

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 16 June 2019 ... Happy Father's Day!

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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ☸

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Text: Psalm 68:19-20

“DAILY LOADS US WITH BENEFITS”

THE BENEFITS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN

The Scriptures record plainly the many blessings God has bestowed on His people. This text is but one of many that describe the Lord's goodness manifested.

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*Blessed be the LORD,
Who daily loads us with benefits,
The God of our salvation!*

*Our God is the God of salvation;
And to God the LORD belong escapes from death.
Psalm 68:19-20*

1. Blessed be the LORD

- a) This is an appropriate response
- b) The LORD is to be blessed indeed

2. Similar language

- a) The blessing of the LORD was similarly expressed in other Psalms
- b) Most notable is Psalm 103 where the idea of God's benefits are further elaborated on

3. Daily loads us with benefits

- a) How absolutely true this statement is!
- b) The list of His benefits is a long one
- c) The focus here that is amazing is the phrase "daily loads"
 - i) The blessings of God are many
 - ii) They are also given daily!

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d) The challenge is to truly practise counting our blessings

4. The God of our salvation

a) The reason why we are so blessed starts with this thought

b) We have a wonderful God

5. His Plan of salvation

a) Not only to save our souls

b) But also, to load us with daily blessings

c) To free us from the bondage of fear of death

d) God will be there to deliver us from all evil

BLESSING THE LORD

Let us determine to bless the name of the Lord our God. Let us seek to extol the God of our salvation more and more in our daily life! †

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 warmed and encouraged through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN

Pastor sends greetings to all worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ
at Bethany today! †

CATECHISM CLASS

We will not be having Catechism Class today (Father's Day). †

COMBINED WORSHIP

We have a Combined Worship today. †

CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY

We celebrate Father's Day today.
Thank God for all good and godly fathers.
To be a father is truly a joy but also a great responsibility. †

RESUMPTION OF MULTIPLE SERVICES

Multiple services resume next Sunday.
Teens: 10.30am
Evening-Bilingual: 4.00 pm †

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LEADERSHIP RETREAT

23-24 August 2019

Plan to sign up to attend the Leadership Retreat. Our leaders from India, Australia and Myanmar will be attending this Retreat.

The cost of the Retreat would be borne by SSS4. The Class would also be bearing the cost of all the Photo-frames. †

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+6 ANNIVERSARY

Let us set aside time to reflect on the Lord's presence manifested to us at Bethany these past 46 years! Book your table on the occasion of the 40+6 Anniversary as soon as possible.

Thank God for His grace and mercy bestowed on Bethany these many years. May we treasure the significance of His presence in our midst!

Things attempted to celebrate in conjunction with Bethany's Anniversary:

1. Photo shoots of Seniors at Bethany
 2. Anniversary Lunch at Shangri La on 25 August 2019 †
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PULPIT THEME FOR JULY-AUGUST 2019

"Called According to His purpose" Romans 8:28

1. We will be studying God's Calling

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- a) With reference to the Church
 - b) With reference to His purpose
 - c) With reference to the individual
2. The Call of God
- a) It is often not well-appreciated
 - b) It seems to be only applicable to pastors
 - c) The Call of God was meant to be appreciated at a very personal level †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 98:7-9

*Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell in it;*

*Let the rivers clap their hands;
Let the hills be joyful together*

*Before the LORD, for He is coming to judge the earth,
With righteousness He shall judge the world,
And the peoples with equity.*

1. A great call to worship
- a) Call given to the sea
 - b) The rivers
 - c) The hills
 - d) The world
2. The LORD's coming to judge the world
- a) With righteousness
 - b) With equity
 - c) His coming is presented as a certainty
 - d) With faith and hope, we can comprehend this! †

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

How carefully the LORD has planned our Salvation!
Many details are included, like His daily Provision.

The Plan of Salvation was lovingly planned;
We can see His invisible but wondrous Hand.

How graciously the LORD has planned our Salvation!
He knows that we would still need His Protection.
There would be enemies who would defy His plans;
But the LORD would always be near at hand.

How lovingly the LORD has planned our Salvation!
He has covered every detail in His Determinations.
He knows how the heart is cheered through benefits daily;
He knows how much we will need His grace and mercy.

How should we respond to the God of our Salvation?
Surely, it is natural to bless His name in jubilation!
The Lord's name must be extolled for all He has done;
May our hearts ever praise Him from morn to set of sun!

