church for the venue of the funeral. This is not done normally for the members.

The Lord also provided for an appropriate slot after the church service at Mandai for the cremation. There were only 2 suitable slots remaining.

It rained during lunch time on the day of the sea burial. My brother asked me to say grace for lunch. I asked the Lord to give us fine weather in the afternoon.

He heard our request and gave us fine weather throughout the entire journey.

There were more acts of kindness.

What a great and wonderful God we have ! He is kind and abundant in grace and mercies.

I just thought that I should share this with you.

Warmest

Winston †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 92:12-13

*The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.*

*Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.*

1. The righteous

- a) Compared to the stately palms
- b) Compared to the majestic cedars

2. Growth of the righteous

- a) They shall grow up well
- b) They shall flourish

3. In the house of the Lord

- a) Under His watchful eyes
- b) Under His loving care
- c) The righteous will flourish †

LET YOUR SOUL DELIGHT ITSELF IN ABUNDANCE

The Human Being is much more than just flesh;
He has a Soul that needs to be fed and be refreshed.
Unaware of the existence of the Soul brings much unrest;
The flesh is taken care of but the Soul remains unblessed!

God seeks to awaken us to the existence of the Soul;
He creates a spiritual thirst that makes us seek the Best!
The things of the world will never satisfy the Soul;
Only God has the power to make a person truly whole.

The Lord offers food and drink for the needy Soul;
We must reach out and seek Him, humble yet bold.
The Soul would find all its needs met in the Saviour;
Jesus would bring us into the Lord's great favour!

The Living Water would quench the thirst of the Soul;
The Living Bread is given to everyone who takes hold.
The needs of the Soul would be fully met by the Lord;
How wonderful and wise to seek the Living God!

Inspiration: Isaiah 55:2

Charles Tan



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 16 SEPTEMBER 2018

PSALM 25:8 HE TEACHES SINNERS IN THE WAY

*Good and upright is the LORD;
Therefore, He teaches sinners in the way.*

1. The Attributes of the Lord

- a) He is good
- b) He is upright

2. His relationship to sinful mankind

- a) He needs to deal with his sins first and foremost
- b) He will then teach repentant and humble sinners His word
- c) He will reveal His ways to them too

3. The challenge

- a) To be repentant and humble
- b) To receive well the Lord's Word
- c) To live by the Word of the Lord

NEXT SUNDAY: 23 SEPTEMBER 2018

PSALM 25:9 THE HUMBLE HE GUIDES IN JUSTICE

*The humble He guides in justice,
And the humble He teaches His way. †*

THEME : SHOW ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him"
Psalm 25:12-15

Chairman

Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Chairman

Mr Stanley Woo

Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Usher

Ms Germaine Kong

TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8

"But You, O Lord, are a shield for me " Psalm 3

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10.30 AM

"Blessed are those who mourn"
Matthew 5:4

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Miss Camille George

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Chairman
Mr Jonas Tan

Pianist
Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Speaker
Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Interpreter
Mr Daniel Ou
Ms Aleena Kua

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7,8

"My times are in Your hand"
Psalm 31

Breakfast : Jimmy & Wai Lin
Fellowship Lunch : Irving Yap
Evening Tea : Mark & Chen Kee

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

Bethany Independent-Presbyterian Church

301 Upper Paya Lebar Road, Singapore 534934
 tel : 65-62877713 . fax : 65-62877980 . website URL : bethanyipc.sg

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
16 September 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

Century Praise 291

Jesus Is All The World To Me

Prelude

Call to Worship

Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 374

Sweet Hour Of Prayer

Century Praise 339

Higher Ground

HWC No. 512

My Saviour's Love

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him”

Text : Psalm 25:12-15

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 373

Where He Leads Me

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
16 September 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing	Pianist : Mrs Foo Min-Yi
Century Praise 88	Day By Day 每一天
Prelude 前奏	
Call to Worship 齐来称颂	Mr Jonas Tan Interpreter : Ms Aleena Kua
Invocation 祈祷	

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns	
Century Praise 70	I Will Sing Of The Mercies 我要唱耶和華的大慈愛
Century Praise 53	Great Is Thy Faithfulness 祢信實何廣大
Century Praise 331	Be Thou My Vision 成為我異象

PRAYER 牧禱

“PREACH THE WORD” 証道

Message:	“My times are in Your hand” “我終身的事在你手中”
Text :	Psalm 31 詩篇 31
Speaker:	Intern-Pastor Benjamin Quah Interpreter : Mr Daniel Ou

RESPONSE

Offering 奉獻	
Hymn	
Century Praise 363	God Will Take Care Of You 天父必看顧你
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	



BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SINGAPORE

*God's Kind of Church...
Where God is touching lives...
And people care for people.*

PASTORAL LETTER

16 SEPTEMBER 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

ONE HEART AND ONE WAY

How thrilling it is to read what God said through Jeremiah the prophet.

They shall be My people, and I will be their God.

*Then I will give them one heart and one way,
That they may fear Me forever,
For the good of them and their children after them.*

Jeremiah 32:38-39

WONDERFUL PROMISES TO BEGIN THE 46TH WITH

How precious are these promises of God. Let us dwell on them as we commence our new year of ministry!

1. A precious relationship with God
 - a) He commits Himself to be our God
 - b) Let us commit ourselves to be His people
2. One heart and one way
 - a) Let us pray that this would be fulfilled
 - b) Let this be our special pursuit for the year ahead of us
3. That they may fear Me forever
 - a) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom
 - b) True reverence for the Lord must be something that we must all practise with understanding and joy
4. For the good of them and for their children
 - a) How our hearts must be filled with joy at this promise
 - b) God has promised His goodness! How our hearts must be deeply moved!
 - i) Goodness to us
 - ii) Goodness to our children too

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*