

BETHANY

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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 24 February 2019

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MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

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Text: Psalm 144

“BLESSED BE THE LORD MY ROCK”

BLESSING THE LORD'S NAME

This was King David's firm commitment. He was able to do this for the following reasons;

1. Personal experience with the Lord
 - a) God helped to train David as a warriorPsalm 144:1

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b) God helped David to experience the following things:

i) His lovingkindness Psalm 144:2

ii) His protection as his high tower Psalm 144:2

iii) His Refuge Psalm 144:2

2. Personal comprehension of life

a) The puny nature of man Psalm 144:3

b) Man is but a breath Psalm 143:4

DAVID'S COMMITMENT

David was deeply inspired to attempt the following:

1. To sing a new song to the LORD Psalm 144:9

a) To find inspiration to write new songs

b) To come up with the music for the new songs written

2. Growing appreciation of God as the Saviour

a) He grants salvation

b) He delivers from difficult circumstances of life Psalm 144:10

PRAYER FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

It is right and proper that we are committed to sharing our faith with the next generation.

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1. He offered a wonderful prayer for the next generation

a) That the young men would grow up as strong plants

Psalm 144:12

b) That the young women would grow up to be stately pillars

Psalm 144:12

2. That God would bless with material possessions

a) That the barns may be full

b) That the nation might be well-provided for

LET US LEARN HOW TO BLESS THE LORD'S NAME

There are many lessons that must be learned about praising the Lord and blessing His name. Let us pray for the Lord's grace and wisdom to be granted. May we be deeply committed to extol the Lord's name forever and ever! †

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 uplifted through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

NO CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

We will not be having Catechism Class today because of the ACM.†

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACM TODAY

The following would be our Agenda:

1. Ascertaining of a quorum
2. Devotions:
3. Minutes of ACM 2018
4. Approval and acceptance of Minutes
 - a) Proposer
 - b) Seconder
5. Treasurer's report
6. Acceptance of Report
 - a) Proposer
 - b) Seconder
7. Budget 2019
 - a) Presentation
 - b) Acceptance
 - i) Proposer
 - ii) Seconder

8. Pastoral Report 2018

- a) Bethany's Ministry
 - i) Current on-going ministries
 - ii) New Ministries (MSITN)
 - iii) Breakfast Programs
 - iv) Audio of MSITN
- b) Missions
 - i) India
 - ii) Myanmar
 - iii) Perth

9. Pastoral Vision 2019

- a) Ordination of IPs Benjamin Chong and Benjamin Quah in August 2019
- b) SS Retreat Program (8-9 March 2019)
- c) Pastoral Conference in Singapore (Ordination week, 19-25 August 2019)
- d) Writing and Publishing of Devotionals on the Minor Prophets

10. A.O.B. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMBINED WORSHIP

We will be having Combined Worship for the months of
March-April 2019.†

NEXT SUNDAY

We will be celebrating The Lord's Supper.
Let us prepare our hearts and minds that we might be deeply blessed!†

NEW SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES

(For March-April 2019)

Theme: "Behold! My Servant whom I Uphold" Isaiah 42:1†

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

17-22 MARCH 2019 | "WELLS OF SALVATION"

1. Plan to sign up as soon as you can
2. There might be a crunch for rooms if you sign up later

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the Church Family Camp! †

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 25 February 2019
Time: 7.00pm | Venue: The Upper Room

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 25 February 2019 | Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 26 February 2019 | Time: 8.00pm †

POEM #1

BLESSED BE THE LORD MY ROCK

Many are the lessons God would have us learn;
He is gracious and patient in teaching us how to discern.
He draws near to puny Man with lovingkindness;
He trains His servant till he develops great prowess!

The Lord will show much grace and mercy;
When we find ourselves ensnared unwisely.
He will never ever give up on His own
He watches over them from Heaven's throne.

The heart must draw much inspiration from the Lord;
To write new Psalms to sing to praise a glorious God!
He is always watching over His children both young and old;
He will imbue them with strength and make them bold.

It is right that we should pray for our children earnestly;
That our young men might learn to face life courageously.
And that our young women might grow up as strong pillars;
And be further blessed with deep and wonderful comeliness.

Inspiration: Psalm 144

Charles Tan

POEM #2

I Will Praise the Lord

Challenges at work can be punishing;
And people around us, unforgiving.
Conflicting demands on our finances we barely can cope;
But failing health is the ultimate dampener of hope.

