

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 21 April 2019 ... Happy Easter!

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MEDITATION

☪ REV DR CHARLES TAN ☪

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Text: Isaiah 26:19; John 20

“YOUR DEAD SHALL LIVE”

A WONDERFUL RESURRECTION HOPE

We celebrate Easter Sunday with the grandest and the most certain of hope! Belief in the Resurrection was proclaimed by Isaiah the prophet!

MEDITATION

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*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. Your dead shall live
 - a) This was a significant declaration of faith
 - b) There was an implicit understanding of life after death
 - c) This was one of the rare declarations of faith in God concerning those who die
2. Together with my dead body they shall arise
 - a) This was one of the clearest statements of faith concerning the resurrection
 - b) Isaiah was not afraid of death
 - c) With all confidence, he declared that he would arise from the dead
3. Awake and sing, you who dwell in the dust
 - a) Dwelling in the dust
 - i) This is an expression describing people who feel down and out
 - ii) They dwell in the dust because it seems as if there was nothing to live for

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- b) The call is to awake in faith
- c) The challenge is to sing for joy in this hope of the resurrection

4. The earth shall cast out the dead

- a) When the Lord calls, the dead will arise
- b) This is the faith that summarizes what we believe in when we celebrate Easter

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

It was Jesus who firmly and clearly declared,

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

Let us celebrate Easter with this re-affirmation of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ! †

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We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ, the Risen Saviour with us! May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

HAPPY EASTER

The Pastors and Session send greetings to all in Bethany.
"Happy Easter! The Lord is Risen!" †

EASTER GIFTS

1. MSITN

Volume 2 is printed and ready for collection.
In English and Mandarin.

2. RBTS Amos

This has also been printed and will be given out today. †

EASTER CONCERT 2019

Thank God for all who were involved in the production of the Easter Concert. So many were involved. Thank God for each one who has played his part faithfully, contributing to the success of the Concert. Thank God for His grace and mercy to produce and present another meaningful Concert.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

At Shangri La today on Easter Sunday!

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 †

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BETHEL FAMILY CAMP

The Pastoral Team (Intern-pastors and Student-Pastors, and Camille) will be ministering at the Bethel Family Camp (22-26 April 2019) with Pastor Charles Tan. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings for our brethren in Bethel. †

RESUMPTION OF MULTIPLE SERVICES

We resume multiple services in May 2019. Evening-Bilingual Service commences at 4.00pm. It is held at Auditorium 4.07/08. †

NO PRAYER MEETING/ BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK

This is to give all a necessary break. Thank God for all who have worked so hard for the Easter Concert!

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 97:1

*The LORD reigns;
Let the earth rejoice;
Let the multitudes of the isles be glad!*

1. The LORD reigns indeed
 - a) Over sin
 - b) Over death
 - c) Over the world

2. Let the earth rejoice!
 - a) There is every reason to rejoice
 - b) There is no reason to be sad

3. Let the multitudes of the isles be glad
 - a) The "isles" represent the fringes of mainland
 - b) No one is excluded from the Lord's wonderful reign †

AWAKE AND SING!

Many fear the dreaded thought of death;
They are gripped by fear of the last breath.
They are unable to come up from the dust;
There they dwell and thus their soul rusts.

The challenge is to find a faith that is alive;
It is a faith that is vibrant and it thrives.
This faith is found believing in the Resurrection;
This is what God offers when He gives Salvation.

In ancient times, this knowledge was not well-known;
Work is needed to water the seed of faith that is sown.
Isaiah the prophet was one of those who had this knowledge;
His faith in God was carefully employed to great advantage.

He could call upon people to awake and sing to the LORD;
There was no reason to despair if there is faith in a living God!
This was the faith that had been cultivated when was cleansed;
There was no looking back and his faith had been recompensed.

