

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 25 August 2019 ... Happy 40+6 Anniversary!

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MEDITATION

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Text: 1 Peter 2:18-25

"TO THIS YOU WERE CALLED"

THE EXAMPLE OF THE LORD JESUS

The most glorious example of answering God's Call is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. The Apostle Peter also wrote about fulfilling our Calling.

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MEDITATION

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*For to this you were called,
Because Christ also suffered for us,
Leaving us an example,
That you should follow His steps. 1 Peter 2:21*

1. For to this you were called
 - a) In this context, the Call was suffering for the sake of the Gospel
 - b) Many are afraid of pain and suffering
 - c) Thus, this word was written to encourage believers not to be afraid
2. Christ also suffered for us
 - a) Jesus was Called to become our Saviour
 - i) He obeyed His Father
 - ii) He took on humanity
 - b) In order to fulfil that Call, He would have to suffer
 - i) Misunderstanding
 - ii) Resistance
 - iii) Physical suffering
 - iv) Cruelty
 - v) Finally, death on the Cross at Calvary
3. Leaving us an example that we should follow His steps
 - a) An example of faithfulness
 - b) An example of courage
 - c) An example of full obedience
 - d) An example of complete trust in the Lord

OUR CHALLENGE

Let us thank God that we are given the privilege of a Divine Call too. We are partakers of this same wonderful Call from God. Let us seek to fulfil the Lord's Calling faithfully. ☩

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

WEEK-DAY PROGRAMS

We will not be having the usual week-day programs this week.
This is a well-deserved break.☩

NEXT SUNDAY (1 September)

We will be having Holy Communion. What a wonderful way to begin our 40+7th year of Ministry as a Church. Let us come with prepared hearts and minds.☩

NEXT TWO MONTHS

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2019

The new Pulpit series:

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:6 These things became our examples☩

MULTIPLE SERVICES

We return to Multiple Services next Sunday (1 September 2019).

1. Teens - 10.30am
 2. Evening-Bilingual - 4.00pm ☩
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WEDDING BELLS

Wei Kee and Pei Ching will be married on 31 August 2019.
The wedding service is at 11.00am. All in Bethany are cordially invited.☩

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+6 ANNIVERSARY (1973-2019)

Thank God for His wonderful blessings over all these many years! Thank God for all who have prayed and served faithfully. The Anniversary Month of August has highlighted the following who must be remembered with honour and thanksgiving:

1. The People behind the Scenes

- a) The Organizers
- b) The Clean-up Teams (including the young ones)

2. The People who have given so sacrificially

- a) Out of faith
- b) Out of love
- c) Out of commitment

3. The People who have served up front

- a) The Sunday School teachers
- b) The Committee Members
- c) The Musicians
- d) The AVA members
- e) The Choir Members
- f) The Orchestra
- g) Those who serve in the Kitchen, serving up endless meals
- h) The Photographers

4. The People who have prayed alongside

- a) The Session Members
- b) The faithful who believe that God hears and answers prayers

5. THE IMPACT FELT

Many were the positive and uplifting comments made by people who have visited with us in our worship and special programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank God for all who have helped Bethany to be God's kind of Church,
Where the Lord continues to touch hearts
And people are committed to care for people! ☩

BETHEL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

120 people from Bethany will be going to celebrate Bethel's Silver Jubilee. Thank God for this special spirit of oneness we have established. ☩

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Deepest condolences go to Dr. and Mrs. Tan Kok Yang on the home-calling of Chloe Tan Xinhui. She was 9 years old. ☩

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to you and the pastoral team for surrounding me and my family with love and support during this difficult time.

Your putting into perspective of the situation brought much peace and comfort and I am deeply impacted by the example of faith in action.

I would like to give thanks and acknowledge Bethany:

"During this time of sorrow for us, we were deeply impacted by the outpouring of love and support for our family. The kindness and perspectives we received give us comfort and peace. We are tremendously moved and feel the presence of God so much as part of the Bethany family. Our heartfelt thanks to all in Bethany and more importantly to our great God."

Kok Yang, Isobel, Joie and family

POEM # 1

GIVE TO THE LORD THE GLORY DUE HIS NAME

There is no question of the Psalmist seeking to give God glory;
In his heart and mind, he was dwelling on His great majesty.
Glory is due the Name of the LORD, the Psalmist reasons;
He has performed glorious things, this great God of Heaven!

