

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 30 June 2019

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MEDITATION

✞ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✞

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Text: Psalm 68

“BLESSED BE GOD”

REVIEWING PSALM 68

Psalm 68 was a deeply mature Psalm that King David wrote. The following features may be noted about this uplifting Psalm.

1. Theme: The Presence of God

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MEDITATION

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2. Reflection on the significance of the Lord's Presence

a) God's presence with His people Israel

- i) Leading
- ii) Manifestation
- iii) His teaching

b) His unmistakable blessings

- i) Protection
- ii) Power
- iii) Provision

CONCLUDING OUR MEDITATION OF PSALM 68

The Psalmist David concluded his Psalm on a strong note of giving glory to God (Psalm 68:32-35).

1. A Call to sing praises to God

- a) This is fitting
- b) This is right
- c) This is natural

2. A Call to ascribe strength to God

- a) The strength of God is obviously manifested

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- b) It needs to be recognised as something awesome
- 3. A Call to acknowledge the greatness of God
 - a) His majesty
 - b) His power
 - c) His grace and mercy bestowed on His people
- 4. A Call to bless the LORD
 - a) This is a call to give great praise to God
 - b) It is a call to extol the Lord
 - c) It is a call that we must give heed to

Let us truly be filled with an immense sense of gratitude to the LORD our God as we meditate on His presence with us at Bethany and in our IPC Family overseas. †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

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We are glad that you have chosen to be with us today for worship and fellowship. May your heart be uplifted and be moved to give praise to God. †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

NEXT SUNDAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Let us prepare our hearts and minds as we celebrate
The Lord's Supper next Sunday. †

NEW PULPIT SERIES FOR JULY-AUGUST 2019

'Called according to His purpose'
Romans 8:28

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings as we commence learning more
about God's Call. †

RESUMPTION OF WEEKDAY MEETINGS

1. Pre-marital Counseling
Monday, 7.00pm (1 July 2019)
2. Prayer Meeting
Monday, 8.00pm (1 July 2019)
3. Bible Study
Tuesday, 8.00pm (2 July 2019) †

SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

They will resume on 13 July 2019.

1. Pines 2

2.00pm

2. YPG 1-3

3.00pm

3. YMG/ YAG

3.00pm

4. AM

4.00pm †

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

23-24 August 2019

1. Thank God for our Retreat programs

- a) They are purposely kept short
- b) But many deep lessons are learned
- c) Hearts are refreshed again and again

2. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings

- a) His blessings must not be assumed

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- b) They must not be taken for granted either
 - 3. Plan to sign up to attend the Retreat
 - a) This will help all to be more involved
 - b) This will help all to pray for the present and future leaders †
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CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+6 ANNIVERSARY

- 1. Photos for our Seniors
 - a) Sign up
 - b) Arrange to have your photo taken
 - c) This is to honour all our Seniors
- 2. Anniversary Lunch
 - a) Shangri La on 25 August 2019
 - b) Book your table today

Let us take time to dwell on the Lord's presence with us at Bethany all these years! Right from the beginning to this very year, the Lord has blessed us wonderfully. Let us rejoice in the Lord with all our heart. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDINATION SERVICE

(Ben Chong and Ben Quah)

Date: 25 August 2019

Venue: Shangri La

Time: 10.30 am

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings on our Intern-pastors. Thank God for giving us good pastors to shepherd Bethany and the IPC Family overseas. †

WEDDING BELLS

Joshua and Jodeline will be getting married this Saturday at Bethany. Wedding Service commences at 11.00am. All in Bethany are invited. †

CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A BOY!

Heartfelt congratulations to Jean and Fabian on the gift of a baby boy. Baby John was born on 18 June. Both mother and baby are doing well. †

SPECIAL NEEDS SUNDAY (14 JULY 2019)

On the 14th of July, we will be celebrating Special Needs Sunday to praise and thank God for His goodness and grace extended to Bethany's Special Needs Ministry.

- We hope to share with everyone about the work that God has been doing in our children and their families.
- We would like to encourage you to invite your friends and family to Special Needs Sunday by scanning the QR code below to access the e-invitation.

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Alternatively, you can also access the e-invitation at <http://www.bethanyipc.sg/poems/ecards/special-needs-sunday-2019/>



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 99:4-5

*The King's strength also loves justice;
You have established equity;
You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
Exalt the LORD our God,
And worship at His footstool-
He is holy.*

1. God described
 - a) King
 - b) LORD
2. What He has done
 - a) Established equity and justice
 - b) Executed justice and righteousness
3. Appropriate response
 - a) He is to be exalted
 - b) He is to be worshiped as a Holy God

BLESSED BE GOD

The blessing of the LORD our God is to be received with gratitude;
His grace and mercy were bestowed on His people in magnitude.

