

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
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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: 1 Peter 2:9-10

“CALLED OUT OF DARKNESS”

THE CALL OF GOD

The Call of God was not only taught by the Apostle Paul. The Apostle Peter also preached about the Call of God.

*But you are a chosen generation,
A royal priesthood, a holy nation,
His own special people,*

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MEDITATION

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*That you may proclaim the praises of Him
Who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;*

*Who once were not a people but are now the people of God,
Who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy,
1 Peter 2:9-10*

AMAZING ASPECTS OF THE CALL OF GOD

We have really astonishing features that must draw our attention:

1. A chosen generation

- a) How wonderful to be part of this generation
- b) This must be treasured

2. A royal priesthood

- a) A priesthood
 - i) Better than that of the Levites
 - ii) Better than that of the Aaronic priestly line
- b) Royal
 - i) Because of the Lord Jesus Christ as King
 - ii) Because we are called "brethren" of the King
- c) A holy nation
 - i) A world-wide consideration

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ii) We are large enough to be called a nation;
a holy nation

d) His own special people

i) This is how God regards us

ii) He sees us as His people... His special people!

WALKING WORTHY

Let us seek enlightenment. Let us seek to walk in the Light. No more must we walk as we did in the past, in great darkness! †

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*

COMBINED WORSHIP FOR ANNIVERSARY MONTH

We will be having Combined Worship for the whole month of August 2019. May we appreciate afresh the sense of "oneness" that God desires us to have.†

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

Pastor Charles Tan sends greetings from Perth.
He returns home to Singapore this evening.†

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: 4.07 †

LEADERSHIP RETREAT 23-24 August 2019

1. Leadership in the work of the Lord is relevant in so many ways
2. It will affect the ministry in very practical ways

Let us learn as much as we can. The Lord may be preparing us for leadership! †

AM OUTING: CELEBRATING SINGAPORE'S BI-CENTENNIAL

Date: 3 August 2019

Leaving Bethany: 1.45 pm

First Show: 3.00 pm

Be there by 2.50pm

Second Show: 3.10 pm

Be there by 3.00pm †

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+6 ANNIVERSARY

A. What should we celebrate?

1. The Lord's Promises
2. His blessings
3. His presence

B. Anniversary Lunch

1. Shangri La
2. 25 August 2019

Plan to book your table as soon as possible! †

ORDINATION SERVICE

Date: 25 August 2019

1. Let us pray for Ben Chong and Ben Quah as they are ordained
2. Let us pray for their ministry as ordained ministers

May the Lord strengthen their hearts and hands further! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING BETHEL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

We have more than 90 people who have signed up to attend Bethel's 25th Anniversary celebration. For catering purposes, please contact Mrs. Sally Tan if you are planning to attend Bethel's Silver Jubilee celebration.

Thanksgiving Service: 12 September 2019

Thanksgiving Dinner: 13 September 2019 †

MID-AUTUMN PROGRAM DATE: 7 SEPTEMBER 2019 TIME: 4.00PM

Registration: Please sign up if you are planning to attend. Please inform those who are manning the Sign-up station if you are 65 and above. This would also apply to those who are planning to bring in older relatives for this program.

This will help us prepare for the Fellowship that follows. And also for the special mooncakes that we give to all Seniors who are planning to attend.†

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2019

DATE: 1-6 DECEMBER 2019

THEME: "READY TO GIVE A DEFENCE" 1 PETER 3:15

Our South Korean friends have written to ask if they could plan to come for the Youth Conference.

Let us pray for the Lord to bless this year's Youth Conference.†

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 22 July 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 22 July 2019

Time: 8.00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 23 July 2019

Time: 8.00 pm †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalms 100:1-2

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all your lands!

Serve the LORD with gladness;

Come before His presence with singing.

1. A call to rejoice in the LORD
 - a) With joy
 - b) In song
2. A call to serve the LORD
 - a) To serve as He deserves to be served
 - b) With gladness of heart
3. Presence of the LORD
 - a) To be appreciated
 - b) Appropriate response desired... one of joyous singing †

POEM #1

CALLED OUT OF DARKNESS

We cannot but remember that once we walked in darkness;
We could not see our way and the thought of eternity brought sadness.
There was no light at all to bring cheer along life's pathway;
The heart felt so dry and dreary each and every day.

