

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 1 September 2019 ... Holy Communion Sunday!

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MEDITATION

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Text: Philippians 3

"JOIN IN FOLLOWING MY EXAMPLE"

BEING AN EXAMPLE

The doctrine of being "An example" is consistently taught in the Scriptures. The new pulpit series will focus on how this teaching may be understood and practised.

THE EXAMPLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

Paul wrote to urge his friends in the church at Philippi to follow his example.

MEDITATION

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*Brethren, join in following my example,
And note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.*
Philippians 3:17

1. Brethren, join in following my example

- a) The phrase "join in " is to be noted
- b) The following nuances may be detected:
 - i) To receive and regard Paul's example
 - ii) To become like Paul in his faith and lifestyle
 - iii) It would take careful following
 - iv) The call is to "mimic" Paul

2. The appeal is to "the brethren"

- a) These are fellow-believers
- b) There is a special sense of brotherhood among the Philippians
- c) Brotherhood is usually characterized by a sense of oneness among the people

3. Following

- a) The word "following" is literally "walking"
- b) This is a call to "walk" the way Paul did

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- c) The word “walk” is an idiom for the idea of “living”
- d) What a great challenge!

4. As you have us for a pattern

- a) The word “pattern” is a good translation
- b) Paul saw himself as a pattern for others to follow after

5. The pronoun “us”

- a) Paul was not alone
- b) Clear examples were cited in Philippians 2
 - i) Timothy was praised for being a good son
Philippians 2:19-24
 - ii) Epaphroditus was honoured for being a good brother
Philippians 2:25-30

A CHALLENGE TO EMULATE GOOD EXAMPLES

Let us determine to emulate people who have lived for the Lord faithfully. Let us seek the Lord’s grace and strength to do this effectively. †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad 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

COMMENCING OUR 40+7 YEAR

We commence our 40+7 year on a strong note. Let us recall how the Lord has blessed us wonderfully the past 46 years. Let us step forward in faith and with much confidence. †

MULTIPLE SERVICES

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

1. Teens
10.30 am

2. Evening-Bilingual
4.00 pm †

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning. Let us begin our 40+7th year with remembering the Lord's suffering and His love for us. Those who are baptized and 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 the 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, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."
Matthew 26:27-28*

Let us gratefully partake of the Lord's Supper with much love in our heart! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. †

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 2 September 2019
Time: 7.00pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 2 September 2019
Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 3 September 2019
Time: 8.00pm †

MID-AUTUMN EVENT

7 September 2019
Time: 4.00pm

Let us ever seek to share our faith in the Lord. May the Lord grant us a love for souls!

1. Let us pray for hearts to be open to the Lord
2. Let us seek to do our part in serving:
 - a) Humbly
 - b) Sensitive
 - c) Genuinely
3. Let us seek to reach out to the many older friends who have been invited to this special event. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWLY ORDAINED PASTORS

1. Ben Chong and Ben Quah were ordained as Ministers of the Gospel on Sunday, 25 August 2019.

2. Title

They may now be addressed as:

a) Rev. Benjamin Chong

b) Rev. Benjamin Quah

3. Position in the Church Pastoral Team

They will be "Assistant Pastors"

4. Ecclesiastical Authority

a) They will be authorized to conduct Baptism

They will be conducting Baptism at the Christmas Baptismal Services

b) And to conduct Communion

5. This recognition will be accorded to them:

a) Australia

b) India

c) Myanmar

d) Singapore

Heartfelt congratulations to Rev. Benjamin Chong and Rev. Benjamin Quah ☩

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Wei Kee and Pei Ching on the occasion of their wedding on 31 August. May the Lord bless their marriage! 卐

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

Psalm 103:1-2

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits.*

1. Blessing the LORD

- a) This is appropriate certainly
- b) This must come from the depths of our soul

2. God's benefits

- a) This is another way of describing His blessings
- b) His blessings certainly benefit us 卐

(Poem for Holy Communion)

I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE

Carefully, Jesus taught His disciples many things;
His desire was to see that they become more inspiring.
He showed them how faith may be applied in ministry;
To be stalled in faith for any reason would lead to futility.

Consciously, Jesus sought to help His disciples to grow further;
He spared no effort to help them put faith and action together.
He was aware that they struggled to do this effectively;
There was a disconnect when applying faith in ministry.

Wisely, Jesus knew what He needed to do to impact His disciples;
He would show them how to serve in the humblest way possible!
He donned the garments of the lowest rank of the slaves;
He washed His disciples' feet...they didn't know where to hide their face!

Powerfully, this lesson was imparted to all the disciples;
They must seek to practise being genuinely humble.
The Example of Jesus must be imprinted on the soul;
Only then would one be able to speak of being whole!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: John 13:1-17

I Must Trust

A sweet young angel, so precious, filled with love and affection,
Blink of an eye, the physical weakened, riddled with affliction.
How can this be? Is this just a nightmare, another bad dream?
The reality hits, my spirit sunk, staring over you, the tears stream...

