

BETHANY

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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 7 July 2019 ... Holy Communion Sunday!

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MEDITATION

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Text: Acts 9

“A CHOSEN VESSEL”

A CLEAR EXAMPLE

We have a clear example of God's calling in the Apostle Paul. The Pulpit theme for the months of July-August 2019 is wonderfully stated, "Called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

A GRIM AND DARK PAST

Paul had a grim past. The following

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MEDITATION

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text describes the man that he was before he understood God's call.

*Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder
Against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest*

*And asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus,
So that if he found any who were of the Way,
Whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.*
Acts 9:1-2

1. Breathing threats and murder

a) This was a candid description of Saul (the original name of Paul)

b) He was incensed against all disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ

2. Fanatical energy

a) He was not content with attacking disciples in Judea

b) He was bent on harassing them even if they had fled to Damascus, Syria

LITERAL AND SYMBOLIC BLINDNESS

The Lord Jesus mercifully revealed Himself to Saul on the road to Damascus. Saul experienced a traumatic moment when he became blind for a season. His blindness was both literal and symbolic:

1. Literal blindness

a) Physical blindness was experienced

b) This must be one of the most traumatic experiences one could experience

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2. Symbolic significance

a) Saul had been blind to the truth

b) He had been blind to the reality of Jesus as the Risen Saviour

THE HEALING OF SAUL

A disciple by the name of Ananias was sent to heal Saul. To the objections of Ananias, the Lord gave this word.

"Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine" Acts 9:15

1. A chosen vessel

a) What a wonderful word from the Lord

b) This was the calling that God would give to Paul

2. He would become God's chosen vessel

a) The sinful man would become a saint

b) An unclean vessel would become a chosen vessel

The Call of God is never without purpose. Let us seek to discover God's purpose in our calling to salvation and service! †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. May your heart be blessed through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

We remember the death of the Lord Jesus Christ in the celebration of
The Lord's Supper!

The Bread

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Mark 14:22

The Cup

*Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it.
And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many." Mark 14:23-24 †*

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: 4.07 †

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Date: 23-24 August 2019

1. Thank God for so many who have signed up to attend the Retreat
2. Leadership involves both the leaders and the supporters
3. The challenge is to find a special sense of connection
4. Let us seek the Lord's blessings on the Leadership Retreat!

Plan to sign up soon! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL NEEDS SUNDAY

We will be having a special focus next Sunday (14 July 2019).

1. There are children born with special needs!
 2. Our challenge
 - a) To find a heart to love these children
 - b) To explore practical ways of ministering to them
 3. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings
 - a) On the children with special needs
 - b) On all who are involved in caring for them †
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CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+6 ANNIVERSARY

1. Thank God for His presence in our midst
2. He has wonderfully blessed and provided!
3. Let us learn to rejoice in the Lord and all His blessings

Anniversary Lunch at Shangri La (25 August 2019). Plan to book your table today. †

HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS

Heartfelt congratulations to Joshua and Jodeline on the occasion of their wedding on 6 July 2019. May the Lord continue to bless! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bicentennial Experience

AM Bethany

(Announcement from Dn. Jacob Chacko)

Location: Fort Canning Centre

PART 1 – TIME TRAVELLER (Duration 1 Hour)

We have booked 2 slots on the Sat 3 Aug 2019

The first one is starting at 3.00pm. (Need to be at Location by 2.50 pm)
(Max 42 persons)

The second show starts at 3.10pm (Need to be on location by 3.00pm)
(Max 42 persons)

PART 2 – A walk thru the park to look at the exhibits. (Can be covered in half an hour to an hour)

Proposal – To hire 2 buses with capacity of 40 each to leave at 1.45 pm from Bethany.

We should be back by 5.30pm in church.

Please plan to sign up at the Booth at the Fellowship Hall. †

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 8 July 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 8 July 2019

Time: 8.00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 9 July 2019

Time: 8.00 pm †

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HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Sincere and heartfelt condolences to Wei Hui and Wei Chang on the demise of their father. Mr. Lee Soo Miang was called home to be with the Lord on 3 July 2019. He was 71 years old. †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 99:6-7

Moses and Aaron were among His priests,
And Samuel was among those who called upon His name;
They called upon the LORD, and He answered them.

He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar;
They kept His testimonies and the ordinances He gave them.

1. Outstanding examples

- a) Moses, Aaron and Samuel were specially mentioned
- b) Thank God for good examples that bring about inspiration

2. What stood out especially?

- a) They were obedient to the Lord
- b) They kept His testimonies and ordinances

3. Our Challenge

- a) To be inspired to understand the Lord's word
- b) To be desirous to follow good examples of serving the Lord faithfully
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POEM #1

“I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS”

How the Lord honours all who sincerely follow!
His words are truly profound and never hollow.
His first Call is to follow and walk with Him;
He will deal with all our weaknesses and sin.

Along the way, true friendship is wonderfully given;
The friendship of the Lord is truly a gift from Heaven.
He offers instruction with understanding of the deepest kind;
The true follower will appreciate His great love divine.

The love of Jesus is unmistakable from beginning to end;
His love is so deeply profound it is truly beyond human ken.
He offers everything that anyone could ask for in a friendship;
There is tremendous significance in divine-human fellowship!

