

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 23 September 2018*

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## MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

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Text: Isaiah 55

## “SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND”

### THE SEARCH FOR GOD

The search for God is actually a very normal and wholesome endeavour. Let us ponder the following words the prophet Isaiah wrote.

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# MEDITATION

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*Seek the LORD while He may be found,  
Call upon Him while He is near.  
Let the wicked forsake his way,  
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
Let him return to the LORD,  
And He will have mercy on him;  
And to our God,  
For He will abundantly pardon. Isaiah 55:6-7*

## 1. Seek the LORD

a) It is natural for man to seek his Maker

b) It is good and wise to seek God

## 2. When would be a good time?

a) Now!

i) If there is interest

ii) If there is a desire to seek God from the heart

b) When God is near and may be found

i) God is near to all who seek Him

ii) But He seems far from those who do not seek Him

c) Let us never take for granted time and opportunity

i) There may not always be time

ii) There may not always be opportunity

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3. What may hinder our search for God?
  - a) When wickedness is not forsaken
  - b) When the unrighteous prefers to keep his own thoughts
4. Turning to God
  - a) It is like returning to the Lord
  - b) Like erring man returning to his Creator God

## WHAT GOD IS LIKE

Those who seek God earnestly and humbly will find the following truths:

1. He is a God of mercy
2. He will pardon all who turn to Him
  - a) Repentant
  - b) Seeking forgiveness

Let us spare no effort to seek God. He will be found by all who seek Him with the whole heart! †

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*Write to me at:* [charlestan@bethanyipc.sg](mailto:charlestan@bethanyipc.sg)

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We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be encouraged through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome  
to Bethany IV*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm  
Venue: Auditorium 4.07 †

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## MID-AUTUMN SPECIAL 22 SEPTEMBER 2018

Special thanks to all who made this event meaningful:

1. All who presented items
2. All who shared their faith in God
3. All who prepared the Fellowship Tea
4. All who have helped to do the clean-up

Thank you for making this Event special! †

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## CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Carrie Kong and family, on the home-calling of Mdm. Chua Sock Keng. She was 92 years of age.†

## MSITN BREAKFAST

This Breakfast Fellowship is planned for all reading MSITN. What the Breakfast Fellowship is about:

1. Getting to know other MSITN readers
2. Knowing the translators of MSITN
3. Fellowship over what has been read and learned through reading MSITN
4. Please register so that we can cater adequately
5. Host of MSITN Breakfast Fellowship  
SSS 4 †

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## YOUTH CONFERENCE 2-6 DECEMBER 2018 THEME: "A WISE MASTER BUILDER"

1. The theme of the Youth Conference
  - a) Relevant
  - b) Important
2. What Conferees may expect
  - a) Knowledge
  - b) Wisdom
  - c) Meaningful insights from God's word

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 3. Challenges

- a) To build a life of faith in the Lord
  - b) To build a strong foundation
  - c) To live a life that would not buckle under pressure †
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## **PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING**

Monday, 24 September 2018

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: TUR

## **PRAYER MEETING**

Monday, 24 September 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday, 25 September 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary †

# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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## **Psalm 92:14-15**

*They shall still bear fruit in old age;  
They shall be fresh and flourishing,*

*To declare that the LORD is upright;  
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.*

1. The LORD
  - a) He is indeed upright
  
  - b) There is no unrighteousness in Him
  
2. Those who have faith in the Lord
  - a) They will find that He is indeed a Rock
  
  - b) They can continue to find their faith real even though years may have passed
  
3. The hope of the righteous aged
  - a) They can still be fruitful
  
  - b) And fresh
  
  - c) And flourishing †

***Poem for Readers of  
"My Song In The Night"***

No one can ever break God's covenant with the night and with the day;  
Time will inevitably pass us by, no matter what we do or say.  
We can reminisce and relish our youth, our heyday;  
But let not we in our autumn years denigrate our lives to ones of dismay.

Thanks be to God for Salvation given to you and me;  
For we who believe in Him, from the bondage of sin are set free.  
Grace has been extended to us by our merciful God;  
All it takes is faith to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

His Word and His Light are all we need to follow;  
For direction to live righteous lives and strength to cope with sorrow.  
God will further enlighten us when we pray and study His Word;  
He will transform book knowledge into wisdom for good works.

