

BETHANY

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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 13 October 2019

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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

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Text: Acts 20:20-24

“THAT I MAY FINISH MY RACE WITH JOY”

MINISTRY SECRETS

The Apostle Paul had a very good way of ministering effectively. The “secret” of his ministry was shared with the leaders of the church at Ephesus.

MEDITATION

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1. Keeping the Ministry in sight

- a) A teaching ministry
- b) This involved:
 - i) Public speaking
 - ii) Door to door evangelism
- c) Message proclaimed:
 - i) Repentance toward God
 - ii) Faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ

2. Keeping the End in sight too

Paul also kept the end in clear sight.

- a) He saw his life as a race
He wanted to finish his race with joy
- b) He also saw it as a ministry which he received from the Lord
 - i) To testify to the gospel
 - ii) To testify of the grace of God

MEETING CHALLENGES ALONG THE WAY

There were many challenges along the way:

1. Evil plots of the Jews and Gentiles

2. Many tears shed as the obstacles were overcome

3. Forewarning given

- a) Chains awaited him (imprisonment)
- b) Tribulations awaited him too
- c) These were given as forewarning by the Holy Spirit

3. But he kept a strong spirit of faith and commitment

- a) Nothing fazed him

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- b) He did not count his life dear to himself
- c) All he wanted was to be faithful to the very end

THE EXAMPLE OF PAUL

Thank God for his good example. Let us be challenged to learn from his example. May we develop our faith and fortitude! †

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*

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Auditorium 4.07 †

COMBINED WORSHIP

We will be having Combined Worship for the months of
November-December 2019.

Sunday afternoons would be devoted to Choir practice. †

JURONG BIRD PARK OUTING FOR SENIORS

1. Plan to sign up as soon as possible

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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2. The spotlight on Seniors is timely
 - a) Let us pray for the Lord's safe-keeping
 - b) Let us pray for the Lord's blessing for all attending the Outing †
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YOUTH CONFERENCE

1-5 December 2019

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings!

1. Pray for the planning Committee
 2. Pray for all young people attending the Conference †
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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Leading the Christmas Concert this year:

S-Ps Moses Kwek, Eugene Seow and Jonathan Jacob

Theme: "The Glory of the Lord"

The Lord's glory is seen in at least three expressions:

1. God's Creation
2. The Lord Jesus Christ
3. The holy Scriptures

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings on the Christmas Concert program! †

CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

25 December 2019

Please book your table as soon as possible. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 14 October 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 14 October 2019

Time: 8.00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 15 October 2019

Time: 8.00 pm †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 103:13-14

*As a father pities his children,
So the LORD pities those who fear Him.
For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust.*

1. God compared to a loving father
 - a) A loving father regards his children with loving compassion (pity)
 - b) God has great depth of loving compassion
2. God is all-knowing
 - a) He knows the weakness of our flesh
 - b) He remembers that we are but dust
3. Worshipping the Lord
Let us worship the Lord with great gratitude of heart! †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 13 OCTOBER 2019

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

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

1. Being an example to the believers
 - a) A challenge to all leaders
 - b) Our life must be carefully lived out
 - c) The impact may be very significant

2. Areas highlighted:
 - a) Word
 - b) Conduct
 - c) Love
 - d) Spirit
 - e) Faith
 - f) Purity

NEXT SUNDAY: 20 OCTOBER 2019

TEXT: PHILIPPIANS 3:17 AS YOU HAVE US FOR A PATTERN

*Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk,
as you have us for a pattern. †*

NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE ME

Many are daunted when tribulations loom;
Fear arise and there is trepidation and gloom.
How does one possess a spirit that is strong?
And within the heart there is a victor's song!

There must first be a genuine faith in the Saviour;
And a whole life focused on serving Him as a debtor.
The redeemed life when it is well-comprehended;
It can result in a life of ministry that is well-commended!

Life is seen as a race that must be run well to the very end;
Faith and understanding will help us see God's great plan.
The heart is thrilled to be given a place in God's ministry;
There is a great desire to fulfil God's chosen destiny.

Nothing needs to move the heart and cause it to flinch;
The brave and committed would not move an inch.
The example of the Apostle Paul is highly commendable;
To emulate him would result in a life most profitable!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Acts 20:18-24
†

Imitate Christ

They say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery;
Since we do so out of unbridled admiration and envy.
But perhaps it is also the greatest manifestation of love;
When we imitate Christ, who gave His everything without reserve.

Two of the most important marks of holiness are humility and love;
Jesus therefore wanted to show His disciples the way they should serve.

What Jesus did after that Last Supper was surely no mean feat;
He demonstrated how He would humble Himself to wash the disciples' feet!

The act of foot washing depicted servility devoid of presumption;
It demonstrated an ultimate humility and fervent devotion.
But most of all, it revealed His love for His disciples;
A great and selfless love incomparable to any other.

