

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 4 August 2019 ... Holy Communion Sunday

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MEDITATION

✞ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✞

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Text: Romans 8; Ecclesiastes 3

“CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE”

THE DIVINE PURPOSE OF GOD

This doctrine did not originate with the Apostle Paul. The concept of God's Divine purpose may be found in the Old Testament. The following is an example.

*To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven.*

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MEDITATION

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*There is a time there for every purpose
And for every work.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 17b

1. The Purpose of God

a) It is to be understood with reference to time

b) It is to be further comprehended with reference to its season

2. The time element

a) It is related to every purpose

b) To every work of God

THE NEW TESTAMENT UNDERSTANDING

The Apostle added a new perspective to this doctrine of the Divine Purpose.

*And we know that all things work together for good
To those who love God, to those who are the called
According to His purpose.*

Romans 8:28

1. And we know

a) Knowledge of God's word is vital for comprehension

b) Paul acquired a vast amount of deep spiritual knowledge

2. All things work together for good

a) To those who love God

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b) To those who are called

These are not separate groups of people. Those who love the Lord are those He called. How wonderful to be loved by the Lord and to be called to serve Him too.

CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE

This calling of God and His purpose may be discovered along the following lines:

1. There is adequate knowledge of God
2. There is understanding of the concept of time and the seasons of life
3. There is a genuine love for God
4. There is a comprehension of what God has called us to do

Let us seek to grow in our knowledge and our faith in God. Let us seek to fathom the Lord's calling for our life! †

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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will be partaking of Holy Communion today. Those who have been baptized/confirmed may partake of The Lord's Supper.

The Bread

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Matthew 26:26

The Cup

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant." Matthew 26:27 ☩

BETHANY ANNIVERSARY MONTH

As usual, we will be having Combined Worship for the entire month of August.

1. This is to encourage a sense of oneness
 2. Let us learn how to interact with each other even better
 3. Let us take time to reflect on the Lord's goodness shown to us
 4. Let us ponder how we may make appropriate responses to Him ☩
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BETHANY ORCHESTRAL GROUP PRACTICE

The Bethany Orchestral Group will be practicing together on Saturday, 24 August 2019 after the Retreat at 2.00pm.
They will provide the musical accompaniment for the Worship Service at Shangri La on Sunday, 25 August 2019.☩

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+6 ANNIVERSARY

1. Do you have a special memory to share?
2. Do you have a favourite text that has blessed you?

Plan to share these thoughts. Please write to Pastor Charles Tan. Your reflection could be a potential source of blessing.✠

LEADERSHIP RETREAT 23-24 August 2019

1. Friday evening 23 August
We commence with Dinner-Fellowship
7.00pm
2. Saturday (whole morning) 24 August
Starting with breakfast
3. Lunch Fellowship
12.00nn
We conclude with Lunch

Please plan to sign up as soon as possible.

Leadership is of prime importance to the future of our Church. Let us pray for the Lord's blessings.✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MID-AUTUMN PROGRAM

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.

1. Let us seek to share our faith in the Lord
 2. Let's learn to do this gently and with much compassion
 3. May hearts be moved to consider faith in the Lord at the Mid-Autumn celebration! ✠
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YOUTH CONFERENCE 2019

DATE: 1-6 DECEMBER 2019

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

1. A weakness that many young people face
They are not able to give a defence for their faith in God
2. Some goals for this year's Youth Conference
 - a) To help our young people to know their faith better
 - b) To learn how to give a defence of their faith
 - c) To enable our young people to grow a stronger faith

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings for the Youth Conference ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 5 August 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 5 August 2019

Time: 8.00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 6 August 2019

Time: 8.00 pm †

BAPTISM OF MDM. ONG POW

Mdm. Ong is the mother of Sam Oh. She was baptized in TTSH last week. She used to come to our Bethany functions. She is 91 years old.†

WEDDING BELLS

Andrew Foo and Lee Yan Yi will be married this Saturday, 10 August, 2019. The wedding service will commence at 11.00 am. All in Bethany are cordially invited.†

