

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 19 May 2019*

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## MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 68: 4-6

## **"SING TO GOD, SING PRAISES TO HIS NAME"**

### OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Each time we worship God, the singing of praise to Him is deemed most natural and fitting! There are good reasons why we do this!

# MEDITATION

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*Sing to God, sing praises to His name;  
Extol Him who rides on the clouds,  
By His name YAH,  
And rejoice before Him.*

*A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows,  
Is God in His holy habitation.*

*God sets the solitary in families;  
He brings out those who are bound into prosperity;  
But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.      Psalm 68:4-6*

## 1. Sing to God, sing praises to His name

- a) This is a call or an exhortation to sing joyously to the Lord
- b) This should be a natural response of the heart

## 2. Extol Him who rides on the clouds

- a) This was an attempt to describe the majesty of God
- b) Imagine anyone riding on clouds!

## 3. His name YAH, and rejoice before Him

- a) The written form is YAH but it is to be pronounced "LORD"
- b) This was the old Jewish way of referring to God
- c) He was the One who must not be named

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- d) Any meditation of the Lord should cause the heart to rejoice in Him

#### 4. A brief word of appreciation of the works of God

- a) He is a father of the fatherless
- b) He is a defender of the widows
- c) He sets those who are solitary (e.g. orphans) in families
- d) Those who are bound He grants prosperity
- e) The rebellious receive their just reward
- f) They will live in a dry land!

## THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The presence of God is to be sensed and appreciated for He is omnipotent and majestic in His Being. His presence is also to be treasured for all the love and care shown to the poor and needy! †

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*Write to me at:* [charlestan@bethanyipc.sg](mailto: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*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CATECHISM CLASS

*Time: 1.00pm*  
*Venue: Auditorium 4.08 †*

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## EVENING-BILINGUAL SERVICE

*Time: 4.00pm*  
*Venue: 4.07-08*

Thank God for the resumption of the Evening-Bilingual Worship Service.  
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## MASTER CLASS FOR MUSICIANS

This was held yesterday, 18 May 2019 in Church. We thank God that He has blessed our church musicians further through this Master Class conducted by Prateep. Let us continue to seek the Lord's blessings in all things. †

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## JUNIOR CAMP

3-6 June 2019  
"Keep your heart with all diligence"

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings. †

## **CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+6 ANNIVERSARY**

25 August 2019  
Shangri La

There will be additional significance and joy as we will have Benjamin Chong and Benjamin Quah ordained as pastors of Bethany.

### **A. SPECIAL MEMENTO FOR ALL SENIORS 65 AND ABOVE**

1. This will be in the form of a special photo of yourself as a member of Bethany
2. Plan to have a special photo of yourself (and family) at Bethany
3. This photo would be nicely framed and given to you when we celebrate our 40+6 Anniversary at Shangri La
4. You can choose your favourite spot in Bethany
  - a) In the sanctuary
  - b) In the Fellowship Hall
  - c) At the Catechism Class etc
5. Sign up Booth  
Plan to sign up as soon as possible.

This will be one of the ways in which we will celebrate the Lord's blessings on us as a church and individually in Bethany for the past 46 years!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Photos can be wonderful keepsakes!

## B. ORDINATION SERVICE

Thank God for His grace in raising up two promising young servants in Ben and Ben. They have endeared themselves to many at Bethany. Let us continue to seek to encourage their hearts at their Ordination Service at Shangri La on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019. †

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## LEADERSHIP RETREAT

**THEME: "COUNTED FAITHFUL TO BE PUT IN THE MINISTRY"**  
**1 TIMOTHY 1:12**

(Texts: The Pastoral Epistles of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus)

Date: 23-24 August 2019

(Friday and Saturday)

Please register for catering purposes.

This Retreat will be fully sponsored.

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings for this Retreat.

Why is Leadership important in the Church?

Who may be made a leader?

These and other questions will be discussed. †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING/PRAYER MEETING**

These meetings will be cancelled  
due to the Vesak Day public holiday on 20 May 2019

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday, 21 May 2019

Time: 8.00pm †

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## **WEEKDAY MINISTRIES**

The weekday ministries will be in recess during the School holidays (June 2019). We will resume in July 2019. †

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## **CONDOLENCES**

Heartfelt condolences to Nicholas Low on the passing away of his father, Mr Low Sow Chin on Monday, 13 May 2019. The late Mr. Low was 74, of the pioneer generation. †

# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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## Psalm 97:10-12

*You who love the LORD, hate evil!  
He preserves the souls of His saints;  
He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.*

*Light is sown for the righteous,  
And gladness for the upright in heart.*

*Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,  
And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.*

1. Appreciation of how the Lord cares for the righteous
  - a) He preserves the souls of the saints
  - b) He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked
  - c) He allows light to be sown for the righteous
  - d) He grants gladness to those who are upright in heart
2. Appropriate response of the righteous
  - a) To hate evil
  - b) To rejoice in the LORD
  - c) To give thanks when we remember the Lord's name †



# POETRY CORNER

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## SING TO GOD, SING PRAISES TO HIS NAME

The heart cannot but sing to the Lord's glorious name;  
He who is able to ride the clouds must enjoy great fame.  
Praise must give way to extolling the Lord's majesty;  
There is no one like the Lord in all His great glory!

