

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

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Text: Amos 5

“SEEK GOD AND LIVE”

EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE WHO SOUGHT GOD

In the Old Testament, the ancient prophets were good examples of those who sought the Lord God!

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1. Daniel

- a) He was a high-ranking official in Nebuchadnezzar's empire
- b) He sought to understand prophecy
- c) He sought to understand the Lord as One who could reveal the prophetic word
- d) He found what he sought for

2. Amos

- a) He was a sheep-breeder till God called him to be a prophet (Amos 7:15)
- b) He knew that he had to seek God in order to fulfil his ministry as a prophet
- c) God revealed many things to Amos (Amos 3:7)

THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPHET AMOS

Having found the Lord God from personal experience, Amos has this word to proclaim to ancient Israel.

*For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel:
"Seek Me and live;*

*But do not seek Bethel, nor enter Gilgal,
Nor pass over to Beersheba;
For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity,
And Bethel shall come to nothing.*

*Seek the LORD and live,
Lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and devour it,
With no one to quench it in Bethel"* *Amos 5:4-6*

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1. Seek Me

- a) Effort must be made to seek the Lord
- b) No effort must be spared to seek Him
- c) The effort put in will reflect the degree of sincerity of the heart

2. And live

- a) God desires to give life
- b) He does not desire to judge nor take away life
- c) The Giver of life is more than happy and willing to give fullness of life

OUR CHALLENGE TODAY

Does this word of advice still hold for us today? The short answer is "Yes!" The words may be stated differently, but the meaning is essentially the same!

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness
And all these things shall be added to you. Matthew 6:33 †*

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 find the Lord's refreshing grace as you seek Him in worship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm
Venue: Auditorium 4.07 †

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Charles Tan will be ministering in Myanmar next week
(Monday-Friday).

HOLY COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

We will be celebrating The Lord's Supper next Sunday!
Let us come with prepared hearts and minds to
celebrate it meaningfully.

MSITN BreakFast

Date: 27 OCTOBER 2018
Venue: FELLOWSHIP HALL
Time: 8.30am
SPONSOR: SSS 4

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This Breakfast program is designed to cater to older brethren who are reading MSITN. Reading the Bible can be challenging for older folks. This Breakfast is planned so that fellow-readers may be able to have the following things:

1. Have fellowship with each other
2. Share and discuss the lessons learned through reading the Scriptures
3. Bring up difficulties when reading the Bible!

Plan to sign up for this Breakfast program if you are a senior reader! †

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

1. Thank God for the Scriptures
 - a) They provide invaluable help
 - b) They are wonderfully relevant
 - c) They can be understood and made applicable to life
2. A challenge to all young people
 - a) Build your faith and life upon the Scriptures
 - b) You will have a far stronger life consequently

Plan to sign up for the Youth Conference today! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 1 October 2018

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: TUR

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 1 October 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 2 October 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

(We will be concluding our weekday programs
at the end of October 2018). †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 93:1-2

*The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty;
The LORD is clothed,
He has girded Himself with strength.
Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.*

*Your throne is established from of old,
You are from everlasting.*

1. Focus on God

- a) He is the LORD
- b) He is clothed with majesty
- c) He is clothed with strength
- d) He is from everlasting

2. Focus on the Throne of God

- a) His throne is established from of old
- b) The world is established and under God's control †

Wait Upon The Lord

We meet new challenges in life with fear and trepidation;
That's because we depend on our own strength and motivation.
But if only we fervently seek God's leading in our endeavours;
That would surely make our tasks much more manageable.

So often we purport to pray and to seek God's guidance;
But honestly, do we really exercise patience?
Unfortunately, we have become a "smart" and "quick-fix" generation;
Our sense of entitlement leads us to expect instant gratification!

We need to learn all over again how to wait upon the Lord;
To humble ourselves and to plead for mercy from our Good God.
Only when the servant's eyes have learned to look to the master's hand,
can a meaningful relationship be forged;
So too we must learn to wait and to watch.

May they who wait upon the Lord have their strength renewed day by day,
May their anxieties, fear and weariness be taken away.
They shall mount up with wings like the eagles,
They shall face Life's challenges with vigour.

