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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

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Text: Psalm 68:7-10

RECALLING MEMORABLE TIMES

MEMORABLE TIMES

There are memorable times that ought to be recalled from time to time. These are often special historic moments that must be etched indelibly on the heart and mind.

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MEDITATION

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*O God, when You went out before Your people,
When You marched through the wilderness,*

*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.*

*You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, whereby You confirmed
Your inheritance, when it was weary,*

*Your congregation dwelt in it;
You, O God, provided from Your goodness to the poor.
Psalm 68:7-10*

1. You went out before Your people
 - a) This was God's way of leading Israel
 - b) He went before His people
 - c) He marched through the wilderness
 - d) What an amazing recall of the days when God led Israel out of Egypt!
2. The presence of God
 - a) Rain
 - i) The rain would have cooled the heat of the blazing sun in the wilderness
 - ii) This was appreciated as an indicator of God's presence among His people
 - b) Sinai
 - i) This was where God spoke to Israel
 - ii) Sinai trembled at the presence of God

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3. You confirmed Your inheritance
 - a) God was giving Canaan as an inheritance to Israel
 - b) Israel then was an agrarian community
 - c) They would need the rains (Former and latter rains) for a successful harvest
 - d) The rains came and this too was seen as an indicator of God's blessings
4. You provided from Your goodness to the poor
 - a) The Lord provided much for Israel
 - b) It began as a poor country
 - c) Out of His goodness He provided for all

The presence of God is without question a very wonderful doctrine to believe in! Let us seek to appreciate the promise of God's presence among His people.†

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!

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*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

MINISTRY IN MYANMAR

Pastor Charles Tan would be ministering in Myanmar this week
(27-31 May 2019).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: 4.07 †

NEXT SUNDAY: 2 JUNE 2019

1. We will be having Holy Communion
Let us come with prepared hearts.

2. Combined Worship

We will need to prepare the church grounds for the Junior Camp. Thus, we will be having a Combined Worship Service. †

JUNIOR CAMP

3-6 June 2019

“Keep your heart with all diligence” Proverbs 4:23

Let us pray for the Lord’s blessings on the Juniors when they come for their Camp. †

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Date: 23-24 August 2019

Theme: “Counted Faithful to be put in the Ministry” 1 Timothy 1:12

1. Worldly leadership concepts
 - a) The world has formulated its own concepts
 - b) These are taught in seminars
 - c) They are even offered at tertiary institutions

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. Spiritual Leadership

- a) God is directly involved
- b) He is the One who leads His people
- c) The challenge is always to understand the Lord's leading

Plan to sign up to attend this Spiritual Retreat on the subject of Leadership. †

CELEBRATING BETHEL'S ANNIVERSARY

Bethel would be celebrating its 25th Anniversary (Silver Jubilee)

12 September 2019

Thanksgiving Worship

13 September 2019

Thanksgiving Dinner

Please see Mrs. Sally Tan if you are planning to attend Bethel's Silver Jubilee. Bethel needs to know how many tables would be reserved for Bethany brethren.†

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES

We will be in recess for June 2019.
We will resume the weekday ministries in July 2019. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+6 ANNIVERSARY

1. A special Photograph Memento

- a) For all who are 65 and above
- b) Your favourite spot in Bethany
- c) Your special friends in Bethany

2. Plan to sign up as soon as possible

The Photography team would be at their Booth at the Fellowship Hall.

3. Celebrating Bethany's 40+6 Anniversary at Shangri La

25 August 2019

Please book your table as soon as possible.†

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 27 May 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 27 May 2019

Time: 8.00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 28 May 2019

Time: 8.00 pm †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASTER CLASS AND CONCERT

Thank God for the Master Class Dr. Prateep conducted on 18 May and the special Concert on 19 May 2019.

Thank God for his visit to help our musicians to grow their knowledge and develop their musical skills.✝

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor,

Our deepest thanks and appreciation to the pastoral team as well as the brethren who were with the family

I feel weak and fruitless for any words of mine to express our utmost gratitude and praise to God for his “angels” for their presence, support and comfort.

In addition, we are deeply touched by your tender thoughtfulness for Ariel in remembrance of her grandfather.

Truly even in times of grief and bereavement, our Heavenly Father reminds us that we can find cause to rejoice, a very special and precious kind of joy to bear witness to the love, pietistic solidarity, cheer and comfort that inspires all. Blessings of spiritual abundance.

My heartfelt thanks to the brethren who ministered my dad during the last months of his life, your time spent with him provided spiritual solace while going through the physical pain from cancer.

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We are deeply enkindled in spirit by the poems written by Pastor Charles in memoriam ; “A time to be born, and a time to die” as well as “The tasks of life”. Tendering to all fathers to strive on in faith of our solemn duties, and always give thanks to our Heavenly Father in the name of His risen Son Lord Jesus Christ.”

