

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 17 March 2019 ... Family Camp starts today!

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MEDITATION

☞ REV DR CHARLES TAN ☞

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Text: 1 Chronicles 28:8-9

“SERVE HIM WITH A LOYAL HEART”

SOUND ADVICE

Sound and solid advice was given to young Solomon by his father, King David.

*As for you, my son, Solomon,
Know the God of your father,
And serve Him with a loyal heart*

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*And with a willing mind;
For the LORD searches all hearts
And understands all the intent of the thoughts.
If you seek Him, He will be found by you;
But if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.
1 Chronicles 28:9*

1. Know the God of your father
 - a) Knowledge of God is the beginning of meaningful service
 - b) This search for the knowledge of God must be genuine
2. Serve Him
 - a) With a loyal heart
 - b) And with a willing mind
 - c) The heart and mind must be involved
 - i) They are closely connected
 - ii) One will affect the other
3. Seeking God
 - a) The heart and mind must be sincere
 - b) The sincerity will be tested and proven
 - c) God will be found by the earnest seeker
4. Forsaking God
 - a) This was sombre possibility
 - b) If one were to reject God, then the Lord reserves the right to reciprocate

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c) He can forsake and reject too

5. The LORD

a) He searches the heart

b) He also understands the deep intent of the thoughts

i) The intent may be concealed from human beings

ii) But God would know the deepest intent of the individual

THE CHALLENGE TO SERVE GOD FAITHFULLY

This is the challenge we must take to our heart seriously. God deserves service given from the heart and mind! †

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 blessed through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

SPECIAL INFANT-BAPTISMAL SERVICE TODAY

1. Baby S. Sam Benjamin

Parents: Pastor Titus Balaji and Mrs. Sujitha Balaji

2. He will be baptised today

His grandparents (both paternal and maternal) and his maternal uncle are here to witness his baptism. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL WORD OF WELCOME

A special word of welcome to all our overseas brethren who are here to attend the Family Camp (17-22 March 2019).

1. From Perth

Pastor Chris leads a group from Bethel, Perth, Western Australia.

2. From India

a) Pastors and their spouses

b) Family members who are here to witness the baptism of the son of Pastor Titus and Sujitha

i) Pastor Titus' family

S. V. Isaac Srinivasan (father)

S. Susan Chandra (mother)

S. Silas Yuvaraj (brother)

ii) Sujitha's family

A. Vijayakumar (father)

A. Saaraal (mother)

V. Franklin Selvakumar (brother)

3. From Myanmar

a) Pastors of the Bethany Family in Myanmar

b) Teachers at BTS in Yangon †

FAMILY CAMP COMMENCES "WELLS OF SALVATION"

Our Annual Family Camp commences today.

THINGS TO PRAY FOR:

1. Journey mercies

To Le Grandeur and back to Singapore

- a) A quick lunch
- b) Travel to Le Grandeur

2. Bible Study Sessions in the Morning

- a) To be well-taught
- b) To be well-received

3. Evening Sessions

- a) God would speak to many hearts
- b) Many would be refreshed and encouraged

4. Afternoon programs

- a) Refreshing time for the family
- b) Enlightening time during the Q and A sessions

5. Camp spirit

- a) To be strong and vibrant
- b) To be further strengthened

6. Newcomers

- a) Quick and happy adjustments
- b) Blessed with deeper understanding of the Lord's word

Let us take nothing for granted! Let us seek the Lord's blessings diligently.†

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS

There will not be Catechism Class today.†

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES IN RECESS

The Pre-Marital Counselling, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study programmes will be in recess:

18 and 19 March 2019 (Family Camp)

25 and 26 March 2019 (Post-Camp week) †

EASTER 2019

Program for Easter:

Maundy Thursday, 18 April 2019

Communion Service: 8.00pm

Easter Concert:

Friday and Saturday, 19 and 20 April 2019

Time: 8.00pm

Easter Sunday, 21 April 2019

Venue: Shangri La

Easter Lunch at Shangri La.

Plan to book your table today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING EASTER MEANINGFULLY

1. Isaiah's understanding concerning the resurrection of the dead

Your dead shall live;

Together with my dead body they shall arise.

Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust;

For your dew is like the dew of herbs,

And the earth shall cast out the dead.

Isaiah 26:19

2. His understanding also reflected his faith in God

a) There was a clear sense of hope

b) The dead would arise at Resurrection Day

3. Ramifications

a) There was a wonderful sense of joy arising from hope

b) There was a new outlook of faith concerning the present

i) There was no need to feel dismay

ii) There was no need to "dwell in the dust"

iii) Life can be like dew on the herbs, fresh and sparkling with life

4. Let us celebrate Easter

a) With faith and hope

b) With joy and vibrance †

POEM #1

SERVING WITH A LOYAL HEART AND MIND

Serving the Lord is a wonderful privilege given;
Imagine being called to serve the God of Heaven!
The heart and mind must be thrilled and humbled;
At no time in serving God must we ever grumble!

