

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 6 October 2019 ... Holy Communion Sunday

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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

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Text: Acts 20:17-35

“THE MANNER I ALWAYS LIVED AMONG YOU”

PAUL'S FINAL WORD TO THE EPHESIAN ELDERS

This final message was given at Mile-tus to a group of leaders (elders). Paul was bidding them farewell. He would not see them again. The focus of this word featured the following thoughts that were meant to be an example to them.

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MEDITATION

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¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.

¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,

¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;

²⁰ how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,

²¹ testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 20:17-21

1. In what manner I always lived among you Acts 20:18
 - a) Paul paid attention to how he lived
 - b) Ministry and manner of life are closely related
 - c) From the first day of his ministry at Ephesus he determined how he should live
2. Serving the Lord Acts 20:19
 - a) With all humility
 - b) With many tears
 - c) Amidst trials
3. Ministry of the Word
 - a) I kept nothing back that was helpful
 - b) Preaching and teaching
 - i) Publicly
 - ii) From house to house

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c) Contents faithfully proclaimed

i) Repentance (toward God)

ii) Faith (toward the Lord Jesus)

PAUL- AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE

Thank God for the example of the Apostle Paul. May our hearts be challenged to emulate his example of life and ministry. †

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 refreshed and uplifted through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

We celebrate The Lord's Supper today. May our hearts be drawn closer to the Lord!

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."

Matthew 26:27

Let us partake of the Lord's Supper with deep appreciation and devotion! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm | Venue: Auditorium 4.07 †

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 7 October 2019 | Time: 7.00pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 7 October 2019 | Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 8 October 2019 | Time: 8.00pm †

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
 - c) Special encouragement to those who are in their Senior years †
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CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Date: 6 December 2019 | Time: 4.00pm | Venue: Bethany

Plan to sign up as soon as possible! †

ADDITIONAL TOILETS

4th Floor

Renovation work has begun. Inconvenience deeply regretted! †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE

1-5 DECEMBER 2019

"BE READY TO GIVE A DEFENCE"

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! †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 103:11-12

*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. The mercy of God
 - a) It is great
 - b) It is as high as the heavens are above the earth
2. Our transgressions
 - a) He will remove our transgressions from us
 - b) As far as the east is from the west
3. There is truly no one like the Lord our God
 - a) Let us worship Him with all our heart
 - b) Let us serve Him with great joy †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 6 OCTOBER 2019

TEXT: EPHESIANS 5:1 BE IMITATORS OF GOD

Therefore, be imitators of God as dear children.

1. The word "imitators"
 - a) It means "mimic"
 - b) To follow exactly or precisely
2. There is no bad connotation with the Biblical usage of this word
 - a) We are God's dear children
 - b) Children ought to be moved to follow what God has prescribed
 - c) God has given us many good examples of His children (recorded in the Scriptures)

NEXT SUNDAY: 13 OCTOBER 2019

TEXT: 1 TIMOTHY 4:12 BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE BELIEVERS

Let no man despise your youth, but be an example to the believers, in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. †

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

On behalf of my whole family, including Mr and Mrs Ho, I would like to express my most heartfelt gratitude to the pastors, Session Members, brothers and sisters of Bethany for ministering to us during our time of grief. We are truly blessed by all the kind words of encouragement and love gifts from this family of Bethany. My mom and siblings are especially moved by the many who journeyed with us through the past few months, prayed fervently and visited us tirelessly. This is truly God's kind of church from which we have been deeply touched and cared for faithfully.

We are comforted by the assurance that He is now free of pain and suffering, dwelling in the house of the Lord, all the days of his eternal life.

Most sincere gratitude,
Aron Ho

POEM #1

SERVING THE LORD

Serving the Lord must always be on the heart and mind;
True service must go beyond offering a bit of our time.
The challenge is to serve by the quality of our life;
This was how the Apostle Paul managed to thrive.

Serving the Lord must be done with deep humility;
The state of the heart must reflect true sincerity.
Tears in ministry demonstrate genuineness;
This kind of ministry leads to blessedness!

Serving the Lord must be done in faithfulness;
The demands of ministry are often relentless.
The commitment to be faithful must be found;
Thank God for His grace and power that abound.

Serving the Lord is a wonderful privilege;
Thank God for grace and strength to manage.
The example of a good servant brings rich blessings;
May our challenge be to live a life that is truly inspiring!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Acts 20:17-21
For Holy Communion ☩

POEM # 2

**“Therefore let him who thinks he stands
take heed lest he fall.”**

Accolades and praises are music to the ear;
Criticisms and censure are what we dread to hear.
Yet be prudent how we deal with the compliments paid;
Lest we allow arrogance to rear its ugly head!

God’s commandments have set out clear and distinct directives;
Yet the approval and support of our peers often seem more attractive.
We waver in our decisions and shift in our perspectives;
We choose to disobey God because we feel it’s our prerogative.

They say “Self-praise is an international disgrace!”
Yet we glory in self when we become successful in life’s race.
Few would stop to give thanks to God for His mercies and grace;
And at His perfect plans for our lives stand amazed.