A timely reminder of your faith and love, never afraid of giving,
Special things you do, touching hearts you don't stop striving.
Testimonies of your rays of sunshine shining ever bright throughout,
The ever presence of the Sun so clear beyond these dark, dark clouds!

Thus, the presence of the all mighty God so deeply and unreservedly felt,
His Grace and tender mercies so evident on my knees I knelt!
Not understanding the purpose of this unimaginable pain,
Yet deeply trusting in His will, my faith renewed and evermore to sustain!
Acknowledging the blessing of 9 wonderful years so dear,
Trusting in His leading, future paths I take with never a fear!

A poem for my dearest Chloe, my beloved, my ray of sunshine.

Daddy
Dr. Tan Kok Yang

Inspiration Proverbs 3:5-6

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.*

1. Examples

They can be both good and bad

2. 1 Corinthians 10

A number of bad examples were listed

3. Purpose of listing bad examples

a) We learn how to avoid them

b) We learn how to be challenged to do better

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 SEPTEMBER 2019

TEXT: JOHN 13:15 I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE

*For I have given you an example,
That you should do as I have done to you. †*

THEME : THESE BECAME OUR EXAMPLES

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"All our fathers were under the cloud"

1 Corinthians 10; Exodus 13:21-22

Chairman

Dr Tang
Kong Choong

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Chairman

Mr Eugene Tan

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Mr Lai Chung Han

Usher

Mr Asher Tan
Ms Asia Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8

"But you have carefully followed my doctrine..." 2 Timothy 3:10

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞

10.30 AM

"A repeated lesson on Compassion"
Matthew 15:32-39

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Ms Camille George

Speaker

Mrs Joanne Tan

Chairman

Mr Joshua Lee

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan

Pianist

Ms Tay Soo Leng

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng
Ms Berlinda Cheong

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

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

"I have given you an example"
John 13

Breakfast: Amanda & Zach Lai
Fellowship Lunch: Magdalene, Audrey & Aaron
Chen Siang, Su Ping, Megan & Maia
Evening Tea: Andy & Lydia

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
1 September 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 309

Pass It On

Prelude

Call to Worship

Dr Tang Kong Choong

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 49

Majesty

Century Praise 462

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Century Praise 305

Now Thank We All Our God

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “All our fathers were under the cloud”

Text : 1 Corinthians 10; Exodus 13:21-22

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

HWC No. 436

Whiter Than Snow

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

HWC No. 441

Take Time To Be Holy

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 443

Give Me Jesus

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

1 September 2019

Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing *Pianist : Ms Tay Soo Leng*

Century Praise 23 Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart 欢欣感谢

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂 *Mr Joshua Lee*
Interpreter : Ms Berlinda Cheong

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 308 Thanks To God For My Redeemer 感谢神

Century Praise 91 Praise Him! Praise Him! 赞美耶稣

VIP No. 506 I Know Who Holds Tomorrow 我知谁掌管明天

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “I have given you an example” “我给你们作了榜样”

Text: John 13 约翰福音 13

Speaker: *Rev Mark Tan*
Interpreter : Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

THE LORD’S SUPPER 圣餐 Rev Dr Charles Tan

Hymn

Century Praise No. 354 Take My Life And Let It Be 献己于主
(Stanzas 1 and 2)

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise No. 354 Take My Life And Let It Be 献己于主
(Stanzas 1 and 2)

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise No. 331 Be Thou My Vision 成为我异象

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

1 SEPTEMBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

PURSUITS IN LIFE

Many pursue different things in life. Some pursue their passion for food. Others search for wealth. Still others hunger for power and fame.

The Apostle Paul set out for himself a clear goal for his life. He had been gloriously saved. He determined that he would not just be contented with a basic knowledge of God.

*That I may know Him,
And the power of His resurrection,
And the fellowship of His sufferings,
Being conformable to His death. Philippians 3:10*

1. That I may know Him

- a) He wanted to learn as much as he could about the Saviour
- b) He had once rejected Jesus and had persecuted His followers
- c) But he had done that because of ignorance and unbelief
 - i) His heart, mind and soul were stirred up
 - ii) He wanted to increase and deepen his knowledge of Jesus

2. And the power of His resurrection

- a) He could not be content with an academic knowledge of Christ Jesus
His life radiated tremendous power
- b) Nothing was more evident than to be raised from the dead
He desired with all his heart knowledge of the power of Christ's resurrection

3. And the fellowship of His sufferings

- a) Jesus had suffered much to bring him salvation
- b) He was prepared to undergo suffering for his Saviour
In his sufferings, he would enter into fellowship with Jesus!

4. Being conformable to His death

In his desire to be identified with Christ, he was prepared to die for his Saviour!

May we be moved to emulate Paul's example.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*