The Call of God is a profound doctrine we must seek to comprehend;
Therein we will find our sense of purpose in the Lord's divine plan.
Let our hearts be stirred to discover God's will for our destiny;
Let us seek reviving grace to live for things that count for eternity.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: John 15:9-17 †

POEM #2

STRENGTH IN THE LORD

One way to perceive the presence of God is to reflect on our past;
To realize how God has willed it and brought it all to pass.
History is fascinating because we can view things in retrospect;
To gain deeper insights into God's plans for the lives of His elect.

Often, we falter and sin but God is faithful to correct;
If we earnestly seek Him and His Word we do not neglect.
He will allow us to record and celebrate the victories we obtain;
If we self-examine and from making the same mistakes, refrain.

The realization of God's presence will culminate in immense strength;
To weather the storms of life and help us from setbacks to mend.
It will ignite the holy ambitions He has placed in our spirits and our hearts;
Fire up visions of His kingdom and motivate us to do our part.

Let us worship a God whose presence inspires strength;
Let us extol and sing His praises at length.
May we be sensitive to experience and acknowledge the presence of the Lord;
And like the psalmist shout out loud "Blessed be God!"

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Psalm 68 †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 7 JULY 2019

TEXT: ROMANS 1:7A CALLED TO BE SAINTS

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

1. The term "Saints"
 - a) It means "holy ones"
 - b) Or "sanctified ones"
2. It describes:
 - a) How God sees us
 - b) What God has done
 - i) He has cleansed us from sin
 - ii) We are regarded as having been pardoned
 - iii) God sees us as "sanctified" before His sight

NEXT SUNDAY: 14 JULY 2019

TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:9

CALLED INTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SON

*God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. †*

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE** ☞
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
"Called in the grace of Christ"
Galatians 1

Chairman
Deacon
George Thomas

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist
Mrs Esther Ang

Organist
Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter
Dr Jane Tan

Chairman
Ms Lin Wenyan

Speaker
Mr Quek Li Yen

Pianist
Ms Edlyn Chong

Usher
Mr Leon Lai
Ms Asia Tan

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —
10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8
"Called in the grace of Christ"
Galatians 1

☞ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** ☞
10.30 AM
"Having a good heart"
Matthew 12:33-37

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

Speaker
Mrs Joanne Tan

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Ms Camille George

Chairman
Mr Kevin Low

Pianist
Mr Gabriel Ou

Speaker
Rev Mark Tan

Interpreter
Deacon Tan Peng Hui
Ms Berlanda Cheong

☞ **EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE** ☞
4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7,8
"Called in the grace of Christ"
Galatians 1

Breakfast: Reuben Wan
Fellowship Lunch: Vincent & Su Yin Toong; Janssen & Joan Cheah;
Josephine; Qing Yang & Yuanli; Winston & Annie Teo
Evening Tea: Eng Yuwen

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
7 July 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

Century Praise 339

Higher Ground

Prelude

Call to Worship

Deacon George Thomas

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

VIP No. 377

In Christ Alone

Century Praise 399

Make Me A Blessing

HWC No. 349

Trust And Obey

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Called in the grace of Christ”

Text : Galatians 1

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

Century Praise 192

Near The Cross

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

HWC No. 377

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 358

Living For Jesus

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

7 July 2019

Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou

Century Praise 297

Wonderful Grace Of Jesus

耶稣奇妙的救恩

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Kevin Low

Interpreter :

Ms Berlinda Cheong

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 91

Praise Him! Praise Him!

赞美耶稣

Century Praise 377

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

恩友歌

Century Praise 6

How Great Thou Art

祢真伟大

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “Called in the grace of Christ”

“借着基督之恩召你们”

Text: Galatians 1 加拉太书 1

Speaker: *Rev Mark Tan*

Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

THE LORD’S SUPPER 圣餐 Rev Dr Charles Tan

Hymn

Century Praise No. 291

Jesus Is All The World To Me

(stanzas 1 & 2)

耶稣基督是我一切

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise No. 291

Jesus Is All The World To Me

(stanzas 3 & 4)

耶稣基督是我一切

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise No. 270

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

当转眼仰望耶稣

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

7 JULY 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+6 ANNIVERSARY

We have every reason to “celebrate” our Church’s Anniversary! What is “celebration?” According to the Cambridge Dictionary, this word is defined thus:

“Celebrate” definition:

1. To take part in special enjoyable activities in order to show that a particular occasion is important
2. To express admiration and approval

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Let's try and apply this definition of “celebration.”

1. Let's take part in special enjoyable activities
 - a) Be there for the Leadership Retreat (23–24 August 2019)
 - b) Book your table for the Anniversary Lunch at Shangri La (25 August 2019)
2. To show that a particular occasion is important
 - a) The ordination of Ben Chong and Ben Quah
 - b) This adds to the significance of Bethany's 40+ 6 Anniversary
3. To express admiration and approval
 - a) The Lord's Presence
 - b) His abundant provision
 - c) His wonderful protection
 - d) His glorious promises
 - e) His profound power

COMMENCEMENT OF CELEBRATION

This begins with a deep appreciation of the Lord's presence in our midst.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*