“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he falls”;
Because secret faults and presumptuous sins are familiar to us all.
Examples have been written in the Word for our admonition;
Let us be mindful not to neglect them and risk being guilty of great transgression.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: 1 Corinthians 10:11-12; Psalm 19:13 †

POEM # 3

A Great Source of Instruction

Some messages from the Word of God are harder to receive than others,
That on the danger of presumptuous sin causes the heart to shudder.

It is humbling to note that even leaders are not spared,
It does not matter how long one has lived or the successes one has had.

It is good to examine the root of presumptuous sin and how it can burden,
The heart must seek the Lord to open the eyes and to enlighten.

The heart of the matter is the spirit and how it is cultivated in life,
This will determine whether we can learn aright and find faith to thrive.

What can we do if we want to overcome such wretched sin?
We need to ask the Lord to cleanse us from secret faults within.
We can exercise faith that He will graciously answer,
To the humble who is willing to be corrected, He will teach further.

The Lord provides His Word as a great source of instruction,
He will reveal new insights that bring to the soul such elation!
To the few privileged seekers, He also promises fresh inspiration,
May we grow more love for His Word and seek it with added motivation!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: 1 Corinthians 10 ✚

POEM # 4

"I am your salvation"

Arise O Lord we hereby plead our cause
For the world's refugees fleeing tribal wars
Pursue the perpetrators causing deadly destruction
Chasten them for their wicked and evil action

Many have died in their hazardous journey
Little ones drowned! what sorrowful tragedy!
Their pictures plastered all over the news;
Merely shaking our heads, we turn to the next view

Action we must take and hereby plead our cause
Through You, our God Almighty, who has no flaws
Take up arms on our behalf bring justice to bear
Show them that our merciful God truly cares

We know that You hear our earnest prayer
To right the wrongs done to the oppressed everywhere
Make the ruthless tremble in fear and trepidation!
Then say to all our souls "I am your Lord and your salvation."

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Psalm 35 ✚

THEME : THESE THINGS BECAME OUR EXAMPLES

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 🕊️
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
"I have given you an Example"
John 13

Chairman
Rev Mark Tan

Organist
Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Dr Jane Tan

Pianist
Mr Gabriel Ou

Chairman
Mr Stanley Woo

Pianist
Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker
Mr Quek Li Yen

Usher
Mr Justin Lai
Ms Shayna Walia

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —
10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8
"But you have carefully followed my...
love..." 2 Timothy 3:10

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 🕊️
10.30 AM
Children of God
[Children's Day Special]
1 John 3:1-3

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Mrs Joanne Tan

Speaker
Miss Camille George

Chairman
Mr Joel Lee

Speaker
Rev Mark Tan

Pianist
Ms Tay Soo Leng

Interpreter
Deacon
Dr Tan Peng Hui
Mr Allister Tham

EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE 🕊️
4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7, 8
"You have carefully followed my...
faith" 2 Timothy 3:10-11

Breakfast: Ai Meei
Fellowship Lunch: Gavin, Cherie, Jasher & Elior Teo; Eric & Siok Kuan
Evening Tea: Mr & Mrs Tan KS

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
6 October 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

Century Praise 387

All The Way My Saviour Leads Me

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev Mark Tan

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 331

Be Thou My Vision

Century Praise 462

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

HWC No. 280

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “I have given you an Example”

Text : John 13

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

HWC No. 529

O, How I Love Jesus

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 291

Jesus Is All The World To Me

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 390

May The Mind Of Christ My Saviour

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

6 October 2019

Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

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

Century Praise 314 We Gather Together 虔诚聚集

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂 *Mr Joel Lee*
Interpreter : Mr Allister Tham

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 89 Praise To The Lord, The Almighty 赞美全能神

Century Praise 340 O, To Be Like Thee 主,我愿像祢

Century Praise 399 Make Me A Blessing 借我赐恩福

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “You have carefully followed my...faith ” “你已经服从了我的 ...信心...”

Text: 2 Timothy 3:10-11

Speaker: *Rev Mark Tan*
Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

THE LORD’S SUPPER 圣餐 Rev Dr Charles Tan

Hymn

Century Praise No. 316 Have Faith In God (stanzas 1 & 2) 当信服神

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise No. 316 Have Faith In God (stanzas 3 & 4) 当信服神

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise No. 321 Blessed Assurance 有福确据

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

6 OCTOBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

THE LAST QUARTER OF 2019

We commence the last quarter of the year! Let us look forward to completing the year on a note of great strength and joy.

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

There are wonderful things to look forward to in the next three months. Two major things may be highlighted:

1. The annual Youth Conference
 - a) This is a such a meaningful experience for all who are involved
 - i) The Planning Committee
 - ii) The young attendees
 - b) Let us pray for the Lord's blessings
 - i) May hearts be touched and blessed!
 - ii) May lives be deeply impacted and changed!
2. Christmas 2019
 - a) Christmas Caroling Service
 - i) Saturday, 7 December 2019
 - ii) 4.00pm
 - b) Christmas Baptismal Services
 - i) 1st Baptismal service is on 8 December 2019
 - ii) 2nd Baptismal service is on 15 December 2019
 - c) Christmas Service
 - i) 25 December 2019
 - ii) Shangri La Hotel

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*