

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 12 May 2019 ... Happy Mother's Day!*

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## MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 68

## ***LET THEM REJOICE EXCEEDINGLY***

### THE PRESENCE OF ENEMIES

King David was conscious of many enemies in his time. There were many types of enemies:

1. State enemies
  - a) There were hostile neighbours

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- b) These were perpetual enemies
- c) They engaged in battles from time to time

## 2. Personal enemies

- a) These could be friends who became enemies
- b) These could be enemies pretending to be friends
- c) Either way they caused much grief

## THE PRESENCE OF GOD

David learned an important spiritual truth as he increased in knowledge and faith. He learned how to treasure the Presence of God. His fears of enemies were dealt with when he learned this great truth.

*Let God arise,  
Let His enemies be scattered,  
Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.*

*As smoke is driven away;  
So drive them away;  
As wax melts before the fire,  
So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.*

*But let the righteous be glad;  
Let them rejoice before God;  
Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly. Psalm 68:1-3*

## 1. Let God arise

- a) This is a prayer to God to make His Presence felt
- b) Enemies would then be scattered

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- i) They are compared to smoke that is painful to breathe in
  - ii) They are further compared to wax that would melt away in the presence of fire
  - c) The wicked in the Presence of God would perish
2. The righteous in the Presence of God
- a) They may indeed be glad
  - b) They may rejoice exceedingly
  - c) The Presence of God is to be thoroughly cherished

Let us seek to comprehend this great truth concerning the Presence of God! †

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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*

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## COMBINED WORSHIP TODAY

We will be having a Combined Worship today.  
The occasion is Mother's Day! †

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## CATECHISM CLASS

There will be no Catechism Class today. †

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# MOTHER'S DAY

We celebrate Mother's Day today. The Pastoral Team and Session wish all mothers "Happy Mother's Day! May the Lord bless you!" ✠

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## JUNIOR CAMP

3-6 June 2019

"Keep your heart with all diligence" Proverbs 4:23

Let us seek the Lord for His blessings on the children who are coming to the Junior Camp.

1. That they will learn many wonderful lessons from the Scriptures
2. That these great lessons will bless and keep their hearts from deadly influences in the world.

Let us remember the Camp Committee as they work hard at preparing for the Junior Camp.✠

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## COMBINED WORSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2019

3 June 2019 (The church needs to be prepared for the Junior Camp)

17 June 2019 (Father's Day)

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## SPIRITUAL RETREAT

**Date: 23-24 August 2019**

The focus of this Spiritual Retreat is on "Spiritual Leadership."

1. There are many types of leaders:

a) Leaders who are involved in ruling the country (Political leaders)

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b) Leaders who head Business Organizations

c) Leaders who look after the Church

2. The Apostle Paul mentioned a number of spiritual gifts in his Epistle to the Romans.

*Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them:*

*If prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;*

*Or ministry, let us use it in our ministering;*

*He who teaches, in teaching;*

*He who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality;*

*He who leads with diligence.*

*He who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

*Romans 12:6-8*

Plan to sign up if you wish to attend this Spiritual Retreat. The sign-up begins next Sunday! †

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## **PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING**

Monday, 13 May 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

## **PRAYER MEETING**

Monday, 13 May 2019

Time: 8.00 pm

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday, 14 May 2019

Time: 8.00 pm †

# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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## **Psalm 97:8-9**

*Zion hears and is glad,  
And the daughters of Judah rejoice  
Because of Your judgments, O LORD.*

*For You, LORD, are most high above all the earth;  
You are exalted far above all gods.*

1. The judgments of God
  - a) Knowledge of God's judgments brings joy
  - b) The word "judgment" is a reference to the Laws of God
2. The greatness of God
  - a) He is truly "most high"
  - b) He is above all that are called "gods"
3. Exulting in God
  - a) For who He is
  - b) For His judgments which reveal His greatness and glory †

## POEM #1

### THE WICKED PERISH AT THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The heart is frightened at the presence of the wicked;  
Fear fills the heart because of evil deeds perpetrated.  
Crying out to the Lord to arise against the wicked is natural;  
There is dread and whatever comfort felt is only superficial.

The power of God is felt when His Presence is made known;  
The wicked must know that the Lord is still on His throne.  
He will arise one day in His own time and according to His will;  
The fearful heart must learn to exercise faith and learn to be still.

As smoke is driven away by the mighty breath of the Lord,  
And as the wax melts in the fiery judgment of a holy God,  
So, the wicked will perish at the Presence of God revealed;  
The righteous need not fear when Power seems concealed.

The righteous may be glad and he may rejoice exceedingly;  
The Lord has not forgotten the plight of the poor and needy.  
He will arise and take up the defence of the poor who trust;  
Mercy and relief will be given and God will show He is Just.

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Psalm 68:1-4

## POEM #2

### The Presence of God

The presence of God is powerful and awe inspiring;  
The earth shook and the rains pour at His bearing.  
Sinful men from His presence will take cover;  
Even false gods in His presence totter.

