

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 3 February 2019 ... Holy Communion Sunday!*

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## MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

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Text: Psalm 33

## “REJOICE IN THE LORD”

### REJOICING IN THE LORD

The call to rejoice in the LORD God is found again and again in the Book of Psalms. Psalm 33 is one of them.

*Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!  
For praise from the upright is beautiful.*

*Psalm 33:1*

# MEDITATION

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## REASONS FOR REJOICING IN THE LORD

The Psalmist listed a number of reasons why the righteous may rejoice in the Lord.

1. Because of the word of God Psalm 33:4a
  - a) By the word of the LORD the heavens are made Psalm 33:6
  - b) By His word the seas are made too Psalm 33:7
  - c) He spoke and it was done
  - d) He commanded and it stood fast Psalm 33:9
2. His work is done in truth Psalm 33:4b
3. The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD Psalm 33:5
4. The counsel of the LORD stands forever Psalm 33:11
5. The eye of the LORD
  - a) Is on those who fear Him Psalm 33:18a
  - b) On those who hope in His mercy Psalm 33:18b
  - c) To deliver them from death
  - d) And to keep them alive in famine

These are mighty reasons indeed for us to rejoice in the LORD.

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## APPROPRIATE RESPONSES

What would be appropriate responses to the Lord God?

1. Let us wait on the LORD Psalm 33:20a

a) He is our help

b) He is also our shield Psalm 33:20b

2. Let us rejoice in the Lord

a) Because we have trusted in His holy name Psalm 33:21

b) Because we may plead His mercy Psalm 33:22a

c) Because we may hope in Him Psalm 33:22b

Let us practise rejoicing in the Lord and praising Him always! †

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Write to me at: [charlestan@bethanyipc.sg](mailto:charlestan@bethanyipc.sg)

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We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome  
to Bethany IV*

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## LUNAR NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The Pastoral Team and Session wish all at Bethany a Happy Lunar New Year! May the joy of the Lord be a special blessing given! †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

Once again, we celebrate The Lord's Supper. Let us partake of it with much joy for this is a privilege given to all who know and love the Lord Jesus Christ! ✠

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## COMBINED MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY

*Next Sunday: 10 Feb. 2019  
Lunar New Year  
No Fellowship Lunch*

*24 Feb. 2019  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
Bethany IPC and BTS  
After the Fellowship Lunch. We commence the ACM at 1.00pm.*

1. Let us rejoice in the Lord's provision
  2. Let us bless His name for His great goodness shown to us for yet another year ✠
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## OPEN HOUSE

*1 Gerald Crescent (799735)  
9.00am- 5.00pm*

All at Bethany are welcome to have fellowship with each other.  
May friendships in the Lord be further strengthened! ✠

## LUNAR NEW YEAR SPECIAL

*16 February 2019*

*Time: 4.00pm*

1. This is a good opportunity to share our faith with others who do not know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour.
2. Let us seek to invite relatives and friends to attend this joyous occasion of celebrating the Lunar New Year

Please indicate if you are 65 and above! †

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## MID-WEEK MEETINGS

We will not be having the regular Prayer Meeting and Bible Study this week, because of the Lunar New Year holidays. †

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## MSITN BREAKFAST

*23 February 2019*

*Time: 8.30am*

Let us encourage the older brethren in their effort to read the Scriptures.

1. Let us look forward to getting to know the older brethren in our church
2. It is always a joy to have good fellowship with fellow-readers of the Scriptures
3. This is what we will be seeking to do at the MSITN breakfast program †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

*17-22 March 2019*  
*"Wells of Salvation"*

Plan to sign up for the Family Camp today!

1. It is heartening to see so many sign up for the Family Camp so swiftly
2. Let us look forward to a wonderful time of learning from the Book of Isaiah
3. No need to be daunted by this long prophetic book
  - a) It can be understood
  - b) It is so relevant
4. Here is a wonderful text from Isaiah to encourage the heart:

*The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying,  
"Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass,  
And as I have purposed, so it shall stand." Isaiah 14:24*

- a) God's word is awesome in its majesty and power
- b) His word:
  - i) His thought
  - ii) His purpose
- c) His word would come to pass

Let us look forward to discovering deep thoughts from the book of Isaiah. †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mr. Ho Saw Keng and family members on their recent bereavement. Mr. Ho Kek Lwee, father of Mr. Ho, was called home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on Wednesday, 30 January 2019. He was 90 years old. †

## WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

### Psalm 94:12-13

*Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD,  
And teach out of Your law,*

*That You may give him rest from the days of adversity,  
Until the pit is dug for the wicked.*

#### 1. Blessings from the LORD

- a) To the man He instructs
- b) The Lord will teach him out of His law

#### 2. The righteous and the wicked

- a) The righteous will find rest in adversity
- b) The wicked awaits the pit that is being dug for him †

# COMMUNION POEM

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## REJOICE IN THE LORD, O YOU RIGHTEOUS

There is every reason to rejoice in the Lord for the righteous;  
The list of reasons why we may rejoice in Him is endless!  
We often take His Word given too much for granted;  
His Word has power to give life and joy to all He created!

The eye of the Lord is lovingly cast on His own;  
He watches them tenderly from Heaven's throne.  
He will deliver their souls from dreaded death;  
He will lovingly sustain them with His breath.

Our souls must learn to wait on the Lord patiently;  
He will keep us safe from all evil most faithfully.  
He will grant us mercy and He will also give hope;  
With all these blessings, we can surely more than cope!

The Lord is our help and our shield at all times;  
This is a great truth that is gloriously sublime.  
May we find reasons always to rejoice in God!  
Praise from our lip will be beautiful to the Lord!

