

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 29 September 2019

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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

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Philippians 2:13

"IT IS GOD WHO WORKS IN YOU"

GREAT EXAMPLES

We have many great examples who inspire us significantly. Some are recorded in the Scriptures. Others we know in real-life. Thank God for every example we are privileged to be acquainted with!

MEDITATION

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BEHIND EVERY GREAT EXAMPLE

Behind every great hero or heroine, we will find that God worked in their lives most evidently. This truth is well-stated in the following text:

*For it is God who works in you
Both to will and to do for His good pleasure.
Philippians 2:13*

1. Clear examples of outstanding people
 - a) Clear example: Ezra
 - i) He was a renowned scholar
 - ii) He helped bring back the Scriptures to the returning Jews
 - b) Clear example: Nehemiah
 - i) He was not a scholar but a courageous leader
 - ii) He was needed to organize the returning Jews in Israel
 - c) Clear example: Esther
 - i) Queen Esther saved thousands of Jews
 - ii) She was in the right place and at the right time
 - d) Clear example: Mordecai
 - i) Mordecai guarded and guided Esther all her life
 - ii) He played a key role in the days of the Medo-Persian empire
2. It was God who worked in their lives
 - a) He worked to strengthen their will
 - b) He enabled them to serve His purposes
3. God's pleasure
 - a) He delights to work in the lives of His servants
 - b) He is happy to redeem and deliver His people out of all their troubles

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OUR CHALLENGE

Let us desire to have God work in and through us! We will be able to live far more significantly when we have the Lord work in our hearts. Let us seek to yield our hearts fully to the Lord that we may become fruitful servants of His! †

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*

NEXT SUNDAY (6 OCTOBER 2019)

We will be having Holy Communion.
Let us come with prepared hearts and minds! †

KINDY SUNDAY (29 September 2019)

We celebrate 15 years of Ministry as a Kindergarten!
What is so special about our Kindy Ministry?

1. Our focus is not profit-making
2. Our commitment is to minister to the children and their parents
3. We have had so many young people who have done short stints at our Kindergarten
4. They will be presenting a special item today at the Morning Worship! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Auditorium 4.07 †

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 30 September 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 30 September 2019

Time: 8.00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 1 October 2019

Time: 8.00 pm †

OUTING AT JURONG BIRD PARK

1. Date: 9 November 2019
 2. Jurong Bird Park
 3. Sponsor: SSS 4
 4. Sign-up
 - a) For all seniors (60 and above) attending Bethany as worshippers
 - b) Please register at the Booth at the Fellowship Hall as soon as possible
 5. Some Goals
 - a) Enjoying the Bird Park
 - b) Good fellowship †
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ADDITIONAL TOILETS

We have applied for more toilets to be added to the existing number. There will be some inconvenience for a while. Thank you for your understanding and patience. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE

1-5 December 2019

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings. There are many things that we must seek to impart to our young people.

1. Precious knowledge of God
2. Powerful faith in Him

Let us pray for all attending the Youth Conference! †

CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartiest congratulations to Kevin and Alyssa on the occasion of their wedding on 28 September 2019. May the Lord's wonderful grace continue to be bestowed on them as they begin their marriage! †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 103:10-12

*He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor punished us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;
As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

1. God's dealings with mankind
 - a) He has not dealt with us according to our sins
 - b) This is a wonderful expression of His grace and mercy

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WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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2. The greatness of His mercy
 - a) This is seen in the way He has removed our sins
 - b) He has more than just forgiven us of our sinfulness †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 29 SEPTEMBER 2019

TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:1 IMITATE ME

Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

1. How wonderful to be able to have human examples to follow
 - a) Paul was an outstanding example
 - b) His life was so fruitfully lived
2. The power behind his life
 - a) It was the Lord Jesus who empowered
 - b) The key to a successful life is the following of the Lord!

NEXT SUNDAY: 6 OCTOBER 2019

TEXT: EPHESIANS 5:1 BE IMITATORS OF GOD

Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children. †

IT IS GOD WHO WORKS IN YOU

We stand and marvel at the deeds of people we admire;
Their lives seem so especially powerful and they truly inspire.
They live nobly and their deeds are good and outstanding;
It is natural to speak of them with a joy that is appealing.

But as we look more closely, we recognize God's Hand;
These are wonderful servants of His fulfilling His Plan.
It is the power of God that enabled them to enjoy success;
The Lord is more than happy His faithful servants to bless!

How may we truly have God work in us so that we succeed?
The first thing is for us to read His word and to take great heed.
Through His word the Lord would give needed enlightenment;
The heart is inspired to read further and His wisdom to discern!

The Lord will help and enable everyone who seeks Him humbly;
He desires all His servants to have a great and fruitful ministry.
Many hearts would be blessed along life's challenging pathway;
God will continue to teach and to guide His servants every day!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Philippians 2:13 †

Examples

By nature, man is prone to vanity, envy and greed;
Into our human minds we allow sin to insidiously creep.
Then, like leaven, it permeates our consciousness;
Until we succumb to its noxious influences.

