

BETHANY

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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

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Text: Romans 1

"CALLED TO BE AN APOSTLE"

WONDROUS TEACHING ON THE SUBJECT OF CALLING

One of the most significant writers in the New Testament on the subject of God's calling was the Apostle Paul. We owe much of our understanding of this topic to the Epistles he had written.

MEDITATION

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*Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ,
Called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God*

*Through Him we have received grace and apostleship
For obedience to the faith among all nations for His name
Among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ.*

Romans 1:1, 5-6

1. A shared calling

- a) Paul was first called to salvation (Acts 9)
- b) The Romans also were given the call of salvation

2. The call to salvation

- a) Through the gospel of God
- b) Through grace
- c) Through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

3. The Call to be an Apostle

- a) This was, of course, special
- b) Paul was given that special grace to be called to become an Apostle

4. Paul's perspective of being called to serve God as an Apostle

- a) There was gratitude in his heart

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b) He saw himself as no more than “a bondslave”

i) He pledged himself to serve the Lord humbly

ii) He served the Lord with great distinction

5. Separated to the gospel of God

a) It was all by the grace of God

i) To be called to salvation

ii) To be called to service

b) This act of God

i) It is according to God’s will and wisdom

ii) This is a mystery that cannot be fully comprehended

OUR CHALLENGE

We have been gloriously saved too. We have a calling to serve God faithfully. Let us seek to emulate the example of the Apostle Paul. Let us seek to serve Him with all our heart! †

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 uplifted through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY: HOLY COMMUNION

Let us prepare our hearts to partake of The Lord's Supper meaningfully.
May our hearts be drawn closer to the Lord! ✠

NO PRAYER MEETING/ BIBLE STUDY

We will not be having the usual Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
this coming week. ✠

MISSIONS MINISTRY

There will be a Bible Conference this coming week in Myanmar
(29 July- 2 August 2019). Let us pray for the Lord's blessings. ✠

AM-YMG OUTING

"The Bicentennial Experience"
(3 August 2019)

Last call to sign up for the special Outing planned to appreciate a bit of
the history of Singapore for the past 200 years (1819- 2019). ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

23-24 August 2019

1. Friday evening 23 August
We commence with Dinner-Fellowship

2. Saturday (whole morning) 24 August

3. Lunch Fellowship
We conclude with Lunch

Please plan to sign up as soon as possible. †

BETHANY ORCHESTRAL GROUP PRACTICE

The Bethany Orchestral Group will be practising together on Saturday, 24 August 2019 after the Retreat.

They will provide the musical accompaniment for the Worship Service at Shangri La on Sunday, 25 August 2019.

ANNIVERSARY MONTH

We will be celebrating the Lord's blessings on Bethany for the past 46 years. We will be having full combined worship for the month of August 2019. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+6 ANNIVERSARY

There is so much to celebrate.

1. On the Church (corporate side)

- a) Thank God for His provision
- b) Thank God for the Church building we lovingly call "Bethany"
- c) Thank God for the programs that we have been able to sustain

2. On the Personal side

- a) Individual blessings
- b) Family
- c) Friends

Let us cultivate a strong sense of gratitude till we can say,

*"I will bless the LORD at all times.
His praise shall continually be in my mouth"*
Psalm 34:1 †

ORDINATION OF BEN CHONG AND BEN QUAH

- 1. They began their training as Student-pastors
- 2. They have been serving as Intern-Pastors for the past year
- 3. They will be ordained on Sunday, 25 August 2019

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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4. This is an additional reason for us to celebrate Bethany's 40+6 Anniversary

Let us be there to express our love and support! †

MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATION

Date: 7 September 2019

Time: 4.00pm

Please plan to register as soon as possible, especially those who are 65 and above. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings once again. Let us seek to share our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. †

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Theme: "Ready to Give a Defence" 1 Peter 3:15

1-5 December 2019

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings. Our Korean brethren have written to say that 10 of them will be planning to be at the Youth Conference.

They feel that they have learned so much at Youth Conference that they want to be with us whenever they can come. †

THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING

They are many aspects of God's Heavenly calling;
Each aspect was revealed by a man of God's choosing.
Paul the persecutor became Paul the Apostle and preacher;
He became an outstanding evangelist and teacher.