**With love,
Nick Low & family.**

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 98:1-2

*Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!
For He has done marvellous things;
His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.*

*The LORD has made known His salvation;
His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.*

1. The marvellous things of God

- a) His victory over evil and enemies
- b) His salvation and deliverance revealed

2. Appropriate response to God

- a) Singing to the Lord a new song
- b) Revelling in the righteousness of God revealed †

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The Presence of God was recalled most gratefully;
The glory of God was with Israel most decidedly.
God's Presence was with His people when He led;
The rains lowered the temperature and Israel was glad.

The awesome Presence of God was felt at the sacred Mountain;
God descended on Sinai and Israel heard the Lord from Heaven.
His Presence caused mighty Sinai to quake at this memorable time;
There was no mistaking the Lord's majesty so absolutely sublime.

His Presence was seen when Canaan was given as an inheritance;
The rains came to ensure that the harvest would be in abundance.
There was no question as to how God made His presence known;
Without such blessings, the nation of Israel would not have grown.

God's provision is another evidence of His presence with His people;
Israel came out of Egypt as a struggling nation, it was most vulnerable.
The Lord's Presence made all the difference to the young nation;
Years of blessing must cause Israel, the Lord's name to mention.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 68:7-10

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.

1. The Presence of God

The earth would shake in fear of the Lord

The heavens drop rain

Sinai was moved when God descended on it Exodus 19

2. How should we respond when we sense the Presence of God?

Let us bow before the Lord

Let us stand in awe of the Majesty of God

Let us seek to deepen our understanding of God and His presence

NEXT SUNDAY: 2 JUNE 2019

TEXT: PSALM 97:5

AT THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD OF THE WHOLE EARTH

The mountains melt like wax at the Presence of the LORD, at the Presence of the Lord of the whole earth. †

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Let my Lord, I pray, go among us"
Exodus 34

Chairman

Mr Timon Chiong

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Mrs Koh Baoling

Pianist

Mrs Amelia Toi

Chairman

Ms Sea Su-an

Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker

Rev Mitchell Tan

Usher

Mr Asher Tan

Ms Lovia Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8

Moses - "How I bore you on eagle's
wings...." Exodus 19

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞

10.30 AM

"Compassion"
Matthew 9:35-38

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Chairman

Mr Samuel Cheong

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Pianist

Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng
Ms Berlinda Cheong

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7,8

"Blessing I will bless you"
Genesis 22

Breakfast: KC & Elaine

Fellowship Lunch: Albert, Min Li & John; Yong Jin & Shufang

Evening Tea: Andy & Lydia

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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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
26 May 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 458

The Church's One Foundation

Prelude

Call to Worship

Mr Timon Chiong

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 49

Majesty

HWC No. 56

Day By Day

Century Praise 327

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Let my Lord, I pray, go among us”

Text : Exodus 34

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 450

Nearer, My God, To Thee

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
26 May 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Century Praise 53

Great Is Thy Faithfulness 祢信实何广大

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Samuel Cheong

Interpreter : Ms Berlinda Cheong

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 89

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty 赞美全能神

HWC No. 46

God Leads Us Along 神带领我们

VIP No. 654

Until Then 直到那时

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “Blessing I will bless you” “我必赐大福给你”

Text : Genesis 22 创世记 22

Speaker: Intern-Pastor Benjamin Quah

Interpreter : Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 345

Wherever He Leads, I'll Go 主领我何往必去

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

26 MAY 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

LEGION'S MISSION

Legion was given a mission to fulfil. He had very little time to be trained and yet the Lord Jesus was confident that he would not fail in his mission. The Gospel of Mark noted how he fared.

*And he departed and began to proclaim
In Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him,
And all marveled. Mark 5:20*

1. Departed and began to proclaim

- a) The word “proclaim” is the usual word translated as “to preach”
- b) Legion began to be a preacher!

2. Where did he go to preach?

- a) Jesus had told him to share what he had experienced with:
Family and Friends Mark 5:19
- b) Legion expanded his territory
 - i) Decapolis literally means “Ten cities”
 - ii) He took it upon himself to go beyond reaching out to family and friends
 - iii) He ministered extensively preaching the gospel

3. What did he preach on?

- a) He was limited in knowledge and experience
- b) But he could tell people what the Lord Jesus did for him
- c) He was once possessed and belonged to Satan
- d) He was made well and now his heart belonged to the Lord Jesus

Legion fared very well! We read these words, “All marveled!” Let us be encouraged to do likewise! Our testimony of faith in the Lord will help others to understand God better. Let us seek to share the message of salvation with people who need the Lord!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*