

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 14 April 2019 ... Palm Sunday!

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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

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Text: Micah 3

“FULL OF POWER BY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD”

SERVANTS OF GOD SO-CALLED

There were many who called themselves servants of God in days of old. The Book of Micah listed the following:

1. Heads of Jacob Micah 3:1a

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| 2. Rulers of the house of Israel | Micah 3:1b |
| 3. Prophets who chanted peace but who led people astray | Micah 3:5 |
| 4. There were seers who were unable to see things clearly | Micah 3:7 |
| 5. Diviners were unable to obtain answers from God | Micah 3:7 |

All of these “servants of God” effectively failed in their life and ministry.

PROOF OF EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

Micah, a true prophet and servant of God was able to offer proof of ministry.

*But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD,
And of justice and might,
To declare to Jacob his transgression
And to Israel his sin.* Micah 3:8

1. Full of the power of the LORD
 - a) The power of the LORD will be evidenced in the life of the servant of God
 - b) What is that power?
Three things may be highlighted:
 - i) Strength
 - ii) Insight
 - iii) Ability to minister effectively
 - c) This is power that God alone can give
2. To declare to Jacob and Israel
 - a) There is moral courage to address sins
 - b) There is no fear of what enemies might do to him
3. The wisdom to teach relevant truths
 - a) Justice
 - b) Might

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OUR CHALLENGE

Our challenge is to find the strength to continue to serve the Lord indefatigably. There is much to attempt and to achieve for the Lord. May we never tire in serving the Lord! †

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*

EASTER WEEK

Maundy Thursday, 18 April 2019

Time: 8.00pm

Holy Communion Service

Easter Concert

19 and 20 April 2019

Time: 8.00pm

Easter Sunday

21 April 2019

Shangri La

Time: 10.30am †

EASTER AT SHANGRI LA

This is the last Sunday to book your table as we celebrate Easter Sunday at Shangri La. Let us look forward to worshipping the Lord with great joy! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE~MARITAL COUNSELING, PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK

We will not be having the usual weekdays meetings
because of the Easter week. †

BAPTISMAL SERVICE TODAY

1. Paedo baptism

- a) Ethan Kam Wei En (son of Rachael and Andrew Kam)
- b) Josh Lee Ting Wei (son of Roxanne and Terence Lee)

2. Adults

- a) Ang Wei Han
- b) Aron Ho Si Jie
- c) Cai Yinzhou
- d) Chia Ah Lian
- e) Chung Yew Lian
- f) Jodeline Chua Wen Lin
- g) Quek Lee Ngoh (Jessie)
- h) Tan Seok Hoon Karen
- i) Teo Poh Choo
- j) Tjioe Hongfei Jaryll
- k) Wee Shi Ning Alyssa †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS At Shangri La

1. By re-affirmation

- a) Joshua Ang Choong Lyon
- b) Olivia Lai Si En
- c) Stephen Ng Wenyang

2. By transference

- a) Goh Cheng Hoon
- b) Koh Peck Lian (Hazel)
- c) Kwang Toh Chuen, Wilson
- d) Kwek Chek Reom
- e) Liang Wei Hao Kevin
- f) Lim Seng Tian
- g) Milaflor Tamayo
- h) Mitchell Yeo Jianhao †

JUNIOR CAMP

3-6 June 2019

Theme: “Keep your heart with all diligence” †

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

To Victor Hong and family.
On the home-calling of his sister, Linda Hong Nam Pheng
on 8 April 2019. She was 63 years old.†

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor Charles,

I write to express my heartfelt thanks to Bethany for showing God's love to me and my sister's family during our recent bereavement.

My sister, Linda, was called into eternal rest on Monday. She was diagnosed, about 12 years ago, with Multiple Myeloma - cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow. Doctor gave her 8 years to live.

God has been gracious. God not only answered her prayers to see both her son and daughter get married, God also allowed her to see a grandson (now 6 yrs old) and a granddaughter (3 years old)! She went through stem cells transplants and many chemotherapies (both standard and experimental) as she had multiple relapses.

Few months ago a relapse turned aggressive. She was in and out of hospitals for blood transfusions, issues with breathlessness, drug induced heart attack and various infections. God heard our prayers - He mercifully called her home, freed her from further sufferings. She was lucid except for the last few hours. She was surrounded by all her loved ones and breathe her last peacefully.

We are comforted that as fellow believers in Christ we will reunite with her again in due time when God calls us Home or when our precious Saviour comes again for us.
My sister worshipped in another Church with her family.

Though Linda had been to Bethany only a few times, many in Bethany came to her wake, offered practical help, gave generously, showed the family God's love, spent precious time with the family and shared our moments of sorrows.

Many also expressed God's love and care through personal calls, text/WhatsApp messages including many who were on holidays.

My heartfelt thanks to you Pastor Charles, Pastor Mitchell, Pastor Mark, Intern-Pastors, Student-Pastors, Deacons (Jacob, George, Terence, Victor, Jolly, Peng Hui etc), Deaconesses (Emily, Lay Eng, Eileen) and innumerable amount of people who visited and offered their words of comfort and encouragements.

Special thanks to:-

- ♦ Bethany Pastors and Session members for the wreath sent - 1st wreath that arrived was from Bethany!
- ♦ Deaconess Eileen for precious time spent with the family and wise counsel offered to my niece especially, expressed support and love by ordering lunch for the bereaved family on funeral day.
- ♦ Deaconess Emily for assuring us of any help to just ask.

