

BETHANY

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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 2 June 2019 ... Holy Communion Sunday!

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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

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Text: Psalm 68:11-16

"THE MOUNTAIN WHICH GOD DESIRES TO DWELL IN"

PRESENCE OF MANY ENEMIES IN CANAAN

There were many powerful and wicked nations in Canaan. It would take nothing less than the power of God to overcome these powerful nations. The Psalmist David described this in the following way:

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1. The LORD gave the word Psalm 68:11
 - a) Joshua was the one who would lead the conquest of Canaan
 - b) The Book of Joshua detailed many stories of conquests
2. Kings of armies Psalm 68:12
 - a) They fled before the armies of Israel
 - b) It was the LORD who gave the victory
3. The spoils of war Psalm 68:13
 - a) The housewives of Israel divided the spoils
 - b) The humble shepherds were covered with silver and gold
4. The real Conqueror Psalm 68:14-15
 - a) The Almighty scattered kings
 - b) God was like the mountain of Bashan

THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD

Wherever God would choose to dwell, that place would be blessed indeed.

*A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan;
A mountain of many peaks is the mountain of Bashan.*

*Why do you fume with envy, you mountain of many peaks?
This is the mountain which God desires to dwell in;
Yes, the LORD will dwell in it forever. Psalm 68:15-16*

1. The symbol of a mountain
 - a) A symbol of strength
 - b) A symbol of majesty
2. The Mountain of Bashan

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- a) It was chosen by God
 - b) Thus, the whole region around the mountain became lusciously fertile
 - c) The success of the nation of Israel was attributed to the blessings of God
3. The envy of other mountain peaks
- a) They symbolized other nations
 - b) They were envious of God's blessings on the nation of Israel

It was the Presence of God that made all the difference! His Presence must never be taken for granted. †

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*

COMBINED WORSHIP TODAY

We will be having a Combined Worship today. We will need to prepare for the Junior Camp that commences tomorrow. All the auditoriums would be converted to Dormitories for children who are attending the Junior Camp. †

COMBINED WORSHIP ALSO ON 16 June 2019

We will be celebrating Father's Day on the 3rd Sunday of June.
We will be having a Combined Worship then. †

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HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

The Lord's Supper is for all who have been baptised and confirmed in their faith.

The Bread

*And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."
Matthew 26:26*

The Cup

*Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,
"Drink from it, all of you."
For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
Matthew 26:27-28*

Let us not take the celebration of the Lord's Supper for granted. Let us seek to treasure afresh the Lord's grace and mercy in giving us this beautiful and symbolic Lord's Supper. †

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

*Time: 1.00 pm
Venue: Auditorium 4.07 †*

PREPARATION FOR THE JUNIOR CAMP

We will need to devote much time to prepare the Church for the Junior Camp Ministry. Thank God for all who are involved in the preparation of the Junior Camp! †

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

All the Fellowship Groups that usually meet on Saturdays will be in recess for the month of June 2019. †

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CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+6 ANNIVERSARY

1. A special Photograph Memento
(For all senior citizens)
Plan to sign up as soon as possible.
Make this an especially happy occasion.
 2. 40+6 Anniversary Lunch at Shangri La
Plan to book your table as soon as possible. †
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ORDINATION SERVICE

Let us look forward to the ordination of Benjamin Chong and Benjamin Quah on 25 August 2019.

1. Let us pray for them
 2. Let us give them our encouragement and support. †
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JUNIOR CAMP

3-6 June 2019

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

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings to be outpoured on the children coming for the Junior Camp. Let us pray for the Camp Committee as they lead the Camp. Thank God for the Camp Cooks who will be cooking for the Campers once again. †

IN RECESS FOR JUNE 2019

We will not be having Pre-marital Counselling, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study in June. We will resume in July 2019. †

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BOOKS STUDIED IN THE WEEK-DAY MINISTRIES

