

BETHANY

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CHURCH

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: Jeremiah 30

"I AM WITH YOU TO SAVE YOU"

THE TROUBLES OF ANCIENT ISRAEL

Jeremiah noted the troubles that ancient Judah was in in his prophetic book.

1. Captivity in Babylon
This will last 70 years

Jeremiah 29:10

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2. The royal family

They would also be captives in Babylon Jeremiah 29:1-2

3. They experienced three terrible things

a) The sword

b) Famine

c) Pestilence Jeremiah 29:18

THE SALVATION GOD OFFERED

It would take nothing less than a mighty saving work that God must effect to rescue Judah out of its predicament! To the woe-begotten nation God had this to say.

*'Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says the LORD,
'Nor be dismayed, O Israel;
For behold, I will save you from afar,
And your seed from the land of their captivity.
Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet,
And no one shall make him afraid.*

*For I am with you,' says the LORD, 'to save you,
Though I make a full end of all nations
Where I have scattered you,
Yet I will not make a complete end of you,
But I will correct you in justice,
And will not let you go altogether unpunished.'*

Jeremiah 30:10-11

1. Chastisement must take place

a) This must be understood and accepted

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- b) The erring and sinful nation must be corrected in justice
 - c) The nation could not go unpunished
2. Exhortation to the nation
- a) They need not be dismayed
 - b) They need not fear
3. God will save His people
- a) He will bring His people back to their homeland
 - b) He will be with His people
 - c) He will not make a complete end of His people

This was the salvation plan that God wanted His people to understand! This plan of redemption must be most carefully understood! God's plans are never easy to comprehend! †

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 a refreshing sense of joy through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Auditorium 4.07 †

CHRISTMAS BAPTISMAL SERVICES

1. 9 December 2018

Paedo-baptism

2. 16 December 2018

Adult baptism/ confirmation/ Transference

1. Application forms

These must be duly filled and returned. Please hand the forms to Ms. Liew Si Si.

2. Written Testimony

a) Your salvation story must be included

b) Baptism is significant only if there is genuine faith in the Lord Jesus Christ †

COMBINED SERVICE

We will be having Combined Service from this Sunday till the end of the year. There will be no Evening-Bilingual Service till January 2019. †

CHRISTMAS CONCERT PRACTICES

We need the afternoon slot for Concert practices.
The choirs need to devote time to master their pieces.†

CHRISTMAS CANDLES

We will be lighting the Advent Candles in December.



1ST ADVENT CANDLE

The Prophecy Candle (2 December)



2ND ADVENT CANDLE

The Bethlehem Candle (9 December)



3RD ADVENT CANDLE

The Shepherds' Candle (16 December)



4TH ADVENT CANDLE

The Angels' Candle (23 December)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

8 December 2018

Time: 4.00pm

Plan to come for this Christmas Caroling service.

Text: Jeremiah 33:9

Theme: "It shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise and an honour"

Let us look forward to a joyous time of singing Christmas Carols together. There will be a Fellowship Dinner after the Caroling Service. Please plan to sign up.

1. Seniors

Those who are 65 and above

2. Children

Those who are 12 and below †

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT SHANGRI LA

This has been our special tradition for many years now.
Plan to book your table as soon as possible.†

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE

2-6 December 2018

Theme: "A Wise Master Builder"

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings for all who are coming to the Youth Conference. We will be doing the following at the Youth Conference.

1. Sharing of the Gospel
2. Helping the young people to understand and appreciate the place of God's word in life
3. Helping the YC participants to build their faith
4. The challenge as always is to follow the Lord Jesus Christ as His disciples

Let us pray that there will be hearts blessed by the Lord at the Youth Conference.†

DOWN MEMORY LANE

31 December 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Text: Psalm 30

Theme: "Give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name" †

ON LEAVE

Pastor Charles Tan will be on leave (12-24 November 2018).†

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 95:1-2

*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.*

*Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.*

1. Appreciating afresh the God we worship
 - a) He is the LORD
 - b) He is the Rock of our salvation
2. How may we offer worship appropriately?
 - a) Let us sing to God
 - b) Let us shout (to express whole-heartedness) joyfully
 - c) Let us offer worship with a heart of thanksgiving
 - d) Let us sing psalms (hymns) with much joy †

THESE THINGS I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU

Fullness of Joy was to be found in what Jesus taught;
But that was not fully discerned nor truly caught.
The lessons taught were deep and most enriching;
If only the disciples had been given to deep thinking.

