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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: Deuteronomy 4

***“YOU WILL SEEK THE
LORD YOUR GOD”***

DANGERS FOREWARNED

The great servant of God, Moses, gave significant words of warning to ancient Israel. He warned of the danger of forsaking the Lord God. Two dangers were highlighted:

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MEDITATION

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1. The danger of corruption of faith in God Deuteronomy 4:16
 - a) By making of idols
 - b) By being drawn to worship of the idols made
 - c) By being drawn to worship the celestial sun, moon and stars
Deuteronomy 7:16-19
2. The danger of forgetting God Deuteronomy 4:23
 - a) Forgetting the covenant of God
 - b) Forgetting the God of the covenant

CHASTISEMENT FOREWARNED

Chastening by the Lord is to be expected when the nation goes astray. Chastisement is not to be feared though it might be painful. God's purpose in chastising is to cause His people to return to Him.

One of the ways in which God would chastise His people was to allow them to experience exile in a foreign country. Perhaps amidst hardship they would return to Him.

SEEKING GOD AND FINDING HIM

Would God still be found by His people if they were to repent and seek Him?

*But from there you will seek the LORD your God,
And you will find Him if you will seek Him
With all your heart and with all your soul. Deuteronomy 4:29*

1. You will seek the LORD your God
 - a) Amidst great distress
 - b) Amidst great difficulties

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- c) When there comes realisation of the futility of idol worship
- 2. You will find Him if you seek Him
 - a) God will allow Himself to be found
 - b) But there must be genuineness of sincerity
- 3. Heart and soul
 - a) Seeking the Lord must be done with the whole heart
 - b) The soul must desire to seek the Lord too

God is seeking the person who will worship Him in spirit and in truth! †

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 encouraged to seek the Lord's wonderful face! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

MINISTRY IN BETHEL

Bethel has commenced its 25th year of ministry! Pastor Charles Tan will be ministering in Perth this week.

Thank God for His leading and His blessing over all these years. His grace and mercy must always be remembered! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Auditorium 4.07 †

MASTER CLASS WITH PRATEEP

Thank God for His grace in providing our musicians with a wonderful opportunity to have a master class with Prateep (12-13 October 2018). Let us pray for all involved in the music ministry of the Church! What is the secret that must be found to sustain any ministry?

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom,
Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs,
Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Colossians 3:16*

1. The word of Christ must dwell richly in us
2. Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs are but instruments
3. The grace of the Lord must be found
4. Ultimately our singing must be “to the Lord!”

May the Lord continue to bless the hearts of all who have been blessed with the privilege of being able to study music and play musical instruments. †

MSITN Breakfast

27 OCTOBER 2018

TIME: 8.30AM

VENUE: CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

This is planned for all our senior readers. Please sign up! Let us look forward to the first MSITN breakfast. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE

2-6 DECEMBER 2018

THEME: "A WISE MASTER BUILDER"

The Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ led lives that were truly remarkable.

1. They were faithful
2. They were also fruitful

There were many lessons that they have left behind for faithful disciples to discover for themselves. These are lessons that will be taught at the Youth Conference. Let us be much in prayer for the success of the Youth Conference!

Plan to sign up for the Youth Conference today! †

IPC INDIA

Our brethren in IPC India will be celebrating its 29th anniversary this week (17 October 2018). Thank God for a strong sense of awareness and appreciation:

1. The Presence of the Lord
2. The Power of the Lord
3. The People of the Lord who make up IPC India
4. The Promises of the Lord that bring such joy and hope to the heart!

Heartfelt congratulations to IPC India!

Let us pray that the Lord would continue to lead and to bless IPC India in the years ahead! And He will continue to bless as He has all these many years! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to the Chong Family on the demise of the late Mr. Chong Fun Non on Monday 8 October 2018 . He was a full centenarian! The Chong Family worshipping with us in Bethany include Mr. and Mrs. K K Chong and their children, Edlyn, Cherie and Benjamin and their respective families!

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 15 October 2018
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: TUR

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 15 October 2018
Time: 8.00pm
Venue: Sanctuary

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 16 October 2018
Time: 8.00pm
Venue: Sanctuary

We will be concluding our weekday Ministries at the end of October 2018.

Thank God for the many lessons learned.

What is the point of having these special ministries?

1. To help us discover more about the Lord

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2. To encourage us to seek God
3. To help us find the Lord and His word real and precious.

Let us take time to review and to ponder the many lessons we have learned from the Books of Deuteronomy and the Psalms. †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 94:12-13

*Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD,
And teach out of Your law,*

*That You may give him rest
From the days of adversity*

1. The day of adversity
 - a) It will come
 - b) Adversity is a part of life
2. Blessedness
 - a) When a man is instructed by the Lord
 - b) He is taught from the law of God and he is able to find rest and safety †

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor Charlie,

The Chong family would like to express deep appreciation and gratitude to yourself, the Pastoral Team, Session Members, members of the SSS4 class, Kitchen Ministry, YAG, YPG, the Pinetrees and all at Bethany who selflessly availed themselves to comfort us in many ways during our recent bereavement.

