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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: Philippians 2:5-11

“LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU”

THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF JESUS

Our wonderful Lord and Saviour is perfect in every way! Each and every aspect of his life is wonderful and glorious and worth emulating. The Apostle Paul explained how we can best follow the example of Je-

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MEDITATION

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sus (Philippians 2:5-11).

1. The mind is involved
 - a) We must engage the use of our mind far more than we do
 - b) Paul urged the Philippians to have the mind of Christ
2. The Mindset of Jesus
 - a) He was equal with God
 - i) In essence
 - ii) In power and authority
 - b) But when He became flesh
 - i) He made Himself of no reputation
 - ii) He took the form of a bondservant
 - iii) He came in the likeness of mortal man
 - c) He chose the path of obedience
 - i) It took humility to be fully obedient
 - ii) He was obedient to the point of death itself
 - iii) He did not shrink from the torturous death on the Cross of Calvary

OUR CHALLENGE

Let us examine our heart as to why we are not following the Lord Jesus as we should!

1. We need to cultivate our mindset
2. We need to follow the Lord Jesus with the same mindset He possessed
3. We can follow the Lord more effectively if we also learned the following lessons:

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- a) The practice of true humility
 - i) This is best seen in humble service
 - ii) This is further seen in full obedience
- b) The cleansing of our mind from:
 - i) Arrogance
 - ii) Inclination to disobedience
 - iii) Inclination to promote self-glory

THE LORD'S REWARD

The Father loved His Son dearly for the mindset He maintained!

1. He blessed Jesus fully
2. He gave to Him the most powerful name ever
3. At His name every knee shall bow!

Let us seek to be faithful followers of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ!
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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 encouraged through worship and fellowship! ✠

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Auditorium 4.07 †

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 23 September 2019

Time: 7.00pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 23 September 2019

Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 24 September 2019

Time: 8.00pm †

CONGRATULATIONS!

1. CONGRATULATIONS TO ANTHONY AND EVELYN

They now have a baby boy added to their family. Both baby and mother are well. Baby Asher was born on 17 September 2019.

2. CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO ELLIOT AND VANATHI

Baby Christopher Flint Ray was born on 16 September 2019. Both baby and mother are doing well. †

WEDDING BELLS

Kevin and Alyssa will be joined in holy matrimony this Saturday, 28 September 2019. The Wedding service commences at 11.00 am. All in Bethany are invited.†

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHANY KINDY SUNDAY

1. 29 September 2019
2. Our Kindergarten has ministered for 15 years

Let us encourage all who are serving in this Kindy ministry!

Thank God for all who have a special heart for such a ministry! †

YOUTH CONFERENCE

1-5 DECEMBER 2019

"BE READY TO GIVE A DEFENCE"

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings! May this be another impactful Youth Conference.

The registration for the Youth Conference is now open! †

VISIT TO THE BIRD PARK

This is an outing planned for the Seniors in Bethany.

1. Date: 9 November 2019
 2. Jurong Bird Park (before it closes down at the present location)
 3. Sponsor: SSS 4
 4. Sign-up
 - a) For all seniors (60 and above) attending Bethany as worshippers
 - b) The venue is not wheel-chair friendly
 - c) Lots of walking to be done
 - d) Please register at the Booth at the Fellowship Hall as soon as possible
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LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor, Pastoral team and session members,

Thank you for your labour of love outpoured to our family.

The Memorial service was really special to us.

My relatives and friends were touched by the way our church conducted the service. Our own hearts are filled by the support given from Bethany through the various ministries as well as those in attendance.

It is really such a blessing and privilege to be part of this family of Bethany.

Thank you.

*Love,
Penny, Evelynne, and families*

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 103:8-9

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

He will not always strive with us,
Nor will He keep His anger forever.

1. The attributes of God are wonderfully uplifting

- a) Merciful
- b) Gracious
- c) Slow to anger
- d) Abounding in mercy

2. God's way of relating to us

- a) He will not always strive with us
- b) He will not retain His anger forever

3. May our hearts be drawn to the LORD

- a) In praise
- b) In grateful service †

POEM # 1

LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU

The Lord Jesus Christ gave up Heaven's full glory,
When He came to earth to taste of death's misery.

He had the greatest sense of mission on earth;
He determined to do His Father's work with mirth.

His mindset was focused on giving full obedience;
He would never live a life that has little significance.

His heart and mind were fixed on doing God's will;
Every day to touch and to teach was a great thrill!

The mindset of the Lord Jesus Christ was strong and steady;
He was thus able to face and to overcome the greatest agony.

His mind was not broken no matter much He had to suffer;
He loved His Father and to this commitment He did not waver.

Let us be challenged to follow the footsteps of our Lord;

There is no one more wonderful than our great God!