1. Pre-marital Counselling
The Book of Proverbs

2. Prayer Meeting
The Book of Psalms

3. Bible Study
The Book of Deuteronomy

May the lessons taught be reviewed so that they would not be easily forgotten! †

CONDOLENCES

1 Heartfelt condolences to Anthony Tan on the home-calling of his wife, Elizabeth on 27 May 2019. She was 67 years old.

#2 Heartfelt condolences to Dness Ng Lay Eng on the home-calling of her mother, Mdm. Tay Chai Goh on 28 May 2019. She was 94 years old.
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LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Letter # 1

"Dear Pastor, Pastoral Team, Session Members and Bethany,

My family and I would like to thank you all for ministering to us in this time of mum's passing.

I have experienced God's presence through:

1. Pastor visiting mum when she was nearing the end of her life and offering the church to conduct the vigil service.
2. Pastor preparing a message that would minister to the hearts of my family members who are not believers.
3. The pastoral team's full support of the funerary arrangements upon her passing, where they stayed back late each night to clean and lock up after us.
4. Sally and her wonderful kitchen team for showing your love through the food

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and refreshments provided. This particularly ministered to the family members who were non-believers, who felt more comfortable and relaxed in the church environment as we bonded over the food prepared.

5. The many others who have helped out in the funerary arrangements and many that have and grieved and rejoiced with us at the Vigil Service.

The family members were deeply surprised at the turnout and the number of people who came to help out. They have never seen so many people turn up for a funeral service even though most of you do not know mum. They even remarked that the singing during worship was like a full orchestra behind us! My sister even thought that we had practised the Hokkien song 'Kang Goa E Chiu' before the service. She said the singing was so beautifully co-ordinated.

Mum came to know the Lord Jesus Christ in the evening years of her life at 89 years old. Despite her early dementia, she was able to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour and was baptised. This is only possible through the wonderful grace of God! I pray that this gives hope to others who are still trying to reach out to their parents.

I thank God for His presence and for the testimony that all of you have given to my family and me.

Deep gratitude,
Lay Eng

Letter # 2

Dear Pastor Charlie, Mark and Mitch,

We will like to thank the Bethany Pastoral team and session members for ministering to family and I and for organising my mum's vigil service and funeral. Special thanks to Pastor Charlie for penning two beautiful poems for my mum; Pastor Mitch and Mark for conducting the vigil service and funeral respectively; the intern/student pastors for chairing and looking after the logistics and Auntie Sally for cooking. I also want to specially thank Auntie Eileen, Shu Hua, Chiew Yen and Minyi for taking time to share God's word and ferrying us to and fro during this period.

The greatest comfort during this period was the sharing of God's word with us as well as the expression of love conveyed to us in many ways through people from Bethany. Many have taken time and effort to reach out to us and lovingly prayed and cared for us. Indeed, Bethany is God's kind of church where God is touching lives and people care for people.

Prayerfully,
Anthony, Edwin, Victoria, Dorcas and Immanuel Tan

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 98:3-4

*He has remembered His mercy
And His faithfulness to the house of Israel;
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;
Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.*

1. God's attributes
 - a) His mercy
 - b) His faithfulness
2. Application to Israel
 - a) He has remembered them with reference to Israel
 - b) He has given to His people His great salvation
3. Appropriate response
 - a) Shout joyfully
 - b) Break forth in song
 - c) Rejoice and sing praises †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.

1. The Presence of the LORD
 - a) It is powerful
 - b) It is often symbolized by fire
2. The mighty mountains
 - a) They are compared to mere wax
 - b) They will melt like wax in the presence of fire

NEXT SUNDAY: 9 JUNE 2019

**TEXT: PSALM 95:2 COME BEFORE HIS PRESENCE WITH
THANKSGIVING**

*Let us come before His Presence with thanksgiving with thanksgiving;
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. †*

MY PRESENCE WILL GO WITH YOU (Holy Communion Poem)

I will not go up in your midst," the LORD solemnly declared;
The significance of these words made many hearts truly sad!
The Presence of God had been taken too much for granted;
God would withdraw His Presence if it cannot be appreciated!