Our part is to be willing and courageous;  
For God to equip and use us even in our evening years.  
Valuable is the experience we have garnered in our youth;  
We could very well be great witnesses to point others to the Truth!

Dr. Sng Li Wah



## SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

Is it not natural for the creature to seek the Creator God?  
Is it not wholesome for sinful man to seek the Lord?  
God will be found by all who seek Him genuinely;  
He will receive the returning sinner graciously.

The wicked must recognize the error of his ways,  
He must be glad that God will forgive without delay.  
The unrighteous would do well to forsake his sins;  
The Lord would graciously cleanse from deep within.

The Lord is near to all who would seek Him earnestly;  
The heart must not hesitate to look for God honestly.  
But when the heart will not seek the Lord while He is near;  
He might find God far away and his heart begins to fear.

So many have found the Lord when they sincerely seek;  
They find that the grace of the Lord is all they need.  
How wonderful it is to seek God and discover Him early;  
The sinner finds pardon and his soul is now set free!

Inspiration: Isaiah 55:6-7  
Charles Tan

# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 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.*

1. Will God actually teach mankind?

Yes!

2. Whom would He teach?

Those who are humble

Those who seek God in humility

3. What would God teach?

Justice and why it is important

His way... the way of God is always just and holy

**NEXT SUNDAY: 30 SEPTEMBER 2018**

PSALM 25:10 ALL THE PATHS OF THE LORD ARE MERCY AND TRUTH

*All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth,  
To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. †*

THEME : SHOW ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD

# THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY**  
"On You I wait all the day"  
Psalm 25

Chairmen

Intern-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah  
Student-Pastor  
Moses Kwek

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Deacon  
Dr Tan Peng Hui

Chairman

Miss Germaine Kong

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Rev Mitchell Tan

Usher

Miss Michelle Choo  
Miss Natalie Toh

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —  
**10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8**  
"Hear me when I call"  
Psalm 4, 5

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
**10.30 AM**  
"Blessed are the meek"  
Matthew 5:5

CC I: P1—P3  
3rd Floor  
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6  
4th Floor  
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker  
Student-Pastor  
Jonathan Jacob

Speaker  
Miss Camille George

Chairman  
Mr Joshua Lee

Pianist  
Ms Tay Soo Leng

Speaker  
Student-Pastor  
Moses Kwek

Interpreter  
Mrs Lee Yuwen  
Mr Kevin Low

**EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7,8**  
"Lord, be merciful to me"  
Psalm 41

Breakfast : Eric & Siok Kuan  
Fellowship Lunch : Jonas & Joanne; Hua Ming & Karen  
Evening Tea : Ben & Joanne Chan

# Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b>				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School II			Main Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-7	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>CHOIRS</b>				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Home Bible Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	7.30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>CATECHISM CLASS</b>				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>PRAYER MEETING</b>				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
<b>FELLOWSHIP GROUPS</b>				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor

## Bethany Independent-Presbyterian Church

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**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**23 September 2018**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang*  
*Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey*

HWC No. 544

We'll Understand It By And By

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Intern-Pastor Benjamin Quah*  
*Student-Pastor Moses Kwek*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 23

Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

Century Praise 334

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Century Praise 389

He Leadeth Me

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “On You I wait all the day”

Text : Psalm 25

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 338

O Jesus I Have Promised

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude





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## PASTORAL LETTER

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23 SEPTEMBER 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

*Dear Brethren,*

### THE REALITY OF DEATH

Once again, we conduct another funeral service at Bethany. With each funeral service, we are reminded of the reality of death!

### THE REALITY OF OUR HOPE IN THE LORD

We are also reminded of the reality of our hope in the Lord. Let us ever seek to keep our faith in the Lord strong and vibrant! Let us never allow any feeling of despair to overcome us!

### LIVING FOR THE LORD

Let us be reminded of the reality of our hope in the Lord as the apostle Paul understood it. Let us seek to make our life on earth count for the Lord! May these immortal words move our hearts!

*Behold, I tell you mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-*

*In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.*

*For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

*For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

*So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."*

*" O Death, where is your sting?*

*O Hades, where is your victory?"*

*The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.*

*But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*