Good examples are given for us to emulate;
But lessons from negative ones we should not forsake.
Bad examples abound from ancient Israel, not least;
“But with most of them God was not well pleased”.

God reminds us we should not lust after evil things;
We have seen that the punishment for sin was devastating.
We ought to be admonished by these examples we read;
Lest we too incur the wrath of God indeed.

In the Internet world we live in today;
Many seek to be “influencers” in a myriad of ways.
The power of suggestion we cannot negate;
But beware what messages we imbibe and propagate!

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: 1 Corinthians 10:1-11 †

THE Source of Inspiration

Mortal beings can be good examples of inspiration
Walking in their footsteps is worthy and fulfilling
Human nature though comes with inherent limitation
Not the ubiquitous scriptures so dependably uplifting

Take heed of His reprimands urging us not to succumb
Be mindful of His warning of presumptuous sins
Which can insidiously multiply until we are overcome
As He leads us onto paths of righteous means

When the Lord is provoked and put to the test
His rage, wrath and fury are insurmountable
Destruction, His might and power to attest
The judgment of the Lord is just and equitable

Reading scriptures can descend into a mundane routine
Let this not be, make it a daily wondrous encounter
Dig deeper to uncover hidden gems to glean
This source of enlightenment providing wisdom and wonder

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: 1 Corinthians 10; Psalm 19 ☩

Light to Little Hearts

The ministries of the Church bring light to the hearts of men,
The Church seeks to help others know God, to support wherever we can.
The Kindergarten is one such ministry; we have sought to do our part
To reach out to young ones all around us, and bring light to little hearts.

The Teachers bring light with their commitment and love,
They relate to the children each day, with great strength from above!
Through games and activities, precious lessons they do impart,
From teaching math, to music, to cooking classes - they bring light to little hearts.

The Pastors bring light through the wonderful stories they tell,
They share these stories with excitement and joy; children relate to them well!
It is through these moments that they too gain the children's loving regard,
By sharing nuggets of truths through stories - they bring light to little hearts.

The Helpers over the years bring light through the support that they've provided,
They have given up their personal time to assist where help is needed!
It may be the tables they clean, the props they make or the fruits they daily cut,
Through these little acts of love and care - they bring light to little hearts.

I thank God for the Kindergarten ministry that has been sustained over the years
I'm grateful for a safe environment where our children can deal with their fears;
May the mission of the ministry stay strong and from God's truths we never depart!
Let us continue reaching out to young ones around us and bring light to little hearts!

Tang Hong Wee



THEME : THESE THINGS BECAME OUR EXAMPLES

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☛ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☛

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Let him take heed"

1 Corinthians 10; Numbers 16

Chairman

Deacon Jacob Chacko

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Chairman

Ms Lin Wenyuan

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan

Usher

Mr Asher Tan

Ms Asia Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE — **10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8**

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

☛ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☛

10.30 AM

"Jesus loves and blesses Children"
Matthew 19:13-15

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Chairman

Mr Dominc Cheng

Speaker

Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Interpreter

Ms Berlinda Cheong
Mr Kevin Low

☛ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☛

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

"You have carefully followed my...
purpose" 2 Timothy 3:10-11

Breakfast: Samuel Mok

Fellowship Lunch: Eugene, Yvette & Daniel Seow; Mr & Mrs Ho

Evening Tea: Mr & Mrs Ho

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
29 September 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing	<i>Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia</i> <i>Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey</i>
Century Praise 301	Since Jesus Came Into My Heart
Prelude	
Call to Worship	<i>Deacon Jacob Chacko</i>
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns	
HWC No. 453	I Gave My Life For Thee
Century Praise 288	Jesus Paid It All
HWC No. 395	Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message:	“Let him take heed”
Text :	1 Corinthians 10; Numbers 16
Speaker:	Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering	
Hymn	
HWC No. 354	Leaning On The Everlasting Arms
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
29 September 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou

Century Praise 308

Thanks To God For My Redeemer 感谢神

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Dominic Cheng

Interpreter : Mr Kevin Low

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 305

Now Thank We All Our God 今来感谢恩主

Century Praise 399

Make Me A Blessing 借我赐恩福

Century Praise 68

The Love Of God 真神之爱

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “You have carefully followed my...purpose”
“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 Mitchell Tan
Interpreter : Ms Berlinda Cheong

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 358

Living For Jesus 奉献身心为主

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

29 SEPTEMBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

DISCOVERY OF GOD'S STRENGTH

One of life's most uplifting moments is when we discover precious aspects of the knowledge of God. This was certainly experienced by the Psalmist David in his life.

I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

*The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
Psalm 18:1-2*

1. Natural strength
 - a) There is the usual physical strength that everyone has been given
 - b) This is the "natural strength" that we all experience each day
2. Special strength
 - a) This is a different kind of strength
 - b) It is associated with:
 - i) The LORD
 - ii) My God
3. How this strength comes about:
 - a) As an answer to prayer
 - b) As an expression of God's support
 - c) As an indicator of the Lord's presence
4. How is this strength different?
 - a) There seems to be an extra amount of energy
 - b) We are enabled to carry on when tiredness is expected
 - c) There seems to be a renewal of spirit

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*