The God whom we serve deserves our very best;
He has been good and gracious in His kindness.
He has blessed with all the good things of life;
We must honour Him by serving without strife.

What then would God be looking for in a person?
A loyal heart and mind must be found in a servant.
The Lord will know what we actually feel or think;
We must remember that we serve a glorious King!

The good servant of the Lord will always seek His face;
He desires to keep growing his knowledge of God's grace.
And when he has proven himself to be good and true;
The Lord will bless to the utmost through and through.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: 1 Chronicles 28:9

POEM #2

Sunday School Teachers' Retreat - Reflections on Ezekiel 1-3

The prophets of old could realize visions which reflect the likeness of the glory of God;
This, the present day you and I admittedly cannot.
But we too can catch a glimpse of the likeness of that glory;
Through God's works reminiscent of His goodness and mercy.

What a privilege it is to be chosen as servants of the Lord;
Considering we are mere sons of man before the Mighty God.
But He has to remind us of that rebellious streak we possess within;
Lest we become hard-hearted, like the very audience we seek to reel in.

In the face of impudence the wisdom of man will prove ineffectual;
Unless it is the Holy Spirit who teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
It is the Spirit of God who will enter us to enlighten and empower;
Our job is to focus on the Word of God to devour.

As pastors, counselors and Sunday School Teachers;
We have been given the responsibility to be the watchmen over our charges.
May the good Lord grant wisdom to address our own deficiencies!
May we meditate and delight in God's Word unceasingly!

Inspiration: Ezekiel 1-3
Dr. Sng Li Wah

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 96:1-2

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

1. A call to sing to the LORD
 - a) This was repeated three times over in two short verses
 - b) The name "LORD" was specially used to glorify Him as their covenant-God
2. Contents of the Song to be sung to the LORD
 - a) The good news of His salvation
 - b) The blessing of the glorious name of the LORD †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 17 MARCH 2019

TEXT: PSALM 100:2 SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

1. Serving the Lord
 - a) Always with gladness
 - b) With a song in the heart
2. The presence of the Lord
 - a) This should inspire praise
 - b) In His presence is true gladness

NEXT SUNDAY: 24 MARCH 2019

TEXT: ISAIAH 42:1 BEHOLD! MY SERVANT WHOM I UPHOLD

Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights!
I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. †

THEME : BEHOLD, MY SERVANT

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently" Isaiah 52:13-15

Chairman

Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mrs Amelia Toi

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter

Miss Tan Hwee Cheng

TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
10.30 AM

"A Saviour's Heart"
Matthew 8:14-17

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Miss Camille George

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

**EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Lin Wenyan
Fellowship Lunch : Chung & Chiew Yen; Jason & Joanne Tan

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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BAPTISMAL WORSHIP SERVICE
17 March 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 280

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 296

Redeemed

Century Praise 340

O To Be Like Thee

Century Praise 387

All The Way My Saviour Leads Me

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently”

Text : Isaiah 52:13-15

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 288

Jesus Paid It All

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

17 MARCH 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

A SPECIAL BAPTISMAL SERVICE TODAY

Today we hold a special Baptismal service. Pastor Titus Balaji has requested for his son, S. Sam Benjamin to be baptized in Bethany.

1. In attendance today
 - a) The parents of Pastor Titus
 - b) The parents of Mrs. Sujitha Balaji
 - c) The maternal uncle of Baby Sam Benjamin
2. Reasons for this request for Paedo-baptism
 - a) As an expression of faith
 - b) As an expression of commitment as parents
 - c) As a special sense of connection
 - i) With the Lord
 - ii) With the spiritual family of IPC

REJOICING IN THE LORD

We have every reason to rejoice in the Lord. Baptism is certainly an extra reason for rejoicing.

1. Rejoicing that we will be commencing our Family Camp today
2. Rejoicing that so many will be at the Family Camp
3. Rejoicing at the prospect of learning deep spiritual lessons at the Camp
4. Rejoicing over the Lord's wonderful provision year after year for us so that we may have good spiritual times of refreshing

LET US CONTINUE TO BUILD OUR IPC FAMILY

The Lord has given to us a wonderful spiritual family in the IPC circle. Let us not take this for granted. Let us determine to pray for the Lord's grace and blessings upon the IPC Family. Let us seek to walk worthy of the Lord's calling.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*