Charles Tan
Psalm 68:19-20



(FATHER'S DAY POEM)

A GREAT AND GLORIOUS RESPONSIBIITY

Great joy and privilege are given to a father;
These are blessings that are like no other.
To love one's children is a blessing indeed;
Being a father reminds us of what we need!

Fathers need the Lord's grace and mercy each day;
Thus, the heart seeks the Lord much along the way.
There are many challenges that we cannot foresee;
Being a father is a great and glorious responsibility.

There will be times when we fear we might fail;
There must be faith in God that we will prevail.
The Lord's Word must be read most carefully;
The heart must seek the Lord's wisdom deeply.

It is heartening to know that God is Father too;
He watches over all with a love that is true.
His example as a Father brings inspiration;
May all fathers be blessed with jubilation!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Proverbs 4; Romans 8:15-16



THE PRUDENT FATHER

A young father looks with wonder and amazement at the birth of his son;
In his mind conjures up images of all the things he will do with him to have fun.

When the little boy falls and wails inconsolably;
The father wished he himself was the one who was hurt vicariously.

The father works hard to give the son a good life;
To eat the best food and to dress to the nines.
But earning the keeps has taken a toll on the father;
The relationship between father and son begins to drift asunder.

The son grows up in a world of extravagance and obsession for gain;
He struggles to cope but still finds he lives life in vain.
This story seems too often repeated nowadays;
How we wished its ending need not be this way.

May we be reminded to teach our little ones from their youth;
About the teachings of the Bible and God's truths.
Prudent is the father who grounds his son in the Word of God early in his life;
For he will go back to it in times of strife.

Our fathers deserve our love and respect for the sacrifices they've rendered;
Let us honour our father and mother as the Lord has commanded.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Proverbs 22:6; Exodus 20:12



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 16 JUNE 2019

TEXT: PSALM 100:2

COME BEFORE HIS PRESENCE WITH SINGING

Serve the LORD with gladness;

Come before His presence with singing.

1. Serving the LORD

a) Important to have a sense of His presence

b) This will make all the difference

2. In the presence of God

a) Singing is a natural thing to do

b) The presence of God inspires the heart to sing joyously

NEXT SUNDAY: 23 JUNE 2019

TEXT: PSALM 51:11

DO NOT CAST ME AWAY FROM YOUR PRESENCE

Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take away

Your Holy Spirit from me. †

THEME : THE PRESENCE OF GOD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞ 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"The is the mountain which God
desires to dwell in" Psalm 68

Chairman
Mr Milton Ong

Pianist
Mr Gabriel Ou

Speaker
Rev Mark Tan

Interpreter
Mrs Koh Baoling

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞ 10.30 AM

"What He sees the Father doing"
John 5:16-23

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Miss Camille George

Speaker
Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast : Kaelyn Teo
Fellowship Lunch : Tang Hong Wee & Jermaine Tang; Xian Han & Kathy

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
16 June 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing	<i>Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou</i>
HWC No. 56	Day By Day
Prelude	
Call to Worship	<i>Mr Milton Ong</i>
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns	
Century Praise 57	Worthy Of Worship
VIP No. 418	In His Presence
Song No. 3	My Father's Love

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message:	“This is the mountain which God desires to dwell in”
Text :	Psalm 68
Speaker:	Rev Mark Tan

RESPONSE

Offering	
Hymn	
HWC No. 280	I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	



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PASTORAL LETTER

16 JUNE 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

HAPPY "FATHER'S DAY"

Thank God for His grace given. A month ago, we celebrated "Mother's Day." Today we celebrate "Father's Day." The gift of parents is often not fully appreciated.

WISDOM FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

The Book of Proverbs offers many excellent proverbial insights of life.

*When I was my father's son,
Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother,*

*He also taught me, and said to me:
Let your heart also retain my words;
Keep my commands and live.*

*Wisdom is the principal thing;
Therefore, get wisdom.
And in all your getting, get understanding. Proverbs 4:3-4, 6*

1. Remembering the words of our father

- a) These words of wisdom given are worth remembering
- b) They were remembered by Solomon

2. Asking for wisdom from God

- a) Once God came to Solomon and offered him a special boon
- b) God would grant him whatever boon he requested
- c) Solomon asked for wisdom
- d) How did he know what to ask?
- e) It is likely that he had learned about the gift of wisdom from his father, David
Hence, he asked for wisdom as his request from the LORD (1 Kings 3)

3. Wisdom: the principal thing

- a) Wisdom and understanding go together
- b) May we always desire and search for wisdom always

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*