The heart rejoices when it sees what the Lord has done;  
He cares for all who grieve for they have lost loved ones.  
The children who have lost their fathers feel helpless;  
But the Lord would provide the poor and homeless.

The heart extols the Lord for His great and loving care;  
The weak and the hurt cry out and they know God is there.  
There is no one like God who has this kind of compassion;  
He is truly worth knowing better through contemplation.

The omnipotence of God is appreciated as one of His attributes;  
His personal presence is treasured in His care for the destitute.  
The heart cannot but extol God for making His presence known;  
Without His tender manifestation, faith could not have grown!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 68:4-6



# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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## **TODAY: 19 MAY 2019**

**TEXT: PSALM 16:11 IN YOUR PRESENCE IS FULNESS OF JOY**

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

1. The path of life

God shows us the path that leads to life.

2. The presence of God

In the Presence of God there is promised the fulness of joy.

3. At the right hand of God

There are pleasures forever indeed!

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 26 MAY 2019**

**TEXT: PSALM 68:8 MOVED AT THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

*The earth shook;  
The heavens also dropped rain at the Presence of God;  
Sinai itself was moved at the Presence of God, the God of Israel. †*

THEME : THE PRESENCE OF GOD

## THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY**  
"I will not go up in your midst"  
Exodus 33

Chairman  
Mr Elvin Ho

Organist  
Mrs Kathy Lai

Speaker  
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter  
Mr Alex Tan

Pianist  
Dr Daniel Chia

Chairman  
Mr Joshua Phang

Pianist  
Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker  
Intern-Pastor  
Benjamin Chong

Usher  
Miss Della Chua  
Mr Justin Lai

**— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —**  
**10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8**  
"I Will Certainly Be With You"  
Exodus 3

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
**10.30 AM**  
"Mercy"  
Matthew 9:9-13

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

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

Speaker  
Miss Camille George

Speaker  
Student-Pastor  
Jonathan Jacob

Chairman  
Mr Charles George

Speaker  
Student-Pastor  
Moses Kwek

Pianist  
Ms Tay Soo Leng

Interpreter  
Mrs Lee Yuwen  
Mr Kevin Low

**EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7,8**  
"I will make My covenant between  
Me and you" Genesis 12-17

Breakfast: Joanna Yam  
Fellowship Lunch: Gordon Hoi; Soh Kee Hock  
Evening Tea: Wan Ying

# 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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**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**19 May 2019**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia*  
*Organist : Mrs Kathy Lai*

HWC No. 354

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Mr Elvin Ho*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 218

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

HWC No. 46

God Leads Us Along

VIP No. 506

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “I will not go up in your midst”

Text : Exodus 33

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 337

Pass Me Not

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

**EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**19 May 2019**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION 预备**

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Ms Tay Soo Leng

Century Praise 107

In Moments Like These 我要趁此时

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Charles George

Interpreter : Mr Kevin Low

Invocation 祈祷

**PRAISE 赞美诗**

Hymns

Century Praise 89

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty 赞美全能神

Century Praise 321

Blessed Assurance 有福确据

Century Praise 68

The Love Of God 真神之爱

**PRAYER 牧祷**

**“PREACH THE WORD” 证道**

Message: “I will make My covenant between Me and you” “我就与你立约”

Text : Genesis 12-17 创世记 12-17

Speaker: Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

Interpreter : Mrs Lee Yuwen

**RESPONSE**

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 316

Have Faith In God 当信服神

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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## PASTORAL LETTER

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19 MAY 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

*Dear Brethren,*

### THE STORY OF LEGION

The story of Legion and how the Lord Jesus cast out many demons from him was recorded in the synoptic Gospels (Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39). After he was restored by the Lord Jesus, he asked if he could follow Him and be a disciple like the Twelve. What the Lord said to him was most significant. He did not allow Legion to be a disciple. He had just an important task for him to attempt and to fulfil.

*Go home to your friends,  
And tell them what great things  
The Lord has done for you,  
And how He has had compassion on you.* Mark 5:19

1. Go home to your friends
  - a) The NKJV translation is not the best here
  - b) The literal translation reads:
    - i) Go to your house (home)
    - ii) To those in your home (translated as "your friends")
    - iii) The direct focus was not friends but family
    - iv) Friends are not excluded but the direct word to Legion was those in his household
2. The task of evangelism
  - a) The challenge of winning souls was not the responsibility of:
    - i) The Lord Jesus Christ
    - ii) Nor the Twelve Disciples
  - b) The challenge to bear witness was given to Legion!
  - c) This is a vital lesson that we must take heed
3. The challenge of bearing witness to family members  
This is a responsibility the Lord has given to ALL believers! We must seek to bear witness to members of our own household!

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*