Then came the Call of God that brought Light to the heart;
Enlightenment came and the Lord bade darkness depart!
The fear of darkness was banished and great joy came;
Life would now never be quite the same!

With the Call to Salvation many truths were discovered;
God has given great blessings that must be treasured!
We are now called "the chosen generation" and "a royal priesthood;"
These are deep and profound words that must be fully understood!

We who are "Called" must seek to offer great praise to His name;
To keep silent after all that God has done, would be a shame!
Let us seek to walk in the marvellous light that God has given;
Let us seek to fulfil our great Calling from the Lord in Heaven!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: 1 Peter 2:9-10 †

POEM #2

A Worthy Fellowship

"No man is an island" we all say;
As man is a social being in every and all of his ways.
From the time we were toddlers till when we don crowns of gray;
We make acquaintances and friendships almost every day!

Friends are an integral part of our lives;
They provide the fellowship on which we all thrive.
Through fellowship are companionship and camaraderie found;
Yet it is love and compassion in relationships which count.

Niceties from fair weather friends we can do without;
But treasure those who stand by us when we're truly down and out.
What matters is how we treat the needy, the weary and the limp;
'Coz inasmuch as how we treat the least of the brethren, God deems we treat Him.

As God gives talents and gifts as He deems fit;
May we use them for others' benefit.
Only through building concrete and compassionate fellowships with one another;
Can we truly be God's kind of church, where God is touching lives and people care for people.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: 1 Corinthians 1:9; Matthew 25:40 ☞

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.

1. The calling of the Lord

- a) This was well and personally exemplified by the Apostle Paul
- b) Precious was the Call of God to him

2. Walking worthy

- a) Effort needed
- b) Excellence desired

NEXT SUNDAY: 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. †

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

“That you may know what is the hope
of His calling”
Ephesians 1

Chairman

Mr Lai Chung Han

Organist

Mrs Kathy Lai

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Chairman

Ms Sea Su-an

Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Usher

Mr Jordan Tay
Mr Joshua Tay

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8

“That you may know what is the hope
of His calling” Ephesians 1

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞

10.30 AM

“Receiving the Word of God well”
(Parable of the Sower)
Matthew 13:1-30

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Ms Camille George

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Chairman

Mr Joel Lee

Speaker

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong

Pianist

Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Interpreter

Deacon Tan Peng Hui
Ms Aleena Kua

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

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

“That you may know what is the hope
of His calling” Ephesians 1

Breakfast: Nicholas Khoo

Fellowship Lunch: Joash Lim; Chia Lain Heng & Poh Choo

Evening Tea: Rachel Low

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
21 July 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Kathy Lai

HWC No. 499

Sunshine In My Soul

Prelude

Call to Worship

Mr Lai Chung Han

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 6

How Great Thou Art

HWC No. 354

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Century Praise 469

We Are Called To Be God's People

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “That you may know what is the hope of His calling”

Text : Ephesians 1

Speaker: Rev Mark Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

VIP No. 654

Until Then

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
21 July 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Century Praise 322

The Solid Rock
坚固磐石

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Joel Lee

Interpreter : Ms Aleena Kua

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 57

Worthy Of Worship
神配受崇拜

Century Praise 39

This Is My Father's World
这是天父世界

Century Praise 293

Now I Belong To Jesus
我永属主

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “That you may know what is the hope of His calling”
“使你们知道他的恩召有何等指望”

Text : Ephesians 1 以弗所书 1

Speaker: Intern-Pastor Benjamin Chong
Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

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Offering 奉献

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PASTORAL LETTER

21 JULY 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

THE PROFOUND HEAVENLY CALLING

There is a wonderful Heavenly Call from the Lord. We read about this in the following text.

*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 was faithful in all His house. Hebrews 3:1*

1. Consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession

- a) Jesus is our Perfect Example of how to respond to God's heavenly calling
- b) Our challenge is to comprehend how He responded to God's calling

2. Features:

- a) Jesus was appointed by His Father
- b) He was sent by God as "Apostle"
- c) He was to function as "High Priest"

3. How did Jesus perform as He responded to the Heavenly Calling?

- a) He was found "faithful"
- b) His ministry was very difficult
 - i) But He was faithful
 - ii) He did not flinch from fulfilling His Divine appointment

4. Our Challenge

- a) As partakers of the same Heavenly Calling
- b) To learn how to be faithful to the LORD who has saved and called us to serve Him.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*