Honour and majesty are before the Presence of the LORD;
Strength and beauty are found in the sanctuary of our God.
To the LORD must be given the Glory due His name;
Let all families touched by the LORD, extend His fame.

Worship of the LORD is the most natural thing to do;
We tremble before His presence, humble and true.
There is great beauty to be found in His holiness;
The LORD has shown us such great faithfulness!

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad;
Let no creature of His ever be glum and sad.
May a new song arise and offered in joyful praise!
The heart cannot but give glory to Him for His Grace!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 96:8 †

POEM # 2

We Were Called To This

We were called to this - to be kindred brethren with one another.
To be part of a spiritual family and to look out for each other.
As members of a family, we shall align our hearts and our minds;
And look to Christ as our precious Lord, our Savior divine.

We were called to this - to share in each other's joys.
To celebrate successes and achievements; with dear brethren we rejoice!
We do so because we love one another as a family of God;
With every joy we give thanks and we sing praises to our Lord!

We were called to this - to bear each other's grief.
When troubles come our way, and struggles affect one's belief;
As family we shall stand together and uphold each other hand in hand,
We'll be there to rally our support, to pray, and to do whatever we can.

We were called to this - to feel for each other as we should,
No matter the circumstance or cause; regardless bad or good.
We are challenged to be like-minded and to show love to each other always,
And to share of God's presence in our lives, and His amazing grace!

Tang Hong Wee
Inspiration: 1 Peter 2:21; 3:8-9 †

POEM # 3

We Are Conquerors Through Him Who Loved Us

Words mean little and in fact they can sound so hollow;
When the loss of a loved one brings such immeasurable sorrow.
Yet it is at a time like this when we need to reach up to our God and Father;
For only His peace will suffice to make it a little more tolerable.

We often give ourselves much less credit than we actually deserve;
We under estimate our own strengths and how much spirit we have in reserve.
Because God's Love has been given to empower us the day we have believed;
We can now reach in to ourselves for that very power to retrieve.

The world needs to know God and what salvation means;
We need to experience His love which changes hearts from within.
Let us reach out to tell of God's goodness and His grace;
Let us be His faithful witnesses to share about our faith.

Everything has its time and purpose to happen in God's timeline;
Some things are just incomprehensible to us at this time.
Yet we are meant to be conquerors against all things visible or otherwise;
Because God has loved us through Christ's sacrifice.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Romans 8:37-38 ✠

POEM # 4

The Servant Leader

*A servant leader serves with great humility;
He knows his learning must continue in perpetuity.
He does not covet accolades and fame;
His concern is to teach God's truths which glorify His name.*

*A servant leader serves in whatever capacity God places him in;
He accepts his role in the larger scheme of things.
He does not deem any role to be less significant;
Nor does he seek his own credit or recognition.*

*A servant leader serves with much sacrifice;
He knows it is a humbling role he's tasked to reprise.
He seeks the joy of the people he serves and considers it fit;
That service often comes at the expense of his own benefits.*

*Let us be gracious towards our leaders as they assume their roles;
Because they too are human beings trying to be faithful the best way they know.*

*A little patience and forbearance will go a long way;
In encouraging their efforts and their anxieties to allay.*

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: John 7:18;

1 Corinthians 12:12-26;

1 Corinthians 9:4-23 †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 102:27-28

*But You are the same, and Your years will have no end,
The children of Your servants will continue,
And their descendants will be established before You.*

1. The LORD God
 - a) He remains unchanged
 - b) He has no beginning and no ending
 - c) He is Eternal
2. The children of God's servants
 - a) They will continue to serve Him
 - b) Their descendants will be established by the Lord as they prove themselves faithful †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 25 AUGUST 2019

TEXT: 2 PETER 1:10 MAKE YOUR CALL AND ELECTION SURE

*Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure,
for if you do these things you will never stumble.*

1. Our Call and Election
 - a) These are given by the Lord
 - b) Our part is to make sure that we are truly called and among God's elect
2. Our challenge
 - a) To cultivate our faith
 - b) To cultivate our life
3. The promise
 - a) We need not stumble and fall
 - b) We can live victoriously

