

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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Text: Isaiah 9:1-7

“FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN”

A GREAT DILEMMA

Israel's grave sins against the Lord resulted in the nation being plunged into great distress! The following text describes the state of the nation.

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HONOURING THE LORD JESUS

The titles of the Lord help us to appreciate who He is and what He will do for His people.

1. He will be truly "Wonderful"
2. He will be the Wisest Counselor ever
3. He is "Mighty God"- Immanuel
4. He will be "Everlasting Father"
5. He is the "Prince of Peace"

OUR CHALLENGE

Let us take time to dwell on who the Lord Jesus is and how we can relate to Him better! Let's be reminded of an old chorus:

He is my everything;
He is my all.
He is my everything
Both great and small.

He gave His life for me;
Made everything new.
He is my everything
Now how about you? †

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 lifted up through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAEDO-BAPTISM

1. Our inspiration is drawn from:
 - a) God's command for all male babies to be circumcised
Genesis 17
 - b) Circumcision to represent the following:
 - i) That they are in the Covenant given to Abraham
 - ii) That they belong to the Lord in a special way
 - c) The way Jesus blessed the infants who were brought to Him
Luke 18:16
 - i) They are not to be forbidden
 - ii) They can be part of the kingdom of God too!
2. Our challenge
 - a) To present our little ones to the Lord
 - b) The New Covenant is based on even better promises
3. Babies presented to the Lord
 - a) Elier Teo En Quan (son of Gavin Teo and Cherie Chong)
 - b) Mabel Seng (daughter of Melvin Seng and Joyce Chan)
 - c) Noah Christopher Chong Wei-Ren
(son of Benjamin Chong and Lee Shu-Yi Gabrielle)
 - c) Teow Rui En Janelle (daughter of Eugene Teow and Louisa Lim) †

TRANSFERENCE OF MEMBERSHIP

We welcome the following as members of Bethany:

1. Chen Xiuqi
2. Rose Tan
3. Seow Choo Kiat †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2018

Thank God for His grace and mercy given. The Youth Conference turned out well. Thank God for all who worked hard to make the YC a blessing to so many. The following must mentioned:

1. The Planning Committee
2. The Kitchen Crew
3. The sponsors
4. The helpers who helped in many ways
5. All who prayed †

A FOND FAREWELL

We bid a fond farewell to our brethren from:

1. South Korea
2. Perth, Western Australia

May the lessons learned at the Youth Conference be remembered and applied to life and ministry! †

MISSIONS MINISTRY

Pastor Charles Tan would be ministering in Myanmar this week (10-14 December 2018). †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING 2018

We had a record 667 people who signed up for the Caroling program. May the Lord continue to grant us a spirit of joy!

Thank God for all who formed our Bethany "orchestra!" May God continue to help you cultivate your musical gift to bring much joy to people!
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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*Venue: Church Sanctuary
Date: 21 and 22 December 2018
(Friday and Saturday)
Time: 8.00pm ✠*

DOWN MEMORY LANE

*31 December 2018
Time: 8.00 pm*

Let us plan to conclude 2018 with worship and thanksgiving for the Lord's strength for the whole year! ✠

CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

Plan to sign up for our traditional Christmas Service and Lunch at Shangri La! ✠

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 96:3-4

*Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.*

*For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.*

1. The Person of the Lord

- a) He is glorious
- b) He is great
- c) He is praise-worthy

2. Worship of the Lord

- a) His glory is to be declared
- b) His wonders are to be proclaimed
- c) He is to be feared †

A GREAT LIGHT

Darkness looms and begins to spread,
Till the whole land is living in dread.
Darkness threatens to rule completely;
Light is the only answer assuredly!

The Light of the world has been given;
He will show us the way to Heaven.
How wonderful to celebrate Christ's birth;
He came to bring both Light and mirth.

He knows the different needs of Man;
He came to show us salvation's plan.
He will bring light to dispel great darkness;
He offers wonderful and glorious happiness!

Not only will He be our Saviour precious;
He will be our Prince of Peace most gracious!
He will give us good Counsel as only He can;
How we must delight in God's glorious plan.

Inspiration: Isaiah 9:1-7
Charles Tan †

AMAZING LOVE

I wanted to please them, I wanted their love.
I never knew that all I needed was the Father above.
He doesn't expect perfection or someone free from sin,
All He ever wanted was for us to let Him in

He'll fix the broken pieces bit by bit,
And even help us rebuild our house with solid brick.
He'll be there by our side each step of the way,
And draw us back again when our faith sways.

He'll cleanse our sins too and all will be forgiven,
And by faith, we will have a strong foundation,
That will never sway in times of trouble,
And gives us strength so we won't crumble.

Now all I want is for the Lord to work in me.
His amazing love has always been open to the unworthy.
What a great gift to have, yet so small to the Lord.
His power and grace unmeasurable, Glory to God!

Della Chua
Inspiration: 2 Samuel 7 †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 9 DECEMBER 2018

LUKE 1:47 REJOICED IN GOD

And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

1. Joy of the spirit
 - a) It is real
 - b) It may be found
2. It is found when
 - a) We dwell on the Lord God and His mighty works
 - b) We focus less on ourselves
3. May this special joy of the spirit be found this Christmas

NEXT SUNDAY: 16 DECEMBER 2018

LUKE 2:20 GLORIFYING AND PRAISING GOD

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. †

THEME : REJOICED WITH EXCEEDINGLY GREAT JOY

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
"Good tidings of great joy"
Luke 2:8-20

Chairmen

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong
Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

Pianist

Mrs Sally Tan

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
10.30 AM

Bethlehem Candle:
"The One to be Ruler in Israel"
Micah 5:2

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

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Paul & Si Hui
Fellowship Lunch : Eddie & Siok Lian Peh

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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BAPTISMAL WORSHIP SERVICE
9 December 2018
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Special Song Item The Sure Foundation With All Of My Heart	<i>Youth Conference Participants</i>
Prelude	<i>Pianist : Mrs Sally Tan Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Intern-Pastor Benjamin Chong Student-Pastor Jonathan Jacob</i>
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns	
Century Praise 147	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Century Praise 143	Good Christian Men, Rejoice
HWC No. 131	Angels From The Realms Of Glory

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message:	“Good tidings of great joy”
Text :	Luke 2:8-20
Speaker:	Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering	
Hymn	
Century Praise 157	Angels We Have Heard On High
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	



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PASTORAL LETTER

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SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

How thrilling are the words of the angel of the Lord to a humble group of shepherds!

*Do not be afraid, for behold,
I bring you good tidings of great joy
Which will be to all people.
For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour,
Who is Christ the Lord.*

Luke 2:10-11

1. Do not be afraid
 - a) The Christmas message is not one of fear
 - b) It was meant to be a message of great joy
 - c) This joy was meant for all mankind
2. The lack of joy in the world today
 - a) This is almost palpable
 - b) So many are feeling:
 - i) Distress
 - ii) Sorrow
 - iii) Listless
3. Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given Isaiah 9:6
 - a) Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah sent from God
 - b) Let us discover afresh the significance of God's plan to send us His Son
 - i) He came to be our Saviour
 - ii) He came to be our Lord
 - iii) He came to save us from sin's ruining power
 - c) Let there be renewed joy in our hearts

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*