The presence of God was always there from the days of Moses;  
He was there when the Israelites marched through the wilderness.  
His presence was there when the procession returned the ark to Jerusalem;  
As He dealt righteously with His enemies and the erring kingdoms.

The presence of God is a place of comfort amidst sorrows;  
God is father to the fatherless and defender of the widows.  
On His people He bestows His blessings and benefits graciously;  
That we may sense His presence most reassuringly.

In response, let us seek to be sensitive to the presence of the Lord;  
To extol His Name and to sing praises to our God.  
For God prescribes strength and power to His people;  
May we appreciate Him and in His presence reside forever!

Dr. Sng Li Wah  
Inspiration: Psalm 68; Isaiah 19:1



## POEM #3

### A Mother's Thoughts on Mother's Day

The fear of childbirth makes a prospective mother shudder;  
Yet the sight of her newborn makes her forget the pain of labour.  
The unique mother-child bond is comparable to none other;  
It is a privilege the mother will forever savour.

But as her child grows up and assumes a mind of his own;  
He will sometimes exhibit behaviors the mother finds hard to condone.  
At times she still wishes for that young child growing up years ago;  
When he still adored her and regarded her as his hero.

An erring child would always be pardoned but first, repentance he must show;  
The mother's constant prayer would be that God's Way he would follow.  
The challenges and trials in life will be very real;  
The mother hopes that God's protection will save him from peril.

It will be inevitable that our children will leave our homes one day;  
To build and lead their lives in their own ways.  
Life's circumstances are unpredictable, but come what may;  
As mothers, for our children we must never cease to pray.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 12 MAY 2019**

**EXODUS 33:15** IF YOUR PRESENCE DOES NOT GO WITH US

*Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go with us,  
do not bring us up from here."*

1. The Presence of God was understood by Moses deeply.
2. If God were to withdraw His presence, gaining Canaan would be meaningless
3. The Presence of God makes all the difference!
4. Let us learn to treasure the presence of God

**NEXT SUNDAY: 19 MAY 2019**

**PSALM 16:11** IN YOUR PRESENCE IS FULLNESS OF JOY

*You will show me the path of life;  
In Your presence is fullness of joy;  
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. †*

THEME : THE PRESENCE OF GOD

## THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

✠ **COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE** ✠  
**10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY**  
"I will certainly be with you"  
Exodus 3

Chairman  
Dr Daniel Chia

Organist  
Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker  
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter  
Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

Pianist  
Mr Gabriel Ou

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —

**NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE**

✠ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** ✠  
**10.30 AM**

"Example of one who honours his  
mother" John 19:25-27

CC I: P1—P3  
3rd Floor  
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6  
4th Floor  
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker  
Student-Pastor  
Eugene Seow

Speaker  
Intern-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah

✠ **EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE** ✠

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Batch of '96 girls  
Fellowship Lunch :  
Chloe Tan/Joie Tan & family; Batch of '95 (girls)

# Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School II			Main Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-7	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
BIBLE STUDY				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Home Bible Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	7.30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
CATECHISM CLASS				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor

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**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**12 May 2019**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou*  
*Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey*

Century Praise 15

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Dr Daniel Chia*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 51

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

VIP No. 510

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HWC No. 56

Day By Day

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “I will certainly be with you”

Text : Exodus 3

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 347

Be Still, My Soul

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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## PASTORAL LETTER

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12 MAY 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

*Dear Brethren,*

### **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

Thank God for good and godly mothers! Their influence on the family and children is incalculable! This Poem is dedicated to Mothers.

#### **A MOTHER'S WORTH IS FAR ABOVE RUBIES**

One of God's great gifts to mankind is motherhood;  
Right from the start, a mother's role is understood.  
She will care for the family and the children untiringly;  
From morning to late at night she will work unfailingly.

She will love the children when good times come;  
She will continue to love them till life is done.  
There is no hesitation if there is a need to sacrifice;  
The children turn to her naturally for her advice.

In times of illness when great anxiety is felt deeply;  
She will seek the Lord's grace in prayer incessantly.  
She will not cease till the Lord has granted His grace;  
From daybreak to sunset she will seek the Lord's face.

The worth of a good and godly mother is far above rubies;  
The worth of such a mother will only be known in eternity.  
Thank God, dear children, as you gaze upon your mother's face;  
There is no greater beauty than one who is blessed with God's grace.

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Proverbs 31

### **JUNIOR CAMP 2019**

Our Junior Camp this year will be held in the first week of the School vacation (3-6 June 2019). The theme of the Camp is "Keep your heart with all diligence" (Proverbs 4:23). Let us pray for the Lord's blessings on the Children coming to Camp!

1. Our children are worth all the effort  
There is a lot of effort that needs to be put in to run a successful Junior Camp. The souls of our children are worth all the effort put in
2. God can do a very special work in the hearts of our children.
3. Let us not fail to do our part in praying for the Lord to bless the Junior Camp.

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*