The mighty hand of the LORD is clearly seen in Israel's history;
Not to acknowledge His power and might would be truly tragedy.

“Blessed be God!” That was a cry from a thankful heart;
From His beloved people, God has never been apart.
Sadly, the Lord's mercy has not been fully appreciated;
The many blessings of God should be far more treasured!

It takes wisdom and maturity to see God's hand in everything;
His presence is so obviously manifested in His great blessings.
Our challenge must be to grow in greater spiritual maturity;
Let us make every effort to see the Lord's hand in clarity.

Thank God for His patience when we fail to comprehend;
That His blessings reflect the fulfilment of His great plan.
Let us desire to learn how we may say, “Blessed be God!”
There is truly no one more precious than our great LORD!

Charles Tan
Psalm 68:34-35
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BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 30 JUNE 2019

TEXT: PSALM 114:7

TREMBLE, O EARTH, AT THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

*Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,
At the presence of the God of Jacob.*

1. Tremble, O earth

- a) This is a call to give due respect to the Lord
- b) His presence is not to be disdained

2. The presence of God

- a) Truly awesome
- b) Simply because of who the LORD is

NEXT SUNDAY: 7 JULY 2019

TEXT: ROMANS 1:7A CALLED TO BE SAINTS

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints. †

THEME : THE PRESENCE OF GOD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

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

Chairman
Student-Pastor
Simon Nagaraj
Student-Pastor
Hrang Kulh Luai
Student-Pastor
Khrh Muan Khum
Student-Pastor
Karong Seichunga
Kom

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist
Mrs Esther Ang

Organist
Mrs Elsie Poey

Interpreter
Mr Alex Tan

Chairman
Ms Aleena Kua

Pianist
Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker
Rev Mitchell Tan

Ushers
Ms Claire Tan
Mr Mark Choo

TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30 AM

Caleb - "It may be that the Lord may
be with me" Joshua 14

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
10.30 AM

"Of how much more value"
Matthew 12:1-13

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

Speaker
Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Chairman
Mr Allister Tham

Pianist
Ms Tay Soo Leng

Speaker
Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Interpreter
Ms Tan Hwee Cheng
Mr Kevin Low

**EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

"If Your presence does not go with
us" Exodus 33

Breakfast : Jason & Joanne Tan

Fellowship Lunch : Chuana's family & Ong Siew Chiong; Jason & Joanne Tan

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
30 June 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 338

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor C. Simon Nagaraj
Student-Pastor Hrang Kulh Luai (Timothy)
Student-Pastor Khrh Muan Khum (Khu Khum)
Student-Pastor Karong Seichunga Kom (Steve)

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 308

Thanks To God For My Redeemer

Century Praise 458

The Church's One Foundation

Century Praise 89

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

HWC No. 270

Wonderful Words of Life

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “The procession of God”

Text : Psalm 68

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 316

Have Faith In God

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

30 June 2019

Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Ms Tay Soo Leng

Century Praise 314

We Gather Together 虔诚聚集

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Allister Tham

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 53

Great Is Thy Faithfulness 祢信实何广大

HWC No. 271

Standing On The Promises 坚立在应许上

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “If Your presence does not go with us”
“祢若不亲自和我同去”

Text : Exodus 33 出埃及记 33

Speaker: Intern-Pastor Benjamin Chong

Interpreter : Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 332

I Need Thee Every Hour 我时刻需要祢

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

30 JUNE 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

THE FIRST HALF OF 2019

Thank God for His gracious presence with us for the first half of the year. Some highlights worth remembering at Bethany.

1. Lunar New Year celebration
2. Church Family Camp
3. Sunday School Retreat
4. Easter
5. Junior Camp

That the Lord's presence was with us cannot be denied. It is because of His glorious presence with us that we have seen evident growth and every blessing.

THE SECOND HALF OF 2019

The second half of the year looks just as promising and exciting. The following are events we may look forward to.

1. Celebrating Bethany's 40+6 Anniversary in August
2. Ordination of Ben Chong and Ben Quah
3. Leadership Retreat
4. Youth Conference
5. Christmas

Let us look forward to the Lord's gracious presence leading and blessing us. The Lord's presence makes all the difference.

PRECIOUS LESSONS LEARNED

The Pulpit Theme about the "Presence of God" helps us to do the following two things at least.

1. Reflect on the Lord's blessings
2. Rejoice in His grace and mercy

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*