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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

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Text: Deuteronomy 10:12-13

LOVING AND SERVING THE LORD

A CLASSIC STATEMENT

Moses was the most outstanding servant of the Lord in the entire Old Testament period. It was he who made this famous statement as to how Israel should relate to the Lord.

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*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,*

*And to keep the commandments of the LORD
And His statutes which I command you today
For your good. Deuteronomy 10:12-13*

1. The LORD your God

- a) This phrase was repeated three times over
- b) This was for emphasis
- c) This was also for effect

2. Requirements stated

- a) To fear the LORD God
- b) To walk in all His ways
- c) To love Him
- d) To serve the LORD
 - i) With all the heart
 - ii) With all the soul
- e) To keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes

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3. For our own good

This had to be understood carefully.

CLOSELY RELATED

The five things Moses highlighted are very closely related! One aspect would affect the others! Thus, we must guard each aspect carefully.

1. Let us hide this word from Moses in our heart

2. Let us seek to apply its truth carefully

A NEW PULPIT THEME

For the months of March-April 2019, we will be looking at the theme of serving the LORD. The most wonderful Example of serving the LORD God is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Let us seek to learn well and be inspired to serve God the way He deserves to be served! †

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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

Thank God for the privilege of partaking of Holy Communion.

The Bread

*And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."
Matthew 26:26*

The Cup

*Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.
For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."
Matthew 26:27-28 †*

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4.07 †

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

17-22 MARCH 2019
"WELLS OF SALVATION"

Four precious subjects would be studied in the Bible Study Sessions.

1. God's Amazing offer of Cleansing (Monday)
2. God's Astonishing teaching about Centrality (Tuesday)
3. God's Astounding work of Creating Zion (Wednesday)
4. God's Additional offer of Comforting (Thursday)

Plan to sign up as soon as you can! Time is running out soon! †

EASTER 2019

We have a full Easter program again.

Maundy Thursday

18 April 2019
(Holy Communion)

Easter Concert

19 & 20 April 2019
Friday and Saturday

Easter Sunday

21 April 2019 at Shangri La

Plan to book your table as soon as possible! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 4 March 2019
Time: 7.00pm | Venue: The Upper Room

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 4 March 2019 | Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 5 March 2019 | Time: 8.00pm †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 95:3-5

*For the LORD is the great God,
And the great King above all gods.*

*In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
The heights of the hills are His also.*

*The sea is His, for He made it;
And His hands formed the dry land.*

1. The greatness of God extolled
 - a) He is the Great God
 - b) He is the Great King
2. The mighty feats of the LORD God
 - a) He owns the deep places of the earth
 - b) The heights of the hills are His as well
 - c) He made the seas
 - d) He also formed the dry land †

POEM #1

For Holy Communion

THE CALL TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD

The Call to serve the LORD is good and correct;
He is the LORD our God, and on Him we must reflect.
It is He who has blessed us with all that we possess;
He has also promised that He would continue to bless!

How should we respond to such a great and wonderful God?
Our hearts must well up with joyous love for the LORD.
To walk in all His ways would be the path of wisdom;
We will discover even more, how He is truly awesome.

To fear the Lord should be the most natural response of the soul;
He is the Creator God, the Redeemer who makes us whole!
To keep His commandments and statutes would result in blessing;
May we serve the Lord with deep love and our whole being!

The heart is moved that the LORD would have us Him serve at all;
Despite our weaknesses, the LORD has extended to us His Call.
Let us learn how we may serve Him with honour and dignity;
May we always serve the LORD with all our heart's integrity!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 10:12-13

POEM #2

Let Us Praise the Lord

So often our prayers are mere “To do” lists for the Lord;
It seems as if this is all we care about and can afford.
We are so preoccupied with our own health, our work, our children;
We relegate praise to an afterthought or secondary concern.

Yet God’s works and His greatness we have all seen;
Surely, we must realize how exiguous our praise to God has been.
I am sure the Lord is gracious to forgive our shortcomings and folly;
But may we learn and endeavour to give praise more appropriately.

God’s grace and favour we will continually discover;
If on His love and mercies we only dwelled a little longer.
And if we tried and developed our perceptions about God a little further;
What delightful deliberations they would prove for us to savour.

Praise ought to be good, pleasant and beautiful;
It should flow ever so freely from me and from you.
Let us seek to feel and give real meaning to our praise;
And may God be pleased with every song of praise we raise.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Psalm 147:1

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.

1. God's requirements are stated plainly
 - a) To fear the LORD
 - b) To walk in all His ways
 - c) To love Him
 - d) To serve Him with the whole heart and soul
2. This applies to:
 - a) Israel
 - b) The Church
 - c) The individual believer

NEXT SUNDAY: 10 MARCH 2019

Text: 1 Chronicles 28:9

Serve Him with a loyal heart

*As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father,
and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind;
for the LORD searches all hearts
and understands all the intent of the thoughts. †*

THEME : BEHOLD, MY SERVANT

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
"Behold! My Servant whom
I Uphold" Isaiah 42:1-4

Chairman
Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist
Mr Gabriel Ou

Organist
Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter
Dr Jane Tan

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
10.30 AM
"Jesus is Merciful"
Matthew 8:1-4

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

Speaker
Mrs Joanne Tan

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Miss Camille George

**EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast & Fellowship Lunch :
Albert, Bobby & Michele

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
3 March 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 390

May The Mind Of Christ, My Saviour

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Songs Of Fellowship 120 The Servant King

Century Praise 289

And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

Century Praise 91

Praise Him! Praise Him!

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Behold! My Servant whom I Uphold”

Text : Isaiah 42:1-4

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

Century Praise 327

Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 349

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 419

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

3 MARCH 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

A NEW SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES

We begin a new series of Pulpit Messages today. This series will lead us to meditate on the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour. It would lead us and help us appreciate the significance of Easter.

BEHOLD! MY SERVANT

The LORD God had always wanted Israel to exemplify what it means to be His servant. But Israel has never lived up to any kind of expectations. Instead, Israel went the opposite way and turned to idolatry instead!

Was it really that difficult for Israel to be a true and faithful servant of God? The answer lay in the Messiah! He would exemplify to Israel and to all believers that it is possible to relate to God as His faithful servant.

THE GLORIOUS EXAMPLE OF JESUS AS A SERVANT OF GOD

What would it take to be a faithful and true servant of God? Both the Old and New Testaments were written to bear witness as to the kind of Servant the Messiah was expected to become!

1. Old Testament

- a) The prophet Isaiah was singled out to highlight the following things about the Messiah-Servant!
- b) They were difficult expectations of the Messiah-Servant

2. New Testament

- a) The Gospels record how Jesus fulfilled all that was expected of Him
- b) The life of Jesus was nothing short of being inspiring!

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MAJOR EVENTS AHEAD

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the major events ahead:

1. Family Camp (17-22 March 2019)

Theme: "Wells of Salvation"

2. Special Baptismal service

17 March 2019

3. Easter 2019

Easter Concert

Prayerfully,