NEXT SUNDAY: 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:6 THESE THINGS BECAME OUR EXAMPLES

*Now these things became our examples to the intent that
we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. †*

THEME : CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30 AM . SHANGRI LA HOTEL
"The prize of the upward
Call of God in Christ Jesus"
Philippians 3

Chairmen
Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

Interpreter
Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP PROGRAMME
10.30 AM

40+6 Anniversary Special Programme
@ Shangri La Hotel

**EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

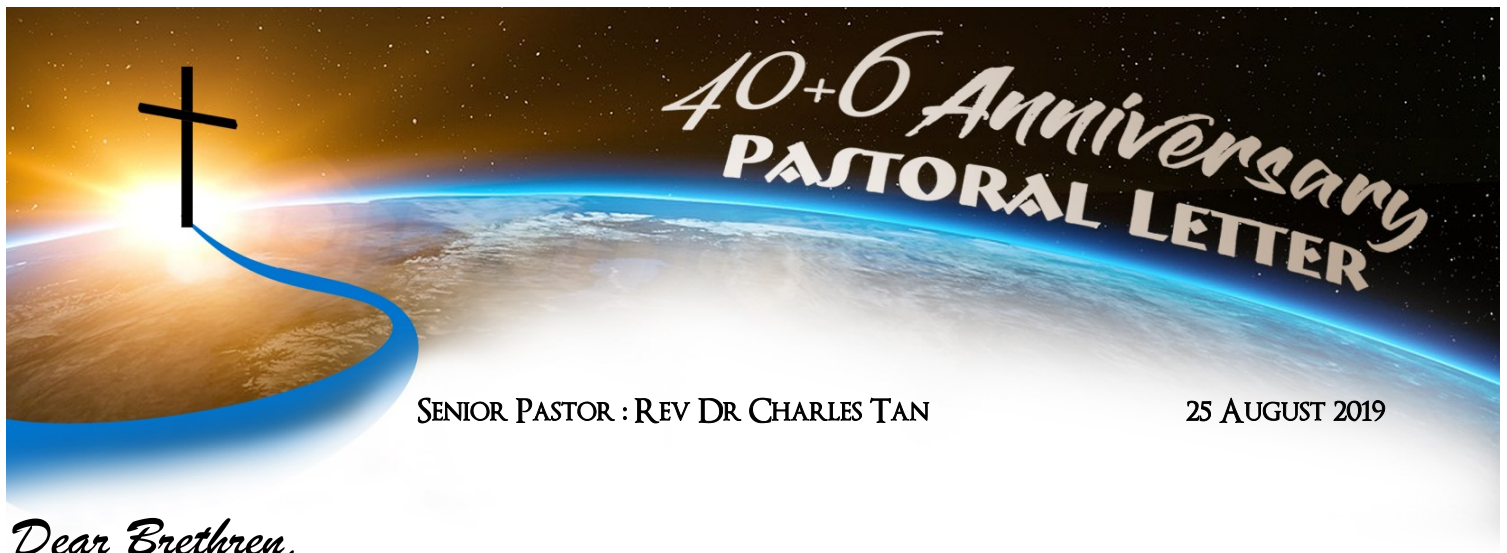
Anniversary Lunch at Shangri La Hotel

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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Dear Brethren,

BETHANY FOUR

The lessons learned from the building projects of Bethany Two and Three stood us in good stead. The following features stand out:

1. Courage

- a) There was no fear felt at all
- b) There was quiet but strong confidence in the Lord and His provision

2. Contributions

- a) Small and large gifts were received
- b) Each and every gift helped to add even greater confidence in the Lord

3. Catering to needs

- a) We added another 1000 sq. meter of space for ministry
- b) Our Sunday School has grown further
- c) Special Needs Ministry has its own space
- d) Evening-Bilingual Auditorium created

COUNTING 40+6 YEARS OF BLESSING

We cannot but thank God for His manifold blessings outpoured:

1. Church Staff

This has grown significantly. Thank God for dedicated Staff.

2. Ministries

These have been blessed by the Lord and hearts have been touched and blessed!

3. It is only right to extol the LORD our God for His abundant blessings

*I will extol You, my God, O King;
And I will bless Your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless You,
And I will praise Your name forever and ever. Psalm 145:1-2*

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charles Tan*