

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 6 January 2019 ... Holy Communion Sunday!

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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

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Text: Psalm 9

"I WILL PRAISE YOU WITH MY WHOLE HEART"

PROBLEMS IN LIFE

There will be many problems in life. This was something that David discovered even when he rose from a humble shepherd to become the king in Israel. What were some of his problems? Three categories may be highlighted:

MEDITATION

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1. Threat of war from enemy nations
2. Betrayal within the kingdom
3. Personal and familial problems

Some of his problems never quite went away. His enemies dogged his footsteps at every corner. How did David cope with his pressing problems?

FACING THE PROBLEMS OF LIFE EFFECTIVELY

David had to learn how to face his problems effectively. Psalm 9 gives us a glimpse of how he faced his problems effectively.

1. He had knowledge and faith in the Lord
 - a) Knowledge of the Lord as Judge
 - i) God was on His throne
 - ii) He judges all mankind righteously
 - iii) He will destroy the wicked
 - b) Faith in the Lord
 - i) As the Lord who will endure forever
 - ii) He will uphold His justice in uprightness
 - iii) He will be a refuge for the oppressed in times of trouble

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- iv) He will never forsake those who seek Him
 - v) He will not forget the cry of the humble
2. He cultivated an appropriate response to the Lord
- a) He will be glad in the Lord
 - b) He will rejoice in Him
 - c) He will sing praises to the Lord with his whole heart
 - d) He will proclaim the wonderful deeds of God among his people

OUR CHALLENGE AS WE COMMENCE THE NEW YEAR

Let us recognize that there will always be problems in life. There may be health challenges. There may be financial problems. But we can still face life with great courage and faith in the Lord.

This faith in God will enable us to trust in Him. A strong faith will enable us to sing in the dark times of life! Let us choose how we are going to face challenges in life in 2019! †

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Pastoral Team and Session Members wish all worshippers at Bethany a year crowned with the goodness of the Lord! †

NEW PULPIT THEME: JANUARY- FEBRUARY 2019

“Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised”
Psalm 145:3a

1. Psalm 30

In this Psalm we catch a glimmer of David’s desire to extol the Lord.

2. In Psalm 103

David cultivated his determination of blessing the Lord for all His blessings bestowed.

3. In Psalm 145

David had come to the point of his life when he had a more matured faith in God. In this Psalm he determined that he would offer great praise to the Lord. †

RESUMPTION OF MULTIPLE SERVICES

We resume Multiple Services from today.

Teens Worship
10.30am

Evening-Bilingual Worship
4.00pm †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PMC/ PRAYER MEETING/ BIBLE STUDY PROGRAMS

We commence on 7-8 January 2019.

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 7 January 2019

7.00pm (TUR)

We are studying the Book of Proverbs to seek godly wisdom.

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 7 January 2019

8.00pm

We resume our reading of Psalms.

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 8 January 2019

8.00pm

We continue with our study of the Book of Deuteronomy.

Let us look forward to making full use of these avenues of learning to enrich our faith in the Lord! ✠

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

Date: 17-22 March 2019

Venue: Le Grandeur, Johor

Theme: "Wells of Salvation" Isaiah 12:3

Text: The Book of Isaiah

Let us look forward to the many lessons we can learn from the Book of Isaiah.

Plan to register as soon as possible!

Let us look forward to another wonderful Family Camp!

Many wonderful lessons to be learned about Salvation from the Book of Isaiah! ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BELLS

James Seow and Jewel Yi will be married on 12 January 2019. The wedding service will be held in Gospel Light Church. The church is located in Punggol Field. The service commences at 11.00am. All in Bethany are cordially invited. †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 96:11-13

*Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;*

*Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.
Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice
Before the LORD.*

*For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth.
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples with His truth.*

1. A call to all creation to be glad in the Lord
 - a) The heavens
 - b) The earth
 - c) The seas
 - d) The field with all the trees of the woods

2. Anticipation of the Coming of the LORD
 - a) He is coming indeed
 - b) To judge the world in righteousness
 - c) Let us keep alive the Return of the Lord Jesus as a precious reality †

THE LORD WILL BE A REFUGE

There are many problems in the world today;
Many are oppressed and suffer along the way.
By great grief the heart is engulfed by sorrow;
Few believe that there will be a better tomorrow.

It will take knowledge of God to believe;
But in faith we will find needed relief.
The Lord is the Righteous Judge of earth;
He will uphold justice and grant joyous mirth.

He will be a Refuge to all who are oppressed;
He will not forget the righteous who are blessed;
Those who know the Lord will trust in His name;
They are not alone and would never be shamed.

The heart can sing despite the many challenges in life;
It remembers that the Lord will help us overcome strife.

Mercy and strength, He would give to all His saints;
The heart cannot but sing praises to His worthy name!

Inspiration: Psalm 9:9-11

Charles Tan ✠

Faith that Begets Joy and Love

The luscious apple is fragrant and sweet indeed;
Yet, seldom do we give mention to its beginnings in a sterling apple seed.
In similar vein, when we are to cultivate the fruits of the spirit in our character;
It is the seed of faith which we need to grow and nurture.