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 100:4-5

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.*

*For the LORD is good;
His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.*

1. Approaching the Lord

- a) This could be personal
- b) This could be congregational

2. Appreciation of the LORD

- a) His goodness shown to us
- b) His glorious mercy
- c) His truth given to us

3. Appropriate response

- a) Thanksgiving in the heart
- b) Offering of praise
- c) Blessing His name †

POEM FOR HOLY COMMUNION

TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD

To be loved by God is one of life's great blessing!
We must never treat His love as a common thing.
The love that God gives is pure and wonderful;
Life becomes even more glorious and beautiful!

God in His love gives a precious and loving Call;
He seeks to enlighten our hearts as He reveals all.
He teaches His beloved how to understand time;
His plan is slowly unfolded and it is truly sublime!

God assures His beloved that He has a divine purpose;
The problems and trials of life are not a divine curse.
He will teach His beloved till they fully comprehend;
Behind every work of His there is a very deep plan.

Those who love God will learn to trust in Him fully;
They will come to know that He always leads unerringly.
The heart becomes assured that all things work for good;
The Lord's Divine Purpose need never be misunderstood.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Romans 8:28 †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.*

1. The Lord Jesus
 - a) He is called "The Apostle"
Meaning: "The Sent One"
 - b) He is also called "The High Priest"
2. He partook of God's Heavenly calling
 - a) He was faithful to the end
 - b) He was strong and committed
3. Our challenge is to emulate His worthy example

NEXT SUNDAY: 11 AUGUST 2019

TEXT: ROMANS 8:28 CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who the called according to His purpose. †

THEME : CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

✠ **COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE** ✠
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
"Called and Separated"
Romans 1; Galatians 1

Chairmen

Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Chong
Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

✠ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** ✠
10.30 AM

"Having compassion for others"
Matthew 14:13-21

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Mrs Joanne Tan

Speaker

Miss Camille George

✠ **EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE** ✠

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast : ROOTS!

Fellowship Lunch : Yeong Kiat;

Joanne Lim, Jonathan Ang, Audrey Kang, Sarah Phang, Fedora

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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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
4 August 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing	<i>Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou</i> <i>Organist : Mrs Sally Tan</i>
Century Praise 316	Have Faith In God
Prelude	
Call to Worship	<i>Intern-Pastor Benjamin Chong</i> <i>Intern-Pastor Benjamin Quah</i>
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns	
Century Praise 2	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Century Praise 340	O, To Be Like Thee
Century Praise 354	Take My Life And Let It Be

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message:	“Called and Separated”
Text :	Romans 1; Galatians 1
Speaker:	Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn	
Century Praise 422	God Of Grace And God Of Glory
Partaking of the Bread	
Hymn	
HWC No. 289	There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing
Partaking of the Cup	

RESPONSE

Offering	
Hymn	
Century Praise 389	He Leadeth Me

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

4 AUGUST 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

ANNIVERSARY MONTH

August is dubbed "Anniversary Month" at Bethany. It is the month when we celebrate the Lord's blessings for yet another year. We have come to our 46th year of ministry as a Church. What stands out?

BETHANY ONE

Bethany's history began in a very humble way.

1. Limited space

- a) The Worship Service at 20 Jalan Lakum was in a small terrace house
- b) There was only one toilet
- c) Chairs had to be arranged and stacked away after every service

2. Unlimited Power of God promised

*"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
And you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria and to the end of the earth."
Acts 1:8*

- a) The power of the Spirit of the Lord was promised
- b) This was foremost in mind in the earlier years

3. Unmistakable blessings of the Lord

- a) Our part was to bear witness for the Lord and that was not difficult
- b) His part would be to bless and He has blessed much over the past 46 years!
- c) His blessings that must be treasured:
 - i) His presence with us
 - ii) His promises
 - iii) His power
 - iv) His provision
 - v) His people

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*