Mr Chong, whom we affectionately know as father, grandpa and great-grandpa, passed on at 100 years old and we are thankful for the time we had with him.

Many of you showed your support through gifts, calls, WhatsApp messages and your presence during the wake. Special thanks to Bethany IPC and the SSS4 Committee for sending us flower wreaths with words of comfort and love.

As we received many of you during the wake, we felt God's love and comfort, and a deep sense of gratitude to the Lord for the fellowship we can share in Him. Truly, you have borne testimony that Bethany is truly God's kind of church, where God is touching lives, and people really care for people.

Thank you Bethany, for your wonderful support.

*With love from all of us,
Kwek Kee, Florence, Edlyn, Cherie, Gavin,
Benjamin, Gabrielle (Shuyi), Limin, Jasher and Noah*

SEEKING GOD WITH HEART AND SOUL

*God hides Himself from those who are not sincere;
But to the genuine seeker He will be found to draw near.
Even the grave sins of idolatry may be forgiven;
The penitent cry of the sinner will be heard in Heaven.*

*The challenge is to seek God with the whole heart;
The heart must be fully repentant right from the start.
The heart recognises the futility and folly of leaving God;
In shame and in humility the heart seeks after the Lord.*

*The heart's search for God is matched by the soul;
The deepest longing is for God to make him whole.
There is an emptiness that nothing else can fill;
Only the sweet knowledge of God and His will.*

*What wonderful hope and joy may be found again;
Restoration will inspire the creation of a new refrain.
The heart and soul have been fully forgiven and restored;
The Lord God and His people walk in harmonious accord.*

*Inspiration: Deuteronomy 4:29
Charles Tan*

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 14 OCTOBER 2018

PSALM 34:15 THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE ON THE RIGHTEOUS

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
And His ears are open to their cry.

1. The eyes of the LORD
 - a) This is a phrase that describes how the Lord looks after us. \
 - b) God does not actually have eyes
2. Eyes on the righteous
 - a) God has eyes on both the wicked and the righteous
 - b) The focus here is on how God relates to the children in particular
3. And His ears are open to their cry
 - a) God will listen to the prayers of the righteous
 - b) He will respond to them lovingly and graciously

NEXT SUNDAY: 21 OCTOBER 2018

PSALM 34:18

THE LORD IS NEAR TO THOSE WHO HAVE A BROKEN HEART

*The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart,
And saves such as have a contrite spirit. †*

THEME : SHOW ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE **10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY**

"I would have lost heart, unless I had believed" Psalm 27

Chairmen

Dr Quek Li Wei
Mr Quek Li Yen

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Chairman

Mr Eugene Tan

Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Usher

Mr Justin Lai
Miss Della Chua

TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE **10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8**

"Seek My face..."

Psalm 27

CHILDREN'S CHURCH **10.30 AM**

"Blessed are the pure in heart"
Matthew 5:8

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Chairman

Mr Chiam Daohua

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Pianist

Mrs Amelia Toi

Interpreter

Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui
Mr Allister Tham

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

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

"Early will I seek You"

Psalm 63

Breakfast : Nelson & Justina

Fellowship Lunch :

Lily & Harry Ng; Tan Kok Yang & family; Francis, Penny & Edward

Evening Tea : Aleena Kua

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
14 October 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

HWC No. 56

Day By Day

Prelude

Call to Worship

Dr Quek Li Wei
Mr Quek Li Yen

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

HWC No. 16

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

VIP No. 726

Seekers Of Your Heart

Century Praise 319

He Hideth My Soul

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “I would have lost heart, unless I had believed”

Text : Psalm 27

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 389

He Leadeth Me

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

14 OCTOBER 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

SEEKING GOD'S FACE (PSALM 27:8)

It was the LORD God Himself who said these words, "Seek my face." How should we understand this challenging word?

We are reminded of what we read in Amos (RBTS).

1. Seek Me and live! Amos 5:4
 - a) But do not seek Bethel
 - b) Nor enter Gilgal
 - c) Nor pass over to Beersheba
2. These famous places
 - a) They would come to nothing
 - b) They would be destroyed
 - c) These areas were filled with idolatrous practices!
3. Seek the LORD and live! Amos 5:6
 - a) This was said as a reminder
 - b) The seeking of God's face must be earnest and genuine
 - c) The danger of not seeking from the heart is highlighted!
4. Seek good and not evil Amos 5:14
 - a) Seeking God must include seeking that which is good
 - b) One cannot speak of seeking God and then do that which is evil

SEEKING GOD WITHOUT TAKING ANYTHING FOR GRANTED

The following words from Amos are good but humbling words. Let us seek the face of the Lord with appropriate reverential fear.

*It may be that the LORD God of hosts
Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. Amos 5:15*

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*