

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

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Text: Hebrews 3:1-2

"PARTAKERS OF THE HEAVENLY CALLING"

THE DIVINE CALL FROM HEAVEN

God's call to mankind originates from Heaven and thus it may be described as a "Heavenly Calling." We are presented with Jesus as the clear and perfect example of One who responded to this Heavenly Call-

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ing.

*Therefore, holy brethren,
Partakers of the heavenly calling,
Consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession,
Christ Jesus,*

*Who was faithful to Him who appointed Him,
As Moses also was faithful in all His house. Hebrews 3:1-2*

1. Holy brethren

- a) This is a description of all true believers
- b) We are called “holy brethren”
 - i) We are declared holy in God’s sight
 - ii) We are brethren of the Lord Jesus Christ

2. Partakers of the heavenly calling

- a) Jesus was certainly a partaker of this heavenly calling
- b) Moses was also a partaker of this glorious calling
- c) We are also partakers of this holy calling from Heaven

THE GLORIOUS EXAMPLE OF JESUS

We have the classic example of Jesus to carefully consider as we ponder how we may respond to this Heavenly Calling appropriately.

1. Jesus is called “The Apostle”

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- a) The key idea here is found in the word "sent"
- b) Jesus was conscious of being sent by God

*My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me.
And to finish His work. John 4:34*

*I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day,
The night is coming when no one can work. John 9:4*

2. Who was faithful to Him who appointed Him

- a) Jesus was faithful to the Heavenly Calling
- b) Our challenge is to be found faithful too

Let us seek to comprehend the Heavenly Calling that God has given to us. Let us seek to be faithful to the Lord always! †

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 blessed through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

CATECHISM CLASS

Time: 1.00pm
Venue: 4.07 †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 15 July 2019

Time: 7.00pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 15 July 2019

Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 16 July 2019

Time: 8.00 pm †

MISSIONS MINISTRY

Pastor Charles Tan will be ministering in Bethel this week
(15-21 July 2019). †

The Bicentennial Experience

AM Bethany

(Announcement from Dn. Jacob Chacko)

Visit: 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)

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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.

Number of people signed up on 7 July 2019: 34
Please register early to avoid disappointment †

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

23-24 August 2019

1. Let us study the Lord's word concerning Spiritual Leadership
2. There are clear Biblical principles involved
3. Let us seek to study the Scriptures to understand and apply Biblical principles with reference to leading Bethany and the IPC Family overseas. †

BETHANY'S 40+6 ANNIVERSARY

Special Anniversary Service at Shangri La on 25 August 2019.
Plan to book your table today! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL NEEDS SUNDAY

(14 July 2019)

1. Special Needs Team

Thank God for our Special Needs Team

- a) They have expressed much compassion
- b) They have done much to bless the hearts of all the children with special needs at Bethany

2. The Challenge:

- a) To pray for all involved
- b) To pray for parents especially who look after their children
- c) To find a special heart of love for our children with special needs †

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor Charlie, the pastoral team and members of Bethany,

Thank you for your support for us during this period of bereavement. We were very touched when Pastor came down personally to pay Dad his last respect. We knew Pastor was not feeling well at that time. Many of you also attended Dad's vigil services and comforted us. Many thanks to T. Shu Hua and T. Chiew Yen, who not only cooked and made drinks for our family members but also ministered to my mother.

Dad just celebrated his 71st birthday and he would always recount how the Lord has been merciful and gracious to him... to give him so many more years to live. He suffered from leukemia 34 years ago and he survived... he survived again 13 years ago after his lung collapsed and he had to go through a major operation... he recovered from the operation and had accepted Christ... Dad was still teaching in school and serving actively in his church till his last moments.. Dad has truly led a fulfilling and meaningful life.

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LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

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Although we will deeply miss our dear father, but we also take heart that we have hope in the Lord. Dad has gone to a better place and we will meet him again... and this time there will no longer be tears but only full joy.

In His Grace,
Weihui and Weichang †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 99:8-9

*You answered them, O LORD our God;
You were to them God-who-forgives,
Though You took vengeance on their deeds.*

*Exalt the LORD our God,
And worship at His holy hill;
For the LORD our God is holy.*

1. Appreciation of God
 - a) As One who forgives
 - b) As One who will righteously chasten those who remain unrepentant
 - c) He is holy
2. Appropriate response
 - a) He is to be exalted
 - b) He is to be worshipped
 - c) He is to be feared †

“A CHOSEN VESSEL”

Who would have imagined that Saul could be converted?
He was so prejudiced and he was so filled with hatred.
His malice knew no boundaries, so deep was the sin;
In God's grace and mercy, he was cleansed from deep within.

But there was more to Conversion that God had planned;
He would reveal to Paul things he must comprehend.
God's Call given was to make him “A chosen vessel;”
Paul would experience deep and insightful “upheavals.”