Great blessings attend those who would follow Him fully;

The Lord God would be with us and give us His glory.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Philippians 2:5-11 ☩

POEM # 2

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Life events which bring joy or grief all leave indelible marks on our days;

But it is what we make of them that make us who we are today.

If the deeper spiritual lessons they incited were not appreciated and sought;
We would've wasted the opportunity to develop our faith and draw nearer to God.

Birthdays, anniversaries and marriages deserve celebration, no doubt;

But surely it is through God's grace and faithfulness that they have come about.

We should offer praise and thanksgiving and give glory to our Father in Heaven;

Lest we be complacent and revel as if these privileges were a given.

When families are broken, finances wrecked and health begins to fail;

We sometimes question why God allows such pain and suffering to prevail.

Perhaps deeper lessons exist which we have yet to master;

Delving into God's word and drawing nearer to Him may help us find the answers.

"To everything there is a season"- to be born, to live and to die one day;

Difficulties and challenges will invariably come our way.

But let us strive to live faithful lives and leave worthwhile legacies;

Because we too might have come into God's kingdom for such a time as this.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: 1 Corinthians 10:1-4; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Esther 4:14 ✨

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 22 SEPTEMBER 2019

TEXT: 2 TIMOTHY 3:10

YOU HAVE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED MY DOCTRINE

*But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose,
faith, long suffering, love perseverance.*

1. Commendation of Timothy
2. Commitment of Timothy was noted
3. He had proven himself well when he became a good disciple of Paul
4. The text shows us the various aspects of Paul's life that he sought to emulate

NEXT SUNDAY: 29 SEPTEMBER 2019

TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:1

IMITATE ME

Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ. †

THEME : THESE THINGS BECAME OUR EXAMPLES

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Written for our admonition:

Presumptuous sins"

1 Corinthians 10; Numbers 15

Chairman

Dr Tan Huay Cheem

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Pianist

Mrs Amelia Toi

Chairman

Ms Aleena Kua

Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker

Rev Mitchell Tan

Usher

Ms Claire Tan
Ms Ong Ying Xuan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8

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

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞

10.30 AM

"Learning to forgive"

Matthew 18:21-35

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Rev Benjamin Chong

Speaker

Miss Camille George

Chairman

Mr Goh Qing Yang

Speaker

Rev Benjamin Chong

Pianist

Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Interpreter

Mrs Lee Yuwen
Ms Aleena Kua

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

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

"You have carefully followed my...
manner of life" 2 Timothy 3:10-11

Breakfast: James Pang & Joleen Heng
Fellowship Lunch: Chu Family; Eric & Siok Kuan
Evening Tea: Chiam Shiyun; 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
22 September 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 410

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Prelude

Call to Worship

Dr Tan Huay Cheem

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Song No. 1

Ancient Words

Century Praise 399

Make Me A Blessing

Century Praise 354

Take My Life And Let It Be

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Written for our admonition: Presumptuous sins”

Text : 1 Corinthians 10; Numbers 15

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 321

Blessed Assurance

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

22 September 2019

Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Century Praise 295

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer 歌颂救赎主

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Goh Qing Yang

Interpreter : Ms Aleena Kua

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 44

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God 颂赞父神伟大权力

Century Praise 53

Great Is Thy Faithfulness 祢信实何广大

Century Praise 370

He Keeps Me Singing 不住的歌唱

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “You have carefully followed my...manner of life”

“你已经服从了我的 ... 品行 ”

Text : 2 Timothy 3:10-11 提摩太后书 3:10-11

Speaker: Rev Benjamin Chong

Interpreter : Mrs Lee Yuwen

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 399

Make Me A Blessing 借我赐恩福

Prayerful Meditation

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PASTORAL LETTER

22 SEPTEMBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

CHALLENGES IN LIFE AND MINISTRY

The work of the Lord is not an easy thing to attempt or to accomplish. There will be challenges along the way!

CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD

We may find great confidence in the Lord, despite all the challenges! The following are texts that we may fall back on!

1. From the Book of Psalms

- a) The Lord Himself:
 - i) Our Keeper
 - ii) Our Protector
 - iii) Our Preserver
- b) The Word of God Psalm 119
 - i) Our light
 - ii) Our strength
 - iii) Our hope

2. From the Epistles of Paul

- a) The Lord as our Comfort 2 Corinthians 1
- b) He is our Leader 2 Corinthians 2
- c) He will empower us 2 Corinthians 4
- d) God is our Co-worker 2 Corinthians 6

CLEANSING AND PERFECTING HOLINESS

This is an uplifting challenge to consider carefully (2 Corinthians 7:1)

- 1. To seek cleansing
- 2. To perfect holiness in life and ministry

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*