Inspiration:
Psalm 25:4-5; Psalm 123:1-2; Isaiah 40:31
Dr. Sng Li Wah

SEEK THE LORD AND LIVE

To so many, life is such a chore and a hassle;
Problems abound and the future looks terrible.
The heart sinks in despair for hope is not in sight;
But the Lord gives a word that should bring delight!

"Seek the Lord and live" - what a blessed message!
There is much more to life than we envisage.
God is able to help us face the challenges of life;
He is able to empower us to rise above all strife!

The heart must seek the Lord with true sincerity;
God would be found by all who seek Him genuinely.
He does not delight in seeing people falter and fail,
He will teach us how to make our faith prevail.

Blessed are those who find the Lord real and dear;
They pray and find that the Lord is indeed near!
The heart finds new hope and joy soon abounds;
God in all His love and power will surround!

Inspiration: Amos 5:4-6
Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.*

1. The characteristic features of the paths of God
 - a) Mercy
 - b) Truth
2. To whom would the Lord reveal His paths?
To all who would keep His covenant and His testimonies!
3. What is the significance of this text?
 - a) God will show great mercy to the faithful
 - b) He will reveal great truths to those who diligently seek Him

NEXT SUNDAY: 7 OCTOBER 2018

PSALM 25:12

WHO IS THE MAN WHO FEARS THE LORD?

*Who is the man that fears the LORD?
Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. †*

THEME : SHOW ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞ 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"According to Your mercy remember
me" Psalm 25

Chairman

Dr Tang
Kong Choong

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Chairman

Ms Sea SuAn

Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan

Usher

Miss Bethany Toong
Miss Amanda Tan

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —
10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8
"I will instruct you..."
Psalm 32

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞ 10.30 AM

"Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness" Matthew 5:6

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Chairman

Mr Dominic Cheng

Speaker

Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist

Mrs Amelia Toi

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng
Mrs Cassandra Yeo

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7,8
"Offer to God thanksgiving"
Psalm 50

Breakfast : Chin Heng & Kar Inn
Fellowship Lunch : Samuel Mok
Evening Tea : Chu family

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
30 September 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 415

He Giveth More Grace

Prelude

Call to Worship

Dr Tang Kong Choong

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 114

Crown Him With Many Crowns

HWC No. 355

Trusting Jesus

Century Praise 334

Open My Eyes, That I May See

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “According to Your mercy remember me”

Text : Psalm 25

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 345

Wherever He Leads, I'll Go

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
30 September 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing	Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi
Century Praise 2	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 快乐颂
Prelude 前奏	
Call to Worship 齐来称颂	Mr Dominic Cheng Interpreter : Mrs Cassandra Yeo
Invocation 祈祷	

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns	
Century Praise 297	Wonderful Grace Of Jesus 耶稣奇妙的救恩
Century Praise 358	Living For Jesus 奉献身心为主
Century Praise 345	Wherever He Leads, I'll Go 主领我何往必去

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message:	“Offer to God thanksgiving” “以感谢为祭献与神”
Text :	Psalm 50 诗篇 50
Speaker:	Rev Mitchell Tan Interpreter : Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献	
Hymn	
Century Praise 305	Now Thank We All Our God 今来感谢恩主
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	



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PASTORAL LETTER

30 SEPTEMBER 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

REMEMBERING THE LORD'S LEADING

How wonderful to know that God personally leads us in life. Let us recall the words of Moses to ancient Israel. It is good to recall for therein our souls may be fed wonderfully.

“Then I said to you, ‘Do not be terrified, or afraid of them.
The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you,
According to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,
And in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you,
As a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.’

Yet, for all that, you did not believe the LORD your God,
who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents,
to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day.

Deuteronomy 1:29-33

1. Fending of fears and terrors
This is something we must do diligently!

2. Remembering what the LORD God has done
a) He went before Israel

b) He fought for His people

c) He carried His people as a man would carry his son

d) He searched out a place for them to dwell in

e) He showed the way in the fire by night and in the cloud by day

3. Our challenge is to believe in the Lord our God!
a) Let us battle unbelief

b) Let us never allow ourselves to doubt the leading of the Lord

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*