

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

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 68:24-27; 2 Samuel 6

“THE PROCESSION OF GOD”

THE ARK OF THE TESTIMONY

It was God who gave the design to Moses concerning the Ark of the Testimony (Exodus 25:10-24). It was one of the holiest artefacts in the Tabernacle. The Ark represented a number of things:

MEDITATION

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1. The word "Testimony" means "Witness"

- a) It represented the LORD's presence among the children of Israel
- b) The Lord would dwell among His people
- c) A special "mercy seat" represented the great mercies and grace of God
- d) It bore witness:
 - i) That Israel had a Covenant relationship with God
 - ii) Israel promised to obey the LORD Exodus 24:3

2. The Loss of the Ark

- a) The Ark was lost in the period of the Judges
 - i) This was a very dark period in Israel's history
 - ii) People did whatever seemed right in their own eyes Judges 17:6; 21:25
- b) It was many years later when David desired to bring the Ark into Jerusalem
 - i) But he had not consulted the priests and prophets as he should
 - ii) He put the Ark of the LORD onto a cart

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- iii) The oxen stumbled; One of his men tried to steady the cart and he touched the sacred Ark. He perished as a result.

BRINGING IN THE ARK OF THE TESTIMONY PROPERLY

David discovered his error and the next time around, the Ark was safely brought into Jerusalem. He reflected on this memorable occasion.

*They have seen Your procession, O God,
The procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary.
The singers went before, the players on instruments
Followed after;
Among them were the maidens playing timbrels.*

Psalm 68:24-25

1. This was described as "The procession of God"
2. This occasion was:
 - a) Memorable
 - b) Joyous
3. The Symbolic Significance:
 - a) The Ark of the Testimony symbolized the Presence of God
 - b) His Presence would make all the difference to the nation

Let us seek to have a heightened sense of appreciation of the LORD in our midst! †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad 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*

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN

Pastor sends greetings to all at Bethany.
He will back in the Pulpit next Sunday. †

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: 4.07

This Class helps to prepare people for baptism and church membership. †

WEEKDAY MEETINGS

They will resume in July 2019.

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to look forward to the resumption of the Weekday Meetings (Prayer Meeting and Bible Study). †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

23-24 August 2019

1. Leadership matters

- a) A strong and godly team of leaders will make a huge difference
- b) A weak team of leaders will affect things adversely

2. Sign up to attend the Leadership Retreat

- a) This will be fully sponsored by SSS 4
 - b) Plan to sign up as soon as possible for catering purposes †
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CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+6 ANNIVERSARY

Date: 25 August 2019

Plan to book your table as soon as possible.

1. Celebrating the presence of our Seniors at Bethany

- a) Your presence is valued
- b) You will always be given due respect

2. Celebrate with a special photo-shoot

- a) Choose your friends
- b) Choose your favourite spot

3. Book your time at the Booth at the Fellowship Hall †

ORDINATION SERVICE

Ordinands:

1. Benjamin Chong
2. Benjamin Quah

They will be ordained on 25 August 2019 at Shangri La.

It has been a challenging 4 years of training to be a pastor. Many were the experiences given to them. After their ordination they will be given the ordained title of "Reverend."

Let us plan to be there to give them our full support.

THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

1. This is made up of ordained pastors from all our IPC Family overseas
 - a) India
 - b) Myanmar
 - c) Western Australia
2. They will lay hands on the two ordinands
 - a) They would then be given the right hand of fellowship by the ordained pastors
 - b) The Session representing the Church would welcome them as ordained pastors

Let us be much in prayer for this sacred service!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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STRONG CHURCH SUPPORT

It would be wonderful if there is strong support for this occasion.

1. It would be an uplifting worship
2. It would be memorable
3. It would be another historic milestone for our IPC family †

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dearest Bethany,

I would like to thank each one of you for rallying and praying alongside even as my family went through this time of my grandfather's passing. My heart is so full even as I ponder over the outpouring of love, concern and prayers from each one through the past week.

Though many of you have never interacted with my grandfather or my family, but you still chose to take the time out of your busy schedules to be present at the wake to be with my family. The sheer number of you who turned up for the wake astounded my family, and they were all deeply moved by this expression of love. Thank you for allowing my family to catch a glimpse of the Lord's compassion through your presence and words. Your presence at the wake and funeral, your texts of comfort and encouragement and your prayers for my family spoke volumes of the Lord's love and reminded me that the Lord is near and that He is watching over my family still. Thank you for exemplifying what it means to be part of God's church here in Bethany, where people truly care for people. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Bethany.

