

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 15 September 2019

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MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

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Text: Philippians 1:9-11; John 13:34-35

"THAT YOUR LOVE MAY ABOUND"

THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

All the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ are life-changing doctrines. One of the most significant teachings was His commandment to His Disciples.

MEDITATION

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*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another;
as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*

*By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for
one another.” John 13:34-35*

1. The example of the Lord Jesus Christ
 - a) He loved His disciples from beginning to end
 - b) His love was expressed in many ways:
 - i) His friendship offered
 - ii) His mentorship
 - iii) His faith in them
 - iv) His fellowship with them
2. His commandment to His disciples
 - a) To love one another
 - b) Just as He had loved them
 - c) Love must be the hallmark of their discipleship

PAUL AND THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH

Paul practised this word from the Lord. He loved the Philippian Church. In turn, they loved their beloved Apostle Paul.

The prayer of Paul for the Philippians is instructive and inspirational.

*And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in
knowledge and all discernment,*

*That you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be
sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,*

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MEDITATION

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Being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11

1. Let us pray that we will always learn to love one another
 2. And that this love may abound more and more
 3. And that we will bear the fruits of righteousness
 4. May this prayer be answered and that glory may be given to God! ✠
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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 uplifted through worship and fellowship! ✠

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN

Pastor sends greetings to all at Bethany. He will be returning to Singapore this evening. Thank God for His grace to serve Him. ✠

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Auditorium 4.07 ✠

EVENING-BILINGUAL SERVICE TODAY

This will be cancelled in view of the fact that there will be a Memorial Service in the evening. ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

1. To Pastor Christopher Lai on the passing away of his uncle, Mr. Lai Thong Fock on Thursday, 5 September 2019. He was 63 years old.
2. Also to Penny and Evelyne, on the passing away of their mother, Mdm. Low Lay Eng on 13 September 2019. The late Mdm. Low was 72 years of age. †

FUNERARY SERVICES

1. Memorial Service for the late Mdm. Low Lay Eng
Sunday, 15 September 2019
Time: 8.00 pm
Venue: Bethany
2. Encoffining and Funeral Services on 16 September 2019
 - a) Encoffining at 2.45pm
 - b) Funeral Service at Mandai Crematorium at 3.45pm †

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING & PRAYER MEETING

These will be canceled as a mark of respect for the late
Mdm. Low Lay Eng.

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday, 17 September 2019
Time: 8.00 pm †

HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO BETHEL

1. Bethel celebrated its Silver Jubilee this week
 - a) Many blessings were bestowed over the past 25 years
 - b) The Lord's continued grace and mercy are evident
2. Thank God for:
 - a) His presence
 - b) His provision
 - c) His power
 - d) His people

May the Lord continue to lead and to bless Bethel in its 26th year! †

BETHANY KINDY SUNDAY

1. 29 September 2019
 2. Our Kindergarten has ministered for 15 years
 3. A number of our Kindy graduates are actively involved in Church
 4. Thank God for the teachers who are involved in this Kindergarten ministry. †
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OUTING FOR SENIORS IN BETHANY

1. Date: 9 November 2019
2. Event: Jurong Bird Park (before it closes down at the present location)
3. Sponsor: SSS 4
4. Sign-up
 - a) This Outing is for Seniors (60 band above) who are attending Bethany as worshippers.
 - b) You need to be ambulant (and not need assistance)
 - c) A recent Recce indicates that it is not wheelchair friendly
 - d) Please register at the Booth at the Fellowship Hall beginning this Sunday †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE

1-5 December 2019

1. Registration is open
 2. Plan to register as early as possible
 3. Let us pray for the Lord to bless all who are coming for the Youth Conference
 4. The ministry of reaching young souls is a vital one †
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FOOD WASTAGE

We read in the local media about the huge wastage of food in Singapore. Let Bethany set a good example.

1. Please take only what can be consumed
2. What to avoid:
 - a) Taking food for a table of friends and the food is not consumed
 - b) Taking more food than children can eat
3. Let us honour the Lord even in this matter of fellowship lunch!
 - a) We give thanks to the Lord for His provision
 - b) It follows that we must not waste what He has given †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 103:6-7

*The LORD executes righteousness
And justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known His ways to Moses,
His acts to the children of Israel.*

THE DEEDS OF THE LORD

1. He executes righteousness and justice for the oppressed

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WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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2. He made know His ways to Moses
3. He performed many mighty acts for the children of Israel

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. To appreciate the goodness of the Lord
2. To offer grateful worship to Him
3. To learn deep spiritual lessons along life's pathway †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 15 SEPTEMBER 2019

TEXT: 1 PETER 2:21 LEAVING US AN EXAMPLE

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow in His steps.