Inspiration: Isaiah 26:19

Charles Tan



“Having loved His own... He loved them to the end”

*There is no question a father would love his son unconditionally;
He would give anything for him ever so willingly.
But to give of his son as a sacrifice for any reason whatsoever;
It is no surprise the answer would be a definite “Never”!*

*But this is exactly what our Father in Heaven has given;
He has given us His Son, Jesus, His only begotten.
That Jesus should die for the redemption of our sins;
So that we can be set free, cleansed and purified from within.*

*This can only be Love spoken in God’s most enigmatic fashion;
Unfathomable and incomprehensible by human reason.
And as the last act of care and humble service before His death to meet;
Jesus again demonstrated His sacrificial love by washing the disciples’ feet!*

*It was well within His power to ask God to spare Him of humiliation and shame;
Yet Jesus knew and accepted that it was for this purpose He came.
“Having loved His own...He loved them to the end”;
Blessed are we as believers to know Jesus as Saviour, Redeemer and Friend.*

Inspiration: John 13:1-17; John 12:27

Dr. Sng Li Wah



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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!*

1. Some misgivings of Israel
 - a) That God had forgotten the nation
 - b) That God had not blessed

2. Correction of these misgivings
 - a) Israel would never be forgotten by God
 - b) He is the Creator-God
 - c) He is also the Covenant-God
 - d) Israel is His servant and thus He would never neglect or forget His servant!

NEXT SUNDAY: 28 APRIL 2019

TEXT: ISAIAH 54:17

THE HERITAGE OF THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD

*No weapon formed against you shall prosper,
And every tongue which rises against you in judgment
You shall condemn.*

*This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD
And their righteousness is from Me. †*

THEME : BEHOLD, MY SERVANT

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30AM . SHANGRI LA HOTEL
"Floods on the dry ground"
Isaiah 44:1-5

Chairmen
Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow
Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek
Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP PROGRAMME

10.30AM

"A King who loves His people deeply"
Luke 23:26-43

**EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Easter Lunch at Shangri La Hotel

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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EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

21 APRIL 2019 . 10.30AM
SHANGRI LA

PRE-WORSHIP

Our God Reigns

PRELUDE

Pianist: Mr Gabriel Ou
Keyboardist: Mrs Sally Tan
Violinists: Ms Angela Teng
Mr Bryan Wong
Mrs Marianne Cai
Flautist: Mr Geoffrey Toi
Trumpeter: Mr Ng Choon Peng
Oboists: Mr Gary Kwang
Ms Ho Lianya
Cellist: Mr Joshua Lee
Bass guitarist: Mr William Chua
Percussionist: Mr Joseph Lim
French horn player: Ms Vanessa Quek

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev Dr Charles Tan

INVOCATION

HYMN NO. 1

Rejoice, the LORD is King | *Student-Pastor Moses Kwek*

HYMN NO. 2

Christ the Lord is Risen Today | *Student-Pastor Eugene Seow*

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HYMN NO. 3

Thine is the Glory | *Student-Pastor Jonathan Jacob*

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SPECIAL ITEM

“He Lives” | *Combined Choir*

EASTER MESSAGE

“Floods on the Dry Ground”

Text : Isaiah 44

Rev Dr Charles Tan

EASTER OFFERING

CLOSING HYMN

There Shall be Showers of Blessing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Our God Reigns!

EASTER PASTORAL LETTER

SENIOR PASTOR : REV. DR. CHARLES TAN

21 APRIL 2019

Dear Brethren,

HAPPY EASTER!

Thank God for the celebration of Easter! Our celebration of Easter involved:

1. Renewing our faith in the Lord Jesus as we see people baptized on Palm Sunday
2. Remembering the Lord on Maundy Thursday
3. Re-viewing the meaning of Salvation given by the Lord at the Easter Concert
4. Rejoicing in the Lord on Easter Sunday at Shangri La with worship and fellowship

RECEIVING MEMBERS AT OUR EASTER SERVICE

We must not take membership lightly. Let us affirm what we believe:

1. Receiving people at Bethany
It is God who adds people to the church
 - a) This was mentioned in Acts 2:47
 - b) It is an indication of a work that He is doing in the hearts of people
2. Re-affirmation of faith
 - a) It is always a special joy to see babies baptized
 - b) Thank God for parents who have carefully brought them up
 - c) Let there be special joy when the little ones are able to re-affirm their personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

THE CHALLENGE TO ALL AT BETHANY

As Bethany continues to grow in strength numerically, let us make sure that we attempt the following things:

1. Prayer
Let us continue to look up to the Lord in prayer.
Let us not take for granted the Lord's blessings in any way.
2. People
Let us continue to pray that as God touches hearts and blesses lives, we will do our part in caring for each other in very real and meaningful ways.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charles Tan*

"HE IS NOT HERE; FOR HE IS RISEN, AS HE SAID." MATTHEW 28:6A