Moses pleaded the "grace of God" with all his heart and soul;
He entered into a deep and complex prayer, ardent and bold.
He knew that if God were to withdraw His vital Presence;
Entering the Promised Land would have little significance!

"My Presence will go with you," God declared finally;
Moses' prayer was received by the Lord graciously.
The Presence of God was now appreciated afresh;
The Lord had promised that His people He would bless!

"If Your presence does not go with us," Moses said;
The future would be flat, pointless and virtually dead.
How wonderful it is to have God's promise of His presence;
Let us treasure this precious truth and its vital significance!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Exodus 33:3; 34:14-15



The Restoration of God's Presence

Prayers of praise and thanksgiving are easy for us to offer;
But some prayers like those for the restoration of God's presence beg to differ.

The Bible records for us in Exodus, over three chapters;
How Moses offered his prayers in faith based on his close relationship with God,
for us to ponder.

If we reflected and were honest about our thoughts and behaviors;
It is no wonder the wrath of God should be upon us mortals;
We need to seek God's forgiveness and for Him to avert His anger;
No amount of good works would suffice as atonement for the sins we suffer.

It is only through the Grace of God given to Man so undeservedly;
That we can ever be reconciled with His presence eventually.
God further evidences His presence with us by His blessings poured out so unreservedly;
To reassure of His presence restored to us most generously.

We, like Moses, would want to ask God to show us His glory;
But the glory of God is magnificent and too much for the human eye to see.
The mere proclamation of the name of the Lord should cause us to bow
and worship Him in earnest;
Only then would we have caught a glimpse of His glory in the highest.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Exodus 32-34



THEME : THE PRESENCE OF GOD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
"The Presence of God"
Psalm 68

Chairman

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong
Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Chairman
Mr Jerry Chan

Pianist
Miss Ho Lianya

Speaker
Mr Lai Chung Han

Ushers
Mr Alfred Chua
Miss Shayna Walia

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —
10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8
Joshua - "As I was with Moses, so I
will be with you..." Joshua 1

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
10.30 AM

"Your Faith Has Made You Well"
Matthew 9:18-26

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Mrs Joanne Tan

Speaker
Miss Camille George

**EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast: Joanne & Sarah
Fellowship Lunch: Tan You Cai; Maureen Goh

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
2 June 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

Century Praise 377

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Prelude

Call to Worship

Intern-Pastor Benjamin Chong
Intern-Pastor Benjamin Quah

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 44

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

Century Praise 332

I Need Thee Every Hour

Century Praise 389

He Leadeth Me

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “The presence of God”

Text : Psalm 68

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

HWC No. 355

Trusting Jesus

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 95

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 340

O To Be Like Thee

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

2 JUNE 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

SPEAKING TO FAMILY MEMBERS

One of the clearest examples of reaching out to family members is that of Andrew reaching out to his brother Peter (John 1:35-42).

ANDREW'S FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS

Andrew and John shared a number of things in common:

1. They were fishermen
2. They lived in Galilee
3. They were the disciples of John the Baptizer
4. Both heard John the Baptizer pointing to Jesus and declaring:

*Behold, the Lamb of God
Who takes away the sin of the world.* *John 1:29, 35*

FOLLOWING JESUS

Both John and Peter had a word with the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:37-39). They went away convinced that Jesus was indeed the Messiah whom God had sent into the world.

SEEKING HIS BROTHER PETER

Andrew sought out his brother, Peter. He wanted Peter to come and see Jesus for himself.

1. It is natural to share the gospel with a sibling
2. It is wonderful to bear witness of our personal faith in the Lord
3. What Andrew did:

*He declared
"We have found the Messiah"* *John 1:41*

He brought Peter to Jesus *John 1:42*

DEEP CONVICTION OF THE HEART

Let us be deeply convicted of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Let this conviction of faith move us to bear witness for the Lord to family members.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*