The many aspects of God's Calling help us to know it is profound;
And personal experience of this Calling makes the soul truly abound.
The example that Paul has set for us helps us to appreciate our Call;
He began his truly exciting journey of faith by yielding his all.

By grace he found faith to believe in Jesus as his Saviour and Lord;
He began to understand the depth and complexity of the Biblical record.
He went on to understand that God's call was enshrouded in Hope;
This was the Divine training program by which he learned to cope.

The Calling of God is a glorious one that needs to be discovered;
In prayer and in the Lord's word, this Call must be contemplated.
God slowly reveals His Call through much-needed enlightenment;
The humble servant of God must ever seek divine encouragement.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Ephesians 1:17-19
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WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 100:3

*Know that the LORD, He is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

1. Vital knowledge
 - a) The LORD is our God
 - b) He is our Creator
2. Appropriate response
 - a) With joyful acknowledgment
We are His people
 - b) With deep gratitude
We are His sheep ✠

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 28 JULY 2019

TEXT: PHILIPPIANS 3:14 THE UPWARD CALL OF GOD

*I press toward the goal for the
prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

1. The Call of God

- a) It is always leading us upward
- b) There is a prize that awaits all who seek the Lord

2. Our response

- a) Let us press forward
- b) Let us move upward

NEXT SUNDAY: 4 AUGUST 2019

TEXT: HEBREWS 3:1

PARTAKERS OF THE HEAVENLY CALLING

*Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the
Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus. †*

THEME : CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Saved and Called with
a holy calling"
2 Timothy 1

Chairman

Mr Quek Li Yen

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Pianist

Mrs Amelia Toi

Chairman

Mr Joshua Phang

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan

Usher

Mr Justin Lai
Mr Ryan Quek

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

"Saved and Called with
a holy calling" 2 Timothy 1

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞

10.30 AM

"Growing well"
(Parable of the Mustard Seed)
Matthew 13:31-32

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Chairman

Mr Lim Wei Quan

Speaker

Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist

Ms Tay Soo Leng

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng
Mr Kevin Low

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

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

"Just as you were called in one hope
of your calling" Ephesians 4

Breakfast: Joel Lee

Fellowship Lunch: Billy & Eve Wan; Geena Ng

Evening Tea: Lee Yan-Yi

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
28 July 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

HWC No. 279

Faith Of Our Fathers

Prelude

Call to Worship

Mr Quek Li Yen

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 114

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Century Praise 459

Blest Be The Tie

Century Praise 338

O Jesus, I Have Promised

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Saved and Called with a holy calling”

Text : 2 Timothy 1

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 502

Send The Light

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
28 July 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Ms Tay Soo Leng

Century Praise 293

Now I Belong To Jesus
我永属主

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Lim Wei Quan

Interpreter : Mr Kevin Low

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 327

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go 神的爱永不弃我

HWC No. 275

How Firm A Foundation 妥当根基

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: “Just as you were called in one hope of your calling”
“正如你们蒙召同有一个指望”

Text : Ephesians 4 以弗所书 4

Speaker: Rev Mitchell Tan
Interpreter : Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

HWC No. 285

In Christ There Is No East Or West 万方团契

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

28 JULY 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

THE RICHNESS OF OUR CALLING

The salvation that God has given us is so rich and glorious. With salvation God has also given us the doctrine called "Call of God." The aspects of God's Call will include the following:

1. General Calling

- a) The call to salvation
- b) The call to fellowship in Christ
- c) The call to serve

2. Special Calling

- a) Special gifts
 - i) These are given to enable us to fulfil our Call
 - ii) These gifts must be cultivated carefully
- b) The Use of these gifts was discussed in the following texts:
 - i) Romans 12
 - ii) 1 Corinthians 12
 - iii) Ephesians 4

3. Confirmation of our Calling

- a) This would be seen in the life of the servant of God
- b) This would be further confirmed in the success of ministry

4. Blessing of the Lord

- a) On His servants
- b) On His Church

Let us seek to learn much more about this heavenly Call of God.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*