Love,
Wenyuan

THE PROCESSION OF GOD

David had a strong military background;
He brought in thirty thousand men to surround
The Ark of the Testimony as it was brought in;
But the procession turned out badly because of sin.

The Ark of the Testimony was sacred to Israel;
That it was brought to Jerusalem seemed surreal.
The Procession was not fully comprehended;
The king had taken too many things for granted.

The LORD had given clear instructions;
One must not be carried by his emotions.
Meaning well is not the focal point at all;
One must give heed to God's word or fall!

David learned a huge lesson along the way;
He must seek the Lord humbly every day.
The Procession of God was attempted again;
There was now a great singing of happy refrains!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 68: 24-27; 2 Samuel 6



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 99:1-3

*The LORD reigns;
Let the peoples tremble!
He dwells between the cherubim;
Let the earth be moved.*

*The LORD is great in Zion,
And He is high above the peoples.*

*Let them praise Your great and awesome name-
He is holy.*

1. The Person of God

- a) He reigns as King
- b) He is great
- c) He is high above all peoples on earth
- d) He is holy

2. Appropriate responses

- a) Let the earth be moved
- b) Let all praise His awesome name †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.*

1. King David wrote Psalm 51
2. In this text, he expressed fear that God would cast him away from His presence
3. He had seen what happened to King Saul when God removed His presence
 - a) He would not answer Saul's prayers
 - b) Saul fell into episodes of depression
4. He prayed:
 - a) Earnestly
 - b) Humbly
5. God heard his prayer
He did not cast David away from His presence. He was fully pardoned!
Thank God for His great mercy shown!

NEXT SUNDAY: 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. †*

THEME : THE PRESENCE OF GOD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
"Ascribe strength to our God"
Psalm 68

Chairman
Mr Paul Chia

Organist
Mrs Kathy Lai

Speaker
Rev Mitchell Tan

Interpreter
Dr Jane Tan

Pianist
Mrs Amelia Toi

Chairman
Mr Eugene Tan

Pianist
Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker
Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Ushers
Mr Justin Lai
Miss Staci Lee

TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE
Joshua -
"So the Lord was with Joshua"
Joshua 6

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
10.30 AM
"More Than a Prophet"
Matthew 11:1-6

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Speaker
Miss Camille George

Chairman
Mr Dominic Cheng

Pianist
Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Interpreter
Mrs Lee Yuwen
Ms Aleena Kua

**EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

"I will make a difference between My
people and your people" Exodus 8

Breakfast : Davina Koh
Fellowship Lunch : Kevin & Rachel Low; Gerald & Elaine Wong
Evening Tea : Swee Keng

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

23 June 2019

Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi

Organist : Mrs Kathy Lai

VIP No. 278

I Have Learned The Wondrous Secret

Prelude

Call to Worship

Mr Paul Chia

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 57

Worthy Of Worship

Century Praise 59

To God Be The Glory

VIP No. 717

The Power Of Your Love

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Ascribe strength to our God”

Text : Psalm 68

Speaker: Rev Mitchell Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 275

How Firm A Foundation

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

23 June 2019

Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Century Praise 456

Safe In The Arms Of Jesus 安居主怀

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Dominic Cheng

Interpreter : Ms Aleena Kua

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 310

Count Your Blessings 数算主恩

Century Praise 319

He Hideth My Soul 祂藏我灵

Century Praise 316

Have Faith In God 当信服神

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “I will make a difference between My people and your people”
“我要将我的百姓和你的百姓分别出来”

Text : Exodus 8 出埃及记 8

Speaker: Student-Pastor Eugene Seow
Interpreter : Mrs Lee Yuwen

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 363

God Will Take Care Of You 天父必看顾你

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

23 JUNE 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

DWELLING ON THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Psalm 68 is a very mature Psalm written by King David. This Psalm reflects important details about the Presence of God. There is so much that we can and must learn from David as we read this Psalm.

1. The practice of Dwelling on the Presence of God

- a) How may this be done meaningfully?
- b) What should we look for?

2. David's approach

- a) Looking into the past
 - i) This is a good place to start
 - ii) The LORD's Presence was with Israel
- b) Seeking meaning
 - i) David sought to find meaning in God's manifestation of His Presence
 - ii) Finding meaning deepened his faith in God
 - iii) It enhanced his appreciation of God's hand of blessing

3. Appropriate Application

- a) David sought to find applications of a deeper understanding of God
- b) The following examples are things we can attempt to apply too:
 - i) Singing to God Psalm 68:32
 - ii) Praising God in song Psalm 68:32
 - iii) Adoration of God Psalm 68:38
- c) Let us emulate David's example. His application is worth following after. May the LORD's Presence always be dearly appreciated!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*