

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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Text: Isaiah 2

“HE WILL TEACH US HIS WAYS”

THE CONCEPT OF ZION

The concept of Zion was well-explored and articulated in the Book of Isaiah. Many references were made about Zion.

1. The origin

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- a) God is the Originator
- b) He alone can bring this to pass

2. Zion may be understood in a number of ways:

- a) Prophetically
 - i) There is a future reference
 - ii) It will involve Israel
 - iii) It will also involve many nations
 - iv) It will take place in the Millennial Kingdom that the Lord Jesus would set up when He returns
- b) Ideally
 - i) It is an ideal concept
 - ii) The present ought to be shaped by what God has revealed about the future
 - iii) It provides tremendous challenge to the heart to attempt to live even more significantly

WONDERFUL FEATURES THAT ARE ALWAYS RELEVANT

Let us ponder the following features:

1. God will teach us His ways` Isaiah 2:3

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2. The word of the Lord will be taught Isaiah 2:3
3. His word will always accomplish what God has sent it to accomplish
Isaiah 55
4. It will never return to Him void Isaiah 55

OUR RESPONSE

Let us consider how we should respond to the word of God that the Lord Himself will teach us:

1. Let us go to the house of the Lord Isaiah 2:2
2. Let us walk in the light of the Lord given to us through His word
Isaiah 2:5
3. Let us cast away whatever idols of the heart that we may have
Isaiah 2:20
4. Let us stand in awe of the terror of the LORD and the glory of His
majesty Isaiah 2:10, 17, 19, 21

May the Lord be exalted in our Church and in our hearts! Let us take time to dwell on the Lord's blessings that He has bestowed on us! †

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 and encouraged through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A FOND FAREWELL

Our overseas brethren have all returned home safely:

1. Indian pastors/ spouses
 2. Burmese pastors/ teachers
 3. Our brethren from Perth, led by Pastor Christopher Lai †
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CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Auditorium 4.07

Let us prepare for our Easter Baptismal Service on 14 April 2019!
(Palm Sunday). †

PRAYER MEETING/ BIBLE STUDY/ PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

We will not be having these weekday meetings this week.
(Post Family Camp) †

REFLECTIONS ON THE CHURCH FAMILY CAMP 2019

1. Thanksgiving
 - a) For the Church Session in planning and leading the Church Family Camp

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- b) For all who have sponsored the Camp
- c) For all who have worked so hard to ensure a smooth running of the Camp
- d) For our doctors who looked after the Campers
- e) For journey mercies
- f) For all who came to Camp (Overseas and local)

2. Lessons

- a) Let these lessons be reviewed
- b) Let the Lord enable us to apply the lessons learned
- c) Let us pray that the lessons comprehended would result in our lives being further transformed ✠

CELEBRATING 40+6 ANNIVERSARY

This year we celebrate our Church Anniversary joyously. Special Features:

1. The ordination of IP Ben Chong and IP Ben Quah
2. We will also be celebrating God's work in our overseas churches (India, Perth, Myanmar)
3. We will be focusing on all who are senior citizens in our midst.
 - a Photographs of you and your favourite place in Bethany
 - b) These photos would be nicely framed and given to you as we celebrate Bethany's 40+6 Anniversary ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER PROGRAMME 2019

1. Palm Sunday

14 April 2019
(Baptismal Service)

2. Maundy Thursday

(Communion)
18 April 2019

3. Easter Concert

19 and 20 April 2019
Time: 8.00pm

4. Easter Sunday at Shangri La

21 April 2019

Plan to book your table as soon as possible!

Let us celebrate Easter with much appreciation for what Easter represents!

Let us ponder the following prophetic words from Isaiah:

*He will swallow up death forever,
And the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces... Isaiah 25:8*

*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

1. Who can swallow up death forever?
Only the LORD God!

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2. Who can bring true comfort to sad hearts?

Only the LORD God!

3. Who was the One who effected these things?

Only the Lord Jesus Christ

- a) By His death on the cross for us
- b) By His resurrection from the dead

4. Our response

- a) Let us awake and sing
- b) There is no need to dwell in the dust
- c) Let us celebrate the Lord's victory over death †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 96:3-4

*Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.*

*For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.*

- 1. Declare His glory
 - a) Let us do this in worship
 - b) Let us do this in fellowship
 - c) Let us do this when we bear witness
- 2. The LORD is great and greatly to be praised
 - a) Let us practise praising the LORD always
 - b) Let us stand in awe of Him
 - c) Let the name of the Lord be loved dearly †

THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD'S HOUSE

The power of sin is truly devastating;
The effects of sin are deeply damaging.
Life becomes miserable and we are in despair;
The future is without hope and nobody cares!

