

BETHANY

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CHURCH

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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

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Text: Psalm 16

"I WILL BLESS THE LORD"

BLESSING THE LORD

The word "bless" has more than one application. Let us consider the following:

1. Blessed

a) When we are recipients of the good grace of God

b) When we experience the mercy of God bestowed on us

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c) When we recognise the blessings God has poured out on us

2. Blessing the LORD

a) God does not need anything we can offer Him

b) When we say we “bless the Lord”

i) We are offering Him praise

ii) We are offering thanksgiving

iii) We are offering gratitude

iv) We are acknowledging the Lord’s goodness

DAVID’S BLESSING OF THE LORD

There were good and solid reasons why David spoke of blessing the Lord. These were some of the reasons why he blessed the Lord’s name.

1. The Lord had given him a good inheritance

a) Material

b) Spiritual

i) The Lord was his portion

ii) The greatest inheritance was the Lord Himself

2. The Lord had given him counsel

a) This was in the form of knowledge

b) It was expressed in wisdom

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3. The Lord had maintained his lot
- a) The Lord preserved what He had given
 - b) David was kept alive and well

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

David desired to give an appropriate response to the Lord!

- 1. He would bless the Lord
- 2. He would rejoice in Him
- 3. His heart would be glad in the Lord
- 4. He would find fullness of joy in the presence of the Lord †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus with us today. May your heart be greatly encouraged through worship and fellowship! May you extol the Lord for His greatness and His blessings bestowed! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to James and Jewel who were married on 12 January 2019. May the Lord's wonderful blessings be bestowed on you as you begin a new chapter in your life together. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 14 January 2019

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: The Upper Room

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 14 January 2019

Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 15 January 2019

Time: 8.00pm †

LUNAR NEW YEAR SPECIAL

Saturday, 16 February 2019

Time: 4.00pm

Please register for this event.

Please let us know if you are 65 and above. †

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

17-21 MARCH 2019

"WELLS OF SALVATION"

Plan to attend the Church Family Camp. Sponsorship is available. Please see the Pastoral Team if you require some assistance. All inquiries will be strictly confidential.

SPONSORSHIP FOR THE FAMILY CAMP

Let us pray about being a sponsor for the Family Camp. Camp fees only

ANNOUNCEMENTS

cover the cost of the rooms. They do not cover all the extras:

1. Transport (Bus)
2. Special Meals

Let us be moved to give as we are able. †

INDIA: FAMILY CAMP

Theme: Being a Follower and An Example

Text: 1 Thessalonians

Individual Churches would hold their Annual Camp

Date: 15-16 January 2019

Let us remember our Indian brethren as they hold their Annual Camp on their own this year!

1. The pastors are capable of ministering effectively on their own
2. They have great potential to reach out with the Gospel
3. This would mark a new and significant development of their church ministry
4. Bible Study Notes have been made available to them
5. The Holy Spirit's ministry is the essential one

THINGS TO PRAY FOR

1. Confidence
2. Courage
3. Communication skills †

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CONCLUSION OF FULL-TIME MINISTRY IN CHURCH

We wish Ms. Patricia Lim the Lord's grace and blessings. She concluded her official ministry in Church in December 2018. We thank God for her ministry over the years.†

TESTIMONY

Hi everyone,

This is a little write up about my official ministry in Bethany. Pastor kindly asked me if I would like to write to you all. I took up his offer and below is my sharing.

Ministry at Bethany

I thank God that I was given the privilege of serving at Bethany for the past twenty-four years.

I am grateful for the fellowship and friendship with many over these years.

A dynamic ministry

This year will be different for me as I will no longer be functioning as a Church staff.

The ministry of the Lord at Bethany is dynamic and requires spiritual skill-sets that I recognize more and more that I do not really have.

I humbly accept that I am unable to render meaningful and significant service at Bethany.

The will of God

I seek to do the will of God and I know that this decision to conclude my ministry at Bethany is within His will.

Thank you, Bethany, for all your support all these years. I look forward to worshipping and serving with you this year.

My heart is filled with peace and joy because I trust that the Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd will lead me as I look to Him (Ps 23). I would like to do so with the spirit of praise.

Patricia Lim

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 97:1

*The LORD reigns;
Let the earth rejoice;
Let the multitude of isles be glad!*

1. The LORD reigns
 - a) This is a truth that must bring comfort
 - b) It will also bring us joy
 - c) And glorious hope may be found in this truth
2. Rejoicing in the fact that the LORD reigns
 - a) The whole earth may rejoice
 - b) The multitudes who live in far-away isles may also rejoice
 - c) The Lord's reign covers the entire earth†

I WILL BLESS THE LORD

The blessings of the Lord are truly glorious;
They reflect His Person, who is wondrous.
The Lord loves us and to our needs He attends;
All our earthly blessings are truly God-sent!