Our faith is in trusting the Lord Jesus Christ;
In knowing that the Salvation He gives is not without great sacrifice.
Never lose sight of that joy we felt when we were first saved;
When we were told that Christ had died in our place.

The fruits of the spirit include love, joy, peace and long suffering;
But the law is fulfilled in love, a reminder worth repeating.
It is the Love of God that brings us joy exceedingly;
May this Love also motivate and underscore all our actions unendingly.

The way to respond to God's Love which we receive;
Is to go forth and share the Gospel with all who will believe.
It is God's command to go forth and make disciples of all the nations;
Let us ensure the Good News is shared with all through the generations.

Inspiration: Galatians 5:22; 5:14; Matthew 28:19

Dr. Sng Li Wah ☩

Stepping into 2019

As the clock strikes 12, we enter into the new year together;
With much joy, enthusiasm and laughter.
The cover of our new book is opened – 12 new chapters and 365 pages;
Exciting times lie ahead as we embark on life's new challenges.

A new beginning can often seem daunting;
New trials and problems may just be around the corner, lurking.
Many may feel a sense of nervousness and fear;
About the unknown and uncertainty of the coming year.

However, as Christians, we can find hope and comfort in the Lord;
He tells us that we will never walk alone, for He is our God.
He holds us with His loving hand, leading and guiding us;
And because of this wonderful truth, we can in Him completely trust.

Life will inevitably get tougher and harder along the way;
But those who follow the Lord will not go astray.
He has blessed us with a spirit of power, love and sound mind;
Our fears and worries, we can now leave behind.

Inspiration: Proverbs 16:9, 2 Timothy 1:7
Asia Tan ✠

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 6 JANUARY 2019

TEXT: PSALM 118:21 I WILL PRAISE YOU

*I will praise You, for You have answered me,
And have become my salvation.*

1. Praise

- a) This must not be "empty praise"
- b) We must find reasons for praise

2. Two special reasons highlighted:

- a) Answer to prayer
- b) Salvation that comes from God

3. May 2019 be a year where we especially make praise a very real part of our life!

NEXT SUNDAY: 13 JANUARY 2019

TEXT: PSALM 118:28 I WILL EXALT YOU

*You are my God, and I will praise You;
You are my God, I will exalt You. †*

THEME : GREAT IS THE LORD AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞ 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Great is the LORD and greatly to be
praised" Psalm 145:1-4

Chairmen

Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Pianist

Mrs Sally Tan

Chairman

Mr Jerry Chan

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Mr Lai Chung Han

Usher

Miss Sea Su-an
Mr Ryan Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8

"Praising the Lord for His mercies"
Psalm 136

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞

10.30 AM

"Treasures"
Matthew 6:19-21

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Mrs Joanne Tan

Speaker

Miss Camille George

Chairman

Mr Tang Hong Wee

Speaker

Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Interpreter

Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui
Mr Allister Tham

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

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

"O LORD how great are Your works"
Psalm 92

Breakfast, Fellowship Lunch & Evening Tea :
Bethany Church Session

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
6 January 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Sally Tan
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

HWC No. 555

We're Marching To Zion

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 2

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Century Praise 89

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

HWC No. 16

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised"
Text : Psalm 145:1-4
Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn

Century Praise 451

It Is Well With My Soul

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 319

He Hideth My Soul

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 295

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

6 January 2019

Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou

Century Praise No. 77

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Tang Hong Wee

Interpreter : Mr Allister Tham

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise No. 314

We Gather Together

Century Praise No. 310

Count Your Blessings

Song No. 3

野地的花

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “O LORD how great are Your works.”

Text: Psalm 92 诗篇 92

Speaker: *Rev Mitchell Tan*

Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

THE LORD’S SUPPER 圣餐

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Hymn

Century Praise No. 323

‘Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus
(Stanzas 1 & 2)

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise No. 323

‘Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus
(Stanzas 3 & 4)

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise No. 333

More Love To Thee

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

6 JANUARY 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

THUS SPEAKS THE LORD GOD

Thank God for speaking to mankind. His words were carefully recorded in the Scriptures so that we may know His thoughts and intents. Let's begin this year this word.

*Thus speaks the LORD God of Israel, saying:
Write in a book for yourself all the words that
I have spoken to you. Jeremiah 30:2*

1. Write in a book
 - a) This is like teaching Jeremiah how to keep a journal
 - b) This is a great spiritual discipline worth exploring and practicing
2. All the words that I have spoken to you
 - a) From this word given to Jeremiah, the book of Jeremiah began
 - b) Jeremiah is a book where the prophet reflected on the things God had spoken to him

A SPECIAL CHALLENGE IN 2019

Here's a worthwhile challenge for the New Year. Attempt this!

1. Write down important texts that have spoken to your heart
2. Memorise the texts that are precious
3. Keep a journal as to how this year will turn out for you
4. Review often

BLESSINGS PROMISED

God gave a special word in Psalm 91:14-16:

1. To those
 - a) Who love Him
 - b) Who know His name
2. A seven-fold blessing
Let your heart be greatly encouraged!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*