The answer lies in the word of the LORD;
The One who can revive us is our great God.
He will give us His word and personally teach;
His desire is for our souls to be deeply reached.

He will give us much-desired enlightenment;
He will provide the necessary atonement.
He can make us clean and whole again;
And within our hearts will be a glad refrain.

How gracious and merciful the Lord truly is;
Knowing His word will bring true bliss.
The word of the Lord is to be greatly treasured;
It reflects God's love that cannot be measured.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Isaiah 2 †

A Cluster of Trees

A community of faith is like a growing cluster of trees,
Planted close to each other, living in love and peace.
Though different we may be, we seek to complement each other's strength;
We make up for each other's weaknesses no matter our age and 'rank'.

Trees in a cluster grow to support one another all the day long,
They stand steadfast together, despite challenges that come along!
Such is the support that we can have as we look at our church family,
We stand by each other at all times; we share ups and downs ever so willingly.

Strength in numbers is what defines a good cluster of trees,
Against the winds and storms of life, united in faith we all can be!
Even though we may be different and special in our own little ways,
We have a common faith in God, and we seek to glorify Him at the end of the day.

I am thankful for the spiritual family that I have found here in Bethany,
'Trees' that I can grow alongside with, serving and loving the Lord faithfully.
I pray that I can continue to do my part contributing through various means,
And to be a part of this growing cluster of trees, for God's glory we have seen!

Tang Hong Wee †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.

1. Focus
 - a) The Messiah is called God's "Servant"
 - b) He is also called God's "Elect One"
 - c) God delights in Him
 - d) The Spirit of God will rest upon Him
2. Fulfilment
 - a) The Servant of the LORD was sent with very definite goals
 - i) He will bring salvation to Israel
 - ii) He will also open the doors of salvation to Gentiles
 - b) He has fulfilled God's plans
 - i) By full obedience in His life
 - ii) By becoming the Saviour of the world
 - iii) He is our Perfect Example of what it means to be a servant of God

NEXT SUNDAY: 31 MARCH 2019

TEXT: MATTHEW 4:10 AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE

For it is written, "You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve." †

THEME : BEHOLD, MY SERVANT

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"By His knowledge My righteous
Servant shall justify many"
Isaiah 53:10-11

Chairman
Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist
Dr Daniel Chia

Organist
Mrs Elsie Poey

Interpreter
Mr Alex Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10.30 AM

"Jesus Lived Humbly"
Matthew 8:18-22

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast : Gabrielle Wan
Fellowship Lunch : JJ & Cassandra;
Mr & Mrs Yeo Boon Kiang; James Pang & Joleen Heng

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 March 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

HWC No. 555

We're Marching To Zion

Prelude

Call to Worship

Intern-Pastor Benjamin Chong

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 27

O Worship The King

Song No. 2

Behold, My Servant

HWC No. 280

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “By His knowledge My righteous Servant
shall justify many”

Text : Isaiah 53:10-12

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 218

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

24 MARCH 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

THANK GOD FOR ANOTHER WONDERFUL CAMP

Thank God for another wonderful time of blessings at the Family Camp 2019. Let us never take His blessings for granted.

REFLECTIONS OF THE FAMILY CAMP

There are so many things that we must take time to reflect upon. Let us take time to ponder the lessons that God wants us to learn!

1. The Supply of Water

The Lord will give water via the rain. That would nourish the seed sown and when the harvest is ready it would feed many.

This is a wonderful description of how the word of the Lord would work in our hearts. It would regenerate us and transform our lives wonderfully (Isaiah 55).

2. The Wells of Salvation

We are however responsible for the digging of wells. The wells we dig will do the following things:

- a) It will refresh us
- b) It will be a blessing to the community
- c) It will enable us to rejoice in the Lord all the time

3. Rivers, streams, fountains

This is a work that God alone can do (Isaiah 35, 41, 43).

- a) This work is truly a new work that God would do
- b) It is a work that is nothing short of a miracle
- c) So that we may be truly impacted:
 - i) We will see
 - ii) We will know
 - iii) We will consider
 - iv) We will understand

Let us renew our faith in the Lord. Let us look forward to a renewed faith and life.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*