Sometimes the world around us can feel so cold;
The pain we feel bores right through to the soul.
Yet I want to believe that though I may fall, I am never utterly cast down;
For my God is always there to lift me onto higher ground.

May the tribulations I weather produce perseverance;
And the testing of my faith develop patience.
May these qualities mold my character;
Into one defined by a hope for the future.

So let us focus on giving praise to God for as long as we live;
Let us prod on and continue to believe.
The more we learn and deepen our knowledge of God in fervor;
The easier it will be to extol the Lord forever and ever.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Psalm 146;
Psalm 37:24; James 1:2-3; Romans 5:3-4

POEM #3

Your Comforts Delight My Soul

A new year begins, with hectic schedules every day,
Anxieties overwhelm us- in school; work; every possible way
Often we tend to focus solely on the challenging and stressful circumstances,
Forgetting the power and the capabilities of God, who can help us

Our doubts and tough circumstances are the results of the powers and principalities of the evil world,
The spiritual war we face each and every day- between spirit and flesh; it is real
The evil one tries to make us doubt God's love and provision during the trying times;
To counter it, we must have our eyes fixed on Christ, to be comforted in times of strife

When we come before God to acknowledge our weaknesses and inability to stand by our own strength,
Through His mercy, we are beholden to His love and grace which loosens our soul when we get tense
When countless worries come, we must render these known to God in prayer;
His comforting presence, peace and renewed strength in us shall take away all our doubts
and cares

Challenges and anxieties from the world can afflict a believer and cause him to go astray,
But if we exercise our faith through prayer, God will help make these anxieties go away
“My child, for all those times when you were full of anxiety and fear,
It was I, who pulled you through; I've always been near.”

Inspiration: Psalm 94:18-19

Chloe Lim
Pines 2

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 24 FEBRUARY 2019

TEXT: PSALM 145:3 HIS GREATNESS IS UNSEARCHABLE

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.

1. The greatness of the LORD is unfathomable
 - a) This is most definite
 - b) There must be room in our heart and mind to discover more about God's greatness
2. Greatly to be praised
 - a) Natural flow of thought
 - b) The challenge is to put this into practice

NEXT SUNDAY: 3 MARCH 2019

TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 10:12

TO SERVE THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND SOUL

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 95:1-2

*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.*

*Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.*

THE SPIRIT OF WORSHIP

1. There should be focus:
 - a) The LORD
 - b) The Rock of our salvation
2. There should be a strong spirit:
 - a) Of great joy
 - b) Of thanksgiving †

THEME : GREAT IS THE LORD AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
"Praise is beautiful"
Psalm 147

Chairmen

Deacon
George Thomas
Deacon Jacob Chacko

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

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

"Wise Man Or Foolish Man"
Matthew 7:24-27

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

🌀 EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE 🌀

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Mark & Chen Kee
Fellowship Lunch : Albert & Helen Lee; Sim & Neo family

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
24 February 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 310

Count Your Blessings

Prelude

Call to Worship

Deacon George Thomas
Deacon Jacob Chacko

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

HWC No. 20

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Century Praise 327

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Century Praise 458

The Church's One Foundation

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Praise is beautiful”
Text : Psalm 147
Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 96

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

24 FEBRUARY 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

ACM TODAY

There is every reason to look forward to holding our ACM today. There is so much to thank God for as we review 2018.

1. Why we need to have an ACM

- a) This is required of all societies registered in Singapore
- b) This applies to Churches

2. We are unlike secular societies

- a) Where there could be disputes
- b) Where people can cause all kinds of disruptions
- c) We are a Church!
 - i) We acknowledge the Lord
 - ii) We see His work as sacred
 - iii) We hold ACMs for the purpose of extolling the Lord our God
- d) It is our honour and duty
 - i) To fulfil all righteousness
 - ii) To gather to rejoice
 - iii) To gather to better prepare our hearts to serve the Lord in the year ahead

3. Let us adopt the following:

- a) To have a thankful heart for the Lord's leading and blessing
- b) To have a prayerful spirit that is ready to carry on with the Lord's work
- c) To have an even stronger bond that will ensure that the work of the Lord may be further enhanced for the furtherance of the kingdom of God

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*