The example Jesus gave was deliberate and purposeful;
For His example was not merely for us to know, but also to do.
There is no example greater than the Lord Jesus Himself;
For us to imitate, reflect and introspect on our own selves.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: John 13
†

THE Ultimate Example

"Tupos," "hupodeigma," what strange sounds they make
They describe in Greek, how examples originate
"Tupos," examples not by design, are unconsciously made
"Hupodeigma" however are purposeful and deliberate

Scriptures provide a spectrum of examples for consideration
Our forefathers of ill repute, an example of disgrace
Admirable models, like apostle Paul for our inspiration
Most magnificent of all, is Lord Jesus whom we embrace

Knowing human nature, prone to wandering and fallibility
He taught by purposeful example of immeasurable value
Step by step painstakingly demonstrating love and humility
Then He humbly instructed to do "as I have done to you"

Can we rise up to His challenge we wonder?
Has His Spirit touched our heart and soul?
With His grace can we forward march and not flounder
Following the Lord must surely be our immediate goal

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: John 13: 5-15, 1 Corinthians 10:6, 11



In You I Put My Trust

The unique circumstances of life happen to each of us for good reason,
The peaks and troughs serve a definite purpose in each season.
As we trace the Lord's wonderful blessings of protection and provision,
We are challenged to see our trust in God growing in new dimensions.

Ancient Israel was stubborn and worshiped idols persistently,
From kings to peasants, there was little trust in God unfortunately.
Today is no different, we also struggle with many hidden idols that corrupt,
The Lord must cleanse and prune, that He may fill a bigger portion of our heart.

The Lord promises to give good counsel to help us navigate in life,
Trust is deepened when we prove that on Him alone, we can safely rely.
Real trust will hold us in good stead even in the most difficult seasons,
We can find Him close by and gracing us with His loving presence.

With trust comes a special sense of hope and gladness,
In His presence, we can look forward to joy in its fullness.
He will guide us in His path of life if we press on and never stop trusting,
May we cultivate more trust and discover the Lord as the greatest blessing!

Inspiration : Psalm 16

Yvette Seow



THEME : THESE THINGS BECAME OUR EXAMPLES

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

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

Chairman

Rev Mitchell Tan

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Mrs Koh Baoling

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Chairman

Ms Sea Su-An

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Rev Benjamin Chong

Usher

Mr Alfred Chua

Ms Della Chua

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8

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

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞

10.30 AM

Treasure in Heaven
Matthew 19:16-22

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Joanathan Jacob

Chairman

Mr Allister Tham

Speaker

Rev Benjamin Quah

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Interpreter

Mrs Lee Yuwen
Mrs Cassandra Yeo

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

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

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

Breakfast: Shannie

Fellowship Lunch: Tan Kok Yang & family;
Lily & Harry; Francis, Penny & Edward Koh

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
13 October 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

HWC No. 415

He Giveth More Grace

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev Mitchell Tan

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 100

Fairest Lord Jesus

Century Praise 340

O To Be Like Thee

Century Praise 358

Living For Jesus

“PREACH THE WORD”

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

Text : 2 Timothy 3:10-11

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 325

I Know Whom I Have Believed

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
13 October 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing	Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou
HWC No. 65	The Wonder Of It All 极奇妙的奇妙
Prelude 前奏	
Call to Worship 齐来称颂	Mr Allister Tham
Invocation 祈祷	Interpreter : Mrs Cassandra Yeo

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns	
Century Praise 218	Rejoice, The Lord Is King 乐哉,救主为王
Century Praise 331	Be Thou My Vision 成为我异象
Century Praise 358	Living For Jesus 奉献身心为主

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message:	“You have carefully followed my...longsuffering” “你已经服从了我的 ... 宽容”
Text :	2 Timothy 3:10-11 提摩太后书 3:10-11
Speaker:	Rev Benjamin Quah Interpreter : Mrs Lee Yuwen

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献	
Hymn	
Century Praise 389	He Leadeth Me 天父领我
Prayerful Meditation	
Benediction	
Postlude	



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PASTORAL LETTER

13 OCTOBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

THE PULPIT THEME FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2019

One attribute of God that is not well comprehended is the “glory of His majesty.” This was one of the themes that Isaiah the prophet preached. The following is an excerpt of a message preached:

¹²For the day of the LORD of hosts
Shall come upon everything proud and lofty,
Upon everything lifted up—
And it shall be brought low—
¹³Upon all the cedars of Lebanon *that are* high and lifted up,
And upon all the oaks of Bashan;
¹⁴Upon all the high mountains,
And upon all the hills *that are* lifted up;
¹⁵Upon every high tower,
And upon every fortified wall;
¹⁶Upon all the ships of Tarshish,
And upon all the beautiful sloops.
¹⁷The loftiness of man shall be bowed down,
And the haughtiness of men shall be brought low;
The LORD alone will be exalted in that day,
¹⁸But the idols He shall utterly abolish.
¹⁹They shall go into the holes of the rocks,
And into the caves of the earth,
From the terror of the LORD
And the glory of His majesty,
When He arises to shake the earth mightily.

Isaiah 2:12-19

1. The terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty
This phrase is repeated three times (Isaiah 2:10, 19, 21)
2. The glory of the Lord is what we want to discover afresh
3. Let us enter into the Christmas season with a heartfelt prayer that God might give us a glimpse of the glory of His majesty

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*