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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: Jeremiah 30

THE WONDERFUL PROMISES OF GOD

BLESSINGS FOUND IN THE WORD OF
GOD

The Scriptures are wonderful in more ways than one. Psalm 19:7-11 beautifully describe how the Lord's word may be such a source of blessing to the heart.

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1. It converts the soul
2. It makes wise the simple
3. It rejoices the heart
4. It enlightens the eyes
5. It gives warning of danger
6. In the keeping of the word of God there is great reward

THE PROMISES OF GOD

Found within the Scriptures are the wonderful promises of God. This is well-exemplified Jeremiah 30:18-22. The following promises may be highlighted:

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|---|-------------------|
| 1. Restoration of health | Jeremiah 30:17 |
| 2. Healing of wounds | Jeremiah 30:17 |
| 3. Bringing Israel back to its homeland | Jeremiah 30:18 |
| 4. Rebuilding of Israel | Jeremiah 30:18-19 |
| 5. Multiplying of the people | Jeremiah 30:19 |
| 6. Glorifying of the people | Jeremiah 30:19 |
| 7. He will establish the nation | Jeremiah 30:20 |
| 8. He will raise up significant leaders | Jeremiah 30:21 |

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APPROPRIATE RESPONSES

How should we make appropriate responses to all these things we read? Let us consider the following thoughts:

1. There should be a great sense of thanksgiving Jeremiah 30:19
2. There should be merry celebration of the Lord's promises
Jeremiah 30:19
3. There should be a determination to draw near to the Lord
4. There should be a pledging of the heart to respond to the Lord as He draws His people near to Himself

THE COVENANTS OLD AND NEW

A key thought in both the Old and New Covenant may be found in this text.

*You shall be My people
And I will be Your God. Jeremiah 30:22*

1. Let there always be a spirit of joy in being "God's people!"
2. Let us seek to express joy in having the Lord as our God! †

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 filled with the joy of the Lord through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN

Pastor sends greeting to all at Bethany today.
He will be back in Bethany by next Sunday! †

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm
Venue: Auditorium 4.07 †

CONGRATULATIONS

Heartfelt congratulations to James and Joleen
on the occasion of their wedding on 10 November 2018.
May the Lord's richest blessings be bestowed! †

YOUTH CONFERENCE

2-6 DECEMBER 2018
"A WISE MASTER BUILDER"

Plan to sign up as soon as possible.

Let us pray that the YC would be a time of
great blessing for all attending.†

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CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

8 DECEMBER 2018

Please sign up as soon as possible.

Please indicate:

1. Seniors

Those who are 65 and above

2. Children

Those who are 12 and below †

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2018

DATES: 21-22 DECEMBER

TIME: 8.00PM

CHRISTMAS BAPTISMAL SERVICES

1. PAEDO-BAPTISM

9 DECEMBER 2018

2. ADULT BAPTISM

16 DECEMBER 2018

All adult Baptismal Candidates will be meeting with the Session on Sunday, 2 December 2018.

Venue: Auditorium 4.07

Time: 1.00pm

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SIGNIFICANCE OF BAPTISM

Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."
Acts 2:37-39

1. We have an uplifting text that highlights the practice of baptism
2. Context:
 - a) After hearing the message preached by the Apostle Peter
 - b) The audience were "cut to the heart"
 - i) There came a sense of conviction within the heart
 - ii) The weight and guilt of sin was felt greatly
 - c) The people who heard Peter asked how they could be saved!
3. The reply of the Apostle Peter is enlightening
 - a) There must first be repentance of sin
 - b) This is to be followed by baptism
 - i) This represents faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour
 - ii) There is a natural desire to be identified with the Lord
 - iii) Baptism is a wonderful symbol of our salvation and identification with Christ

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c) The gift of the Holy Spirit

i) He is given to all true believers

ii) He is our seal that we belong to God

iii) He is our guarantee that we have a home in heaven

ALL BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES

All should be able to speak of salvation in Christ Jesus! Plan to write about this in your baptismal testimony!†

CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

DATE: 25 DECEMBER 2018

TIME: 10.30AM

Plan to book your table as soon as possible.†

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 95:3-5

*For the LORD is the great God,
And the great King above all gods.*

*In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
The heights of the hills are His also.*

*The sea is His, for He made it;
And His hands formed the dry land.*

1. Worship of the Lord
 - a) As a great God
 - b) As the supreme King
 - c) As the Creator
2. A fresh appreciation of the Sovereignty of God over His creation
 - a) He watches over the deep places of the earth
 - b) And over the highest of mountains
 - c) He is the Master of the sea and the land †

ABIDE IN MY LOVE

“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you”
Precious are these words of Jesus and they are true!
To be loved so dearly is an amazing experience truly;
How it must bring the greatest sense of joy infinitely.

That the Father loves the Son is easy to understand;
Jesus is Perfect in obedience in every circumstance.
But we are far from perfect but indeed most sinful;
Yet the Lord declares He loves us... how wonderful!

The challenge is to abide in the love of Jesus our Lord;
Then would there be fullness of joy and happy accord.
The problem is the fact we are not able to truly abide;
We go astray, and all too quickly, we sadly backslide.

If we wish to find a joy that would last a lifetime;
We will find it in the love of Jesus which is sublime.
The joy of knowing that we are so dearly loved by God;
This truth ought to bring us the deepest joy on record.

Inspiration: John 15:9-13

Charles Tan †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.

1. Finding Joy
 - a) In God as the Maker (Creator)

 - b) In God as the King

2. Who may find this Joy?
 - a) The children of Zion

 - b) The children of God

3. Israel
 - a) It was the new name of Jacob that God Himself had given

 - b) It represented the nation called Israel

 - c) It describes all who have come to place their trust in the Lord

NEXT SUNDAY: 25 NOVEMBER 2018

PSALM 149:5

JOYFUL IN GLORY

*Let the saints be joyful in glory;
Let them sing aloud on their beds. †*

THEME : REJOICED WITH EXCEEDINGLY GREAT JOY

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
"Praising God"
Luke 1:59-80

Chairman
Mr Milton Ong

Organist
Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker
Rev Mitchell Tan

Interpreter
Mr Alex Tan

Pianist
Mrs Esther Ang

Chairman
Ms Germaine Kong

Pianist
Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker
Rev Mark Tan

Usher
Miss Michelle Choo
Miss Natalie Toh

TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8
"Confirmation leading to joy"
Luke 2

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
10.30 AM
"Your Father will reward you"
Matthew 6:1-4

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

**EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Kriston Teo
Fellowship Lunch : Eugene, Yvette & Daniel; George & Ruby

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
18 November 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 143

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Prelude

Call to Worship

Mr Milton Ong

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 139

Joy To The World

VIP No. 504

O Rejoice In The Lord

HWC No. 520

Redeemed

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Praising God”

Text : Luke 1:59-80

Speaker: Rev Mitchell Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 499

Sunshine In My Soul

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

18 NOVEMBER 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

LIVING IN A DARK WORLD

King David encountered many difficulties in his life. The greatest problems he had came from enemies. He described them graphically.

*For there is no faithfulness in their mouth;
Their inward part is destruction;
Their throat is an open tomb;
They flatter with their tongue. Psalm 5:9*

These words help us understand why David wrote so many prayer-psalms to the Lord. He was deeply troubled in heart and mind.

FINDING JOY IN A DARK WORLD

How would one find any joy at all when living in so dark a world? David went on to share how he found joy.

*But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;
Let them ever shout for joy, because you defend them;
Let those also who love Your name be joyful in You.*

*For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous;
With favour You will surround him as with a shield.
Psalm 5:11-12*

1. Wherein may joy be found?
 - a) In trust that comes with the knowledge of God
 - b) In understanding the significance of knowing God's name
 - c) In comprehending that God will defend His people
 - d) In appreciating that God will shield His people with His favour
 - e) In believing that God will bless the righteous
2. The kind of Joy God can give
 - a) We can shout for joy
 - b) We will have fullness of joy!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*