They watched and saw Jesus perform mighty deeds;
But the meaning behind the miracles they did not heed.
They failed to understand God was speaking to His people;
The mighty signs and wonders passed by- incomprehensible!

Jesus sought to correct their wrong ideas and their misgivings;
But the learning seemed to be so hard, they were not discerning.
The wrong ideas had to be corrected, or they would affect adversely;
Jesus had to do a cleansing work and it must be done thoroughly.

The things that Jesus taught when fully understood will bring Joy;
This Joy has so much depth and yet it is without any alloy.
The heart must be challenged to consider again what Jesus taught;
This Joy that Jesus promised need not prove elusive, it may be caught!

Inspiration: John 15:9-13
Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 11 NOVEMBER 2018

PSALM 146:5

HAPPY IS HE WHO HAS THE GOD OF JACOB FOR HIS HELP

*Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,
whose hope is in the LORD his God.*

1. Happiness

- a) It is a special blessing from the Lord too
- b) This is not to be taken for granted
- c) Neither is it to be dismissed as something inferior

2. Two special reasons to be happy

- a) The Lord God is our help
- b) He is also our hope
- c) The same wonderful God who helped Jacob turn his life around wonderfully

NEXT SUNDAY: 18 NOVEMBER 2018

Psalm 149:2

LET THE CHILDREN OF ZION REJOICE IN THEIR KING

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. †

THEME : REJOICED WITH EXCEEDINGLY GREAT JOY

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"They rejoiced with her"

Luke 1:39-45, 57-62

Chairman

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Interpreter

Mrs Koh Baoling

Chairman

Mr Stanley Woo

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Usher

Miss Laura Chan
Mr Nicholas Fung

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8
"Finding joy through believing"
Luke 1:28-56

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10.30 AM

"Sons of your Father in Heaven"

Matthew 5:43-48

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Shamini J
Fellowship Lunch : Daohua & Shi Yun

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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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
11 November 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 399

Make Me A Blessing

Prelude

Call to Worship

Intern-Pastor Benjamin Quah

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 89

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Century Praise 389

He Leadeth Me

Century Praise 2

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “They rejoiced with her”

Text : Luke 1:39-45, 57-62

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 289

There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

11 NOVEMBER 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

IN RECESS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

The following ministries will be in recess for these two months:

1. Prayer Meeting
2. Bible Study
3. Fellowship Groups
4. Evening-Bilingual Service

IN UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF OTHER MINISTRIES

We have many ministries in Bethany. And the year-end ministries are both huge and significant!

1. The Youth Conference ministry
 - a) Many young lives are greatly touched and blessed
 - b) Much time and effort must be devoted to these ministries
2. The Christmas Concert
 - a) Many lives have been refreshed attending the Concerts
 - b) It takes a tremendous effort to make these ministries a blessing to many
3. The Christmas program
 - a) The Baptismal services (9 and 16 December)
 - b) The Christmas Service at Shangri La on 25 December

For any ministry to succeed, much effort and energy must be poured in.

PRAYING FOR THE LORD'S BLESSINGS

Let us not take for granted the Lord's blessings. The Lord's desire to bless has been stated many times over. Our part is to seek Him humbly and faithfully. Let us pray that these programs would be blessed richly that we may conclude 2018 wonderfully.

Thank God for His promise of grace and strength. Thank God for all who have given so much of themselves to ensure that many hearts may be blessed richly.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*