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

- ♦ Charissa and Stephen for waiting late into the night to fetch us home when they themselves needed rest for work the next day.
- ♦ Charles and Stephen who readily helped to buy refreshment when they ran out!

Many others (too long to list them here) in their busy schedule visited, offered words of encouragement and comfort. Many of you were tired yet you came to show God's love and care. I am deeply touched by God's love through so many of you.

My family and I are proud to belong to this community of fellow believers in Bethany where God's people are actively living out our motto - God's kind of Church where God is touching lives and where people care for people.

Victor Hong and family

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 96:11-13

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.
Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.

For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth.
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And all the peoples with His truth.

1. The coming of the LORD
 - a) To judge the world
 - b) To judge with righteousness and truth
2. Anticipation of the LORD's coming
 - a) There should be rejoicing
 - b) There should be gladness
 - c) The presence of the Lord should cause a natural sense of joy to well up †

FULL OF THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

There are many who see themselves as servants of God;
But their ministry lack clear empowering from the LORD.

They fail in both life and ministry so obviously;
There is barren activity and many are not fed duly.

The proof of ministry is seen by the power of God given;
Year after year, the servant of God is sustained by Heaven.
The Spirit of the LORD will rest upon him for effective ministry;
There will be fruit that would redound to the LORD's glory.

The power of the LORD is seen in the Word of God preached;
There is divine enlightenment and many hearts are reached.
There is courage when sins need to be addressed properly;
There is no fear of Man and the truth is proclaimed valiantly.

The power of God is given in its fullness to the faithful servant;
He will be empowered by the LORD though some may spurn.
His focus is on being faithful and true to his divine calling;
The Spirit of the LORD will truly and fully rest upon him.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Micah 3:8 †

A Servant of God

*The servant of God begins with the best of intents;
He resolves to serve the Lord one hundred percent.
Yet the spirit may be willing but the flesh is weak;
Complacency sets in, the servant tires and excuses for himself he seeks.*

*Our ears may hear about the peoples' needs;
Our senses get overwhelmed as there are so many calls to heed.
Until understanding, empathy and compassion we possess;
Only then can sincere service be offered and problems be addressed.*

*Our eyes may see others' sufferings but do we really perceive?
How much are we willing to give of ourselves so others may receive?
No use paying lip-service and pretending to empathize vicariously;
It is unselfish sacrifice the Lord demands from His servants eventually.*

*We need to consistently go back to God's Word;
To study the Lord Jesus' example of how to be a good steward.
Let us learn to listen with empathy and perceive with love;
And strive to perfect service to God which He rightly deserves.*

*Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Isaiah 42:18-25 †*

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 14 APRIL 2019

TEXT: ISAIAH 43:10 MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN

*You are My witnesses, says the LORD,
And My servant whom I have chosen,
That you may know and believe Me,
And understand that I am He.
Before Me there was no god formed,
Nor shall there be after Me.*

1. Being Witnesses
 - a) This was a calling given to Israel
 - b) This was also given to the New Testament church
2. Bearing witness
 - a) Of faith in God
 - b) Sharing our faith in the LORD our God faithfully

NEXT SUNDAY: 21 APRIL 2019

TEXT: ISAIAH 44:21 YOU WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN

*Remember these, O Jacob,
And Israel, for you are My servant;
I have formed you, you are My servant;
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me! †*

THEME : BEHOLD, MY SERVANT

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

✠ COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE ✠

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"My servant whom I have chosen"

Isaiah 43:8-12

Chairmen

Rev Mitchell Tan

Student-Pastor

Karong Seichunga

Kom (Steve)

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Kathy Lai

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

✠ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ✠

10.30 AM

"A King who is humble and lowly"

John 12:1-17; Luke 19:28-40

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor

Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor

Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Intern-Pastor

Benjamin Quah

Speaker

Student-Pastor

Jonathan Jacob

✠ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ✠

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast : Sui Hui
Fellowship Lunch : Darren Ang; Edmund & Alice

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
14 April 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Kathy Lai

HWC No. 173

All Glory, Laud And Honour

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev Mitchell Tan
Student-Pastor Karong Seichunga Kom
(Steve)

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 218

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Century Praise 2

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Century Praise 341

Knowing You

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “My servant whom I have chosen”

Text : Isaiah 43:8-12

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 310

So Send I You

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

14 APRIL 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

EASTER IS MEANT TO BE UPLIFTING

Easter is meant to be an uplifting time in more ways than one. One of the key doctrines that must stand out is the truth of the Resurrection.

1. A doctrine proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah

*Your dead shall live;
Together with my dead body they shall arise.
Awake and sing, you who dwell in the dust;
For your dew is like the dew of herbs,
And the earth shall cast out the dead. Isaiah 26:19*

a) Your dead shall live

b) My dead body... shall arise

2. Appropriate response

a) Awake

b) And sing

c) There is no need to be in despair

d) There is no need to dwell in the dust

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Let us recall what Jesus taught Martha, one of His disciples. This was a profound truth that the early disciples found difficult to comprehend.

*I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in Me, though he may die,
He shall live. John 11:25*

1. Let us renew our faith in the Lord

2. Let us attempt to live in the hope of the resurrection

3. Let us not be overwhelmed by the difficult and sad circumstances of life

May the power of the Lord rest upon us so that we may bear witness of our faith in a glorious Risen Saviour!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*