He gives us a truly good inheritance;
What He gives is of true importance;
He gives us His counsel so graciously;
Our heart confirms this gratefully.

He maintains our lot in life;
Thus, we can live above strife.
He gives us hearts to appreciate;
Giving thanks to God we must not hesitate!

The blessings of the Lord are truly extensive;
Our soul He keeps! We need not be pensive.
There is great joy to be found in God's presence;
Let us extol the Lord for His excellence!

Inspiration: Psalm 16:7

Charles Tan †

Grace Sufficient for You

Challenges are inevitable in life;
Some say life would not be complete without strife.
Different people deal with problems in different ways;
Some choose to live Life day by day!

There are those who choose to look to the world,
For shortcuts, for satiation and approval.
Yet beware of what the world can do,
To tempt, to beguile and to reduce men to fools.

But God's people truly are a blessed lot,
Because we can choose to look to The Lord.
"My grace is sufficient for you", our Lord says;
A reassuring promise as we navigate Life's maze.

"My strength is made perfect in weakness", He explains;
What a consolation for the weary and the faint.
And as for those who have experienced God's Grace;
By His strength we continue to be awed and amazed.

Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 12:9
Dr. Sng Li Wah †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 13 JANUARY 2019

TEXT: PSALM 118:28 I WILL EXALT YOU

You are my God, and I will praise You;

You are my God, and I will exalt You.

1. You are my God

a) This speaks of a personal faith in God

b) It also speaks of a personal relationship with Him

2. Two appropriate responses

a) A spontaneous offer of praise to God

b) A desire to exalt the Lord!

NEXT SUNDAY: 20 JANUARY 2019

TEXT: PSALM 136:1 GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

For His mercy endures forever. †

THEME : GREAT IS THE LORD AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞ 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"One generation shall praise Your
works to another" Psalm 145:5-7

Chairman

Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Interpreter

Ms Koh Baoling

Chairman

Mr Eugene Tan

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

Usher

Miss Asia Tan
Mr Asher Tan

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

"Learning to praise the Lord
in worship" Psalm 138

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞ 10.30 AM

"Do not worry"
Matthew 6:25-34

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Chairman

Mr Joel Lee

Pianist

Mrs Amelia Toi

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Interpreter

Mrs Lee Yuwen
Mr Kevin Low

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

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

"Responding appropriately to the
greatness of God" Psalm 95

Breakfast : Joel Lee & Yuwen

Fellowship Lunch : Joel Lee & Yuwen; Samuel Ng

Evening Tea : Joel Lee & Yuwen

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
13 January 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

VIP No. 504

O Rejoice In The Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 81

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

Century Praise 6

How Great Thou Art

Century Praise 29

My Tribute

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “One generation shall praise Your works to another”

Text : Psalm 145:5-7

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 527

Glory To His Name

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
13 January 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing	Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi
Century Praise 308	Thanks To God For My Redeemer 感谢神
Prelude 前奏	
Call to Worship 齐来称颂	Mr Joel Lee Interpreter : Mr Kevin Low
Invocation 祈祷	

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns	
Century Praise 27	O Worship The King 荣耀大君王
Century Praise 377	What A Friend We Have In Jesus 恩友歌
Century Praise 67	Behold, What Manner Of Love 何等慈爱

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message:	“Responding appropriately to the greatness of God” “对上帝的伟大做出恰当的反应”
Text :	Psalm 95 诗篇 95
Speaker:	Intern-Pastor Benjamin Quah Interpreter : Mrs Lee Yuwen

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献	
Hymn	
Century Praise 278	Search Me, O God 求主察看
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	



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PASTORAL LETTER

13 JANUARY 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

KEEPING A THANKSGIVING JOURNAL

Try keeping a "Thanksgiving Journal" in 2019. What are some of the things we can write in our "Thanksgiving Journal?" Here are some examples of how we can keep this Journal meaningfully.

1. Bible promises (Historical)

a) God's promises to Israel

i) I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah

Jeremiah 30:3a

ii) I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it

Jeremiah 30:3b

iii) They shall serve the LORD their God, and David (The Messiah) their king

Jeremiah 30:9

b) Did God fulfil His promises?

i) Yes! Certainly!

ii) Israel returned to Israel after seventy years of being in captivity

iii) They did serve the Lord their God when they returned home

iv) No more would they return to their past idolatrous practices

2. Bible promises (Personal)

a) I am with you to save you

Jeremiah 30:11a

b) And God was with Israel

c) And God is with us too as He promised

AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

Let us learn how to offer praise and thanksgiving to the Lord our God. Let us say with all our heart,

*"I will extol You, my God, O King,
And I will bless Your name forever and ever." Psalm 145:1*

Prayerfully,

Pastor Charlie