Inspiration: Psalm 33:1, 19-22

Charles Tan





## A Ποιημα Poem

The majestic mountains,  
The deep blue sea,  
God's works are evident  
In the world that we see.

But more than the nature  
Greater by far!  
God's work is in people:  
His ποιημα we are.

"For we are his workmanship,"  
In Ephesians we read;  
Created for good works,  
In Christ Jesus complete.

Everyday more and more,  
God does something special.  
Lives are changed wonderfully –  
This is cause for us to extol!

"All Your works shall praise you,"  
We echo the Psalmist!  
For God changes, God shapes –  
Our lives... His art piece.

Inspiration:  
Ephesians 2:10  
Psalm 145:10

(Note: Ποιημα (poiema) in Greek means "workmanship".)

Will Leong



# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 3 FEBRUARY 2019**

TEXT: PSALM 113: 3 THE LORD'S NAME IS TO BE PRAISED

*From the rising of the sun to its going down*

*The LORD's name is to be praised*

1. What a challenge!

a) To praise the LORD's name

b) From sunrise to sunset

2. Is it possible?

a) Yes! When we take time to meditate on all the Lord has done

b) When our hearts are filled with the Lord Himself

**NEXT SUNDAY: 10 FEBRUARY 2019**

TEXT: PSALM 145:1 I WILL EXTOL YOU, MY GOD, O KING

*I will extol You, my God, O King;*

*And I will bless Your name forever and ever. †*

THEME : GREAT IS THE LORD AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED

## THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

### ☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

**10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY**

"The LORD is near to all who call up-  
on Him" Psalm 145:17-18

#### Chairmen

Intern-Pastor  
Benjamin Chong  
Intern-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah

#### Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

#### Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

#### Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

#### Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

#### Chairman

Miss Germaine Kong

#### Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

#### Speaker

Mr Quek Li Yen

#### Usher

Miss Tessa Kang  
Miss Asia Tan

### — TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

**10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8**

"While I Live I Will Praise The LORD"  
Psalm 146

### ☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞

**10.30 AM**

"Light Or Darkness"  
Matthew 6:22-23

#### 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

Student-Pastor  
C. Simon Nagaraj  
Student-Pastor  
Karong Seichunga  
Kom (Steve)

#### Speaker

Student-Pastor  
Eugene Seow

#### Interpreter

Deacon Dr  
Tan Peng Hui

#### Pianist

Ms Tay Soo Leng

### ☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL

### WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

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

"The Greatness Of God As Creator"  
Psalm 104

Breakfast, Fellowship Lunch & Evening Tea:  
Andrew & Huei Li  
The Poeys

# Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School II			Main Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-7	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
BIBLE STUDY				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Home Bible Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	7.30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
CATECHISM CLASS				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor

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**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**3 February 2019**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang*  
*Organist : Mrs Sally Tan*

HWC No. 560

For The Beauty Of The Earth

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Intern-Pastor Benjamin Chong*  
*Intern-Pastor Benjamin Quah*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 59

To God Be The Glory

Century Praise 70

I Will Sing Of The Mercies

Century Praise 114

Crown Him With Many Crowns

**PRAYER**

Pastoral Prayer

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “The LORD is near to all who call upon Him”

Text : Psalm 145:17-18

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Hymn

HWC No. 466

Jesus Lover Of My Soul

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

HWC No. 443

Give Me Jesus

Partaking of the Cup

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 505

Love Lifted Me

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

## **EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

**3 February 2019**

### **Order of Worship**

#### **PREPARATION 预备**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou*

Century Praise No. 310

Count Your Blessings 数算主恩

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

*Student-Pastor C. Simon Nagaraj*

*Student-Pastor Karong Seichunga Kom (Steve)*

*Interpreter : Mr Allister Tham*

Invocation 祈祷

#### **PRAISE 赞美诗**

Hymns

Century Praise No. 91

Praise Him! Praise Him! 赞美耶稣

Century Praise No. 44

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God 颂赞父神伟大权力

Century Praise No. 59

To God Be The Glory 荣耀归于真神

#### **PRAYER 牧祷**

#### **“PREACH THE WORD” 证道**

Message: “The greatness of God as Creator”

Text: Psalm 104 诗篇 104

Speaker: *Student-Pastor Eugene Seow*

*Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui*

#### **THE LORD’S SUPPER 圣餐 Rev Dr Charles Tan**

Hymn

Century Praise No. 319 He Hideth My Soul (Stanzas 1 & 2)

祂藏我灵

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise No. 319 He Hideth My Soul (Stanzas 3 & 4)

祂藏我灵

Partaking of the Cup

## RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise No. 6      How Great Thou Art 你真伟大

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude





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## PASTORAL LETTER

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3 FEBRUARY 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

*Dear Brethren,*

### **HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!**

I am writing to wish all "A very happy new year!" Happiness is not to be taken lightly! It was King David who wrote:

*Your blessing is upon Your people                      Psalm 3:8  
You have put gladness in my heart,  
More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.  
Psalm 4:7*

### **WISHING ALL AT BETHANY**

Here's a special Lunar New year wish:

1. The Lord's blessings on His people
2. Gladness of heart
  - a) "More than..." This suggests "great gladness"
  - b) How wonderful to be blessed with great gladness from the Lord

### **FINDING THAT JOY**

How may we find that joy or gladness in practical terms? Five things may be observed as we read this Psalm of David.

*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. That joy is to be found in our trust in God
2. It is found also in the assurance that God will defend His people
3. All who love the Lord's name will surely find that joy
4. There is certainty that God will indeed bless the righteous
5. He will surround His righteous people as with a shield

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*