1. Another aspect of Calling is given
The call to follow the example of the Lord Jesus in suffering
2. The example of suffering of Jesus
 - a) Humble submission
 - b) Full obedience
 - c) Complete trust in God the Father

NEXT SUNDAY: 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, longsuffering, love, perseverance. †

AN ABOUNDING LOVE

God's love for us is clearly seen in Jesus;
The cost of our salvation is truly priceless.
He willingly endured great suffering;
That He may give us life everlasting!

The Commandment of Jesus was clear;
He wants His disciples to draw near.
They must learn to Love one another;
Love would be the distinctive feature.

Love must not become stagnant at any time;
A deeper Love is possible, one that is sublime.
This is only possible if we seek God in prayer;
Let us seek to be filled with a Love beyond compare.

The challenge to cultivate love is monumental;
But God's love in us can be truly phenomenal.
May we follow the Example of our dear Saviour!
The pursuit of an abounding love our endeavour.

Inspiration: John 13:34-35; Philippians 1:9-11
Charles Tan



In Search of Fullness

Someone special, someone precious, my meaning for life lost,
Many unanswered questions, a repeated occurrence, answers at what cost?
Profound emptiness, a deep and wide void, a true test of faith,
Yet conscious of the one and only Saviour, "Abide in Me" He saith.

Inspired by the love our little one had to give, something exceptional,
Moved by the thoughtfulness in actions, her prayers so intentional.
Seeing the light through her, a gentle reminder of love that is deeply rooted,
While seeking for answers, the principles need to be firmly grounded.

Deeper search to comprehend His love, the width, the length, the depth, the height!
Deeper longing for the fullness of God, purposefully I pray with all my might!

A poem for my dearest Hui,
My inspiration for my deeper search for fullness in God.

Daddy

Tan Kok Yang

Inspired by Ephesians 3:17-19



POETRY CORNER

Walk Like the Apostle Paul

Do not look left, do not look right;
Focus on Paul an example truly bright.
Emulate him, operate by the same rule,
To be as like-minded is indeed wonderful

One mind, one spirit, one Saviour, one God!
What joy, what joy to rejoice in the Lord
Praise Him, praise Him in exhilaration
None so deserving with His gift of salvation

Confidence in the flesh is foolishly misplaced
Earthly things...sadly, for many not so easily displaced
Shine as lights for the world to see
Bearing witness for our God to please

Perfect we are not, but forward we press on
The upward call of the Lord to work upon
We need to learn to walk like Paul
If not, it will only lead to our downfall

Jessie Quek
(Inspiration: Philippians 2:2,15;
Philippians 3:1,3,12,14,16,17)



THEME : THESE THINGS BECAME OUR EXAMPLES

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"With most of them

God was not well-pleased"

1 Corinthians 10; Exodus 32

Chairman

Dr Quek Li Wei

Organist

Mrs Kathy Lai

Speaker

Rev Mitchell Tan

Interpreter

Mrs Koh Baoling

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Chairman

Mr Jerry Chan

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Rev Benjamin Quah

Usher

Miss Tessa Kang

Miss Lovia Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8

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

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞

10.30 AM

"The Lord is a loving Shepherd"

Matthew 18:10-14

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Miss Camille George

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

**NO EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast: Ben & Joanne Chan

Fellowship Lunch: Adrian & Min-Yi Foo; Fabian & Jean

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
15 September 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou
Organist : Mrs Kathy Lai

VIP No. 504

O Rejoice In The Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

Dr Quek Li Wei

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 297

Wonderful Grace Of Jesus

Century Praise 358

Living For Jesus

Century Praise 302

You Are My All In All

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “With most of them God was not well-pleased”

Text : 1 Corinthians 10; Exodus 32

Speaker: Rev Mitchell Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 349

Trust And Obey

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

15 SEPTEMBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

BETHEL'S SILVER JUBILEE

This week, we celebrate with Bethel, its 25th Anniversary. Sometimes, we take the celebration Church Anniversaries for granted. The challenge really is to find a new sense of appreciation of the Lord's grace and mercy bestowed over these past 25 years!

GIVING PRAISE TO THE LORD GOD

It is right that we should seek to give as much heartfelt praise as we celebrate Bethel's 25th Anniversary. These are some of the things that we can thank God for especially.

1. Growth of the Church

- a) Growth must not be taken for granted
- b) Not all churches grow well
- c) Bethel has grown in many ways

2. God's provision for Bethel

- a) God has met all the needs of Bethel
- b) Bethel has cultivated a heart that would share its blessings with others

3. The special relationship between Bethany and Bethel

- a) The young people from Bethel come for our Youth Conference
- b) Our young people attend Bethel's Youth Camp
- c) Bethel looks after all our young people who study in Perth

4. A faithful pastor

- a) God has given to Bethel a faithful pastor
- b) He has shown much diligence and skill in his pastoral ministry

CHALLENGES AHEAD

As Bethel steps into its 26th year, the challenge is to pray for leaders to arise. Let us pray that the Lord would send forth more labourers into His harvest field!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*