“A chosen vessel!” This was beyond immediate comprehension;
The vile deeds of Saul had left many hurt and in much confusion.
But Ananias knew the Lord well enough to give Him full trust;
God's wisdom, grace and power would surely prevail at last.

Ananias went to Saul and greeted him most graciously;
He brought about healing of his blindness immediately.
Paul began a new life seeking to fulfil God's Calling;
His life and ministry would result in great blessings!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Acts 9:1-16
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God is in Control

The disciples asked Jesus "who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

So often, we are more concerned about the sins of others and inclined to fault-find.

But Jesus instead treated the blind man with great empathy;
And demonstrated that our focus ought to be on love and sensitivity.

For the thoughts of God are unfathomable by our finite human minds;

And His ways are higher than the ways of humankind.

What if the works of God might be revealed through the calamities we suffer?

And through the joy and endurance mastered when our difficulties we conquer?

Have faith to believe that God is in control;

That He will provide for the needs of His children as they grow.

That He will do a good work in their hearts and their minds;

That He will make everything beautiful in His time.

Do not be flippant to give accord to so-called serendipity;

When we witness God's works revealed in perfect congruity.

Rejoice and give thanks for the unique life He has given to each of us;

Believe in our higher calling and in Him put our trust.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: John 9:1-3; Isaiah 55:8-9; Ecclesiastes 3:11



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.*

1. The faithfulness of God is to be acknowledged
2. He is the One who has called us to salvation
3. In this salvation plan, we are called into the fellowship of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ

NEXT SUNDAY: 21 JULY 2019

TEXT: EPHESIANS 4:1 WALK WORTHY OF THE CALLING

*I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the
calling with which you were called. †*

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Called into the fellowship of His Son" 1 Corinthians 1

Chairmen

Special Needs
Ministry

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poeey

Interpreter

Mrs Koh Baoling

Chairman

Mr Stanley Woo

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Usher

Mr Alfred Chua
Ms Shayna Walia

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE — **10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8**

"Called into the fellowship of His Son" 1 Corinthians 1

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞

10.30 AM

"The Spiritual Family"
Matthew 12:46-50

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

Chairman

Mr Tang Hong Wee

Pianist

Ms Tay Soo Leng

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Interpreter

Mrs Lee Yuwen
Mr Allister Tham

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7,8

"Called into the fellowship of His Son" 1 Corinthians 1

Breakfast: Steven & Sharon Heng
Fellowship Lunch: Basil & Agnes; Aimeei; Chee Wei; Joleen
Evening Tea: Mdm Lee Siew Eng

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
14 July 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Song No. 1

Love And Obey
Special Item by the children

Prelude

Call to Worship

Special Needs Ministry

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 44

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God
Mr Milton Ong

Century Praise 270

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Mr Andrew Ng

VIP No. 130

The Way That He Loves
Ms Ngo Pei Ching

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Called into the fellowship of His Son”

Text : 1 Corinthians 1

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 293

Rise Up, O Church Of God

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

14 July 2019

Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Ms Tay Soo Leng

Century Praise 459

Blest Be The Tie

以爱相连

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Tang Hong Wee

Interpreter : Mr Allister Tham

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 2

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

快乐颂

Century Praise 45

For The Beauty Of The Earth

大地好风光

Century Praise 488

I Love To Tell The Story

我爱传扬这福音

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message:

“Called into the fellowship of His Son”

“被他所召，好与他儿子，我们的主耶稣基督，同得分”

Text :

1 Corinthians 1 哥林多前书 1

Speaker:

Intern-Pastor Benjamin Quah

Interpreter : Mrs Lee Yuwen

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 370

He Keeps Me Singing

不住的歌唱

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

14 JULY 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

SPECIAL NEEDS SUNDAY

We celebrate Special Needs Sunday today! Let us look at some reasons why we want to do this.

1. Our Special Needs Children
 - a) They are not forgotten
 - b) They are special to our hearts
2. Appreciation of this Ministry
 - a) It would be good to have an update of this Ministry
 - b) We would be further enlightened
 - c) We would be encouraged
 - d) We would understand and appreciate our Heavenly Calling
3. Prayer support
 - a) For the parents
 - b) For other family members
 - c) For the Team looking after the Special Needs Ministry
 - d) For the children especially

A CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

Let us pray that we may continue to grow a big heart for people – not only children with Special Needs but also for older senior brethren who may be infirm and shut-in. These are challenges that will become more and more of a reality with each passing year. Bethany must continue to grow a big heart for all.

Let us remember what the Lord Jesus Christ said about caring for those who suffer much in life.

*Assuredly, I say to you,
Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least
Of these My brethren, you did it to Me. Matthew 25:40*

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*