

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ☸

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Text: Acts 20:25-38

“GOD AND THE WORD OF HIS GRACE”

GOOD EXAMPLES

Thank God for every good example we come across. They could be examples we find written in the Scriptures. They could be people who are alive and they have made a positive impact on our lives. We may be wonderfully blessed by their exemplary lives!

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BEHIND EVERY GOOD EXAMPLE

What makes a person's life such a blessing? The Apostle Paul highlighted two things in the following text.

So now, brethren, I commend you to God

And to the word of His grace,

Which is able to build you up

And give you an inheritance among all those

Who are sanctified.

Acts 20:32

1. God

- a) He is the Person who is behind every believer
- b) Paul believed with all his heart the power that God has
- c) God in Paul's life:
 - i) God saved him
 - ii) The Lord taught him
 - iii) He led each and every step of the way
 - iv) He empowered
 - v) He transformed
- d) We need to deepen the following:
 - i) Our knowledge of God
 - ii) Our faith in God
 - iii) Our experience with God
 - iv) Our trust in Him

2. The word of His grace

- a) God's word is His special instrument of grace
- b) His word of grace:
 - i) It is able to build us up
 - ii) It is able to help us understand and appropriate our spiritual inheritance!
- c) Our sanctification
 - i) This is a continuing work of the Holy Spirit

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- ii) This is a work that helps us desire to live for the Lord dedicatedly

Let us aspire to be good examples for others! Let us seek the Lord and His word of grace even more! ✝

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you chose to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today! May your heart be lifted up through worship and fellowship! ✝

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm | Venue: Auditorium 4.07 ✝

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 21 October 2019 | Time: 7.00pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 21 October 2019 | Time: 8.00pm

This will be our last Prayer Meeting for the year.

Next Monday, 28 October is a Public Holiday.

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 22 October 2019 | Time: 8.00pm

This will be the last Bible Study of the year! ✝

COMBINED WORSHIP

We will be having Combined Worship (November-December 2019).

This is to make allowance for the Choirs to prepare for the Christmas Concert. ✝

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE

1-5 DECEMBER 2019

"BE READY TO GIVE A DEFENCE"

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings!

1. That our young people will learn how to sanctify the Lord in their hearts
2. That they would be able to speak of their faith in God with meekness and fear

Plan to sign up as soon as possible! ✝

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2019 | TIME: 4.00PM

Plan to sign up.

Please indicate:

1. If you are 65 and above
2. If you are 12 and below

Let us pray for a wonderfully refreshing time! ✝

CHRISTMAS BAPTISMAL SERVICES

Baptismal Service # 1

8 December 2019 | Paedo-baptism

Baptismal Service # 2

15 December 2019 | Adult Baptism/ Transference/ Membership

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT SHANGRI LA

Plan to book your tables as soon as possible! ✝

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Dr. Jimmy Sng on the home-going of his twin brother, Dr. Bobby Sng on 15 October 2019. The late Dr. Bobby Sng was 83 when the Lord called him home.✠

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor,

Thank you so much for the loving spiritual support you and the fellow brethren from Bethany have given our family during this time of bereavement. Bobby had not been in the best of health and the Lord has mercifully brought him home. The passing of a loved one is never easy but your presence brought much comfort.

With love,
Jimmy Sng

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 103:15-16

*As for man, his days are like grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.
For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
And its place remembers it no more.*

1. Man's existence

- a) His days are like grass
- b) He flourishes like a flower of the field

2. Man's mortality

- a) The wind passes over and the season changes
- b) A time to be born and a time to die
- c) Man's frailty must teach us how to practise sobriety in life! ✠

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.*

1. Being an example... Consciously
 - a) Paul offered himself as an example
 - b) This was not a matter of pride
 - c) He was a servant of the Lord and he had to be an example of the believers
 - d) This was expected!
2. A pattern
 - a) Paul was not alone
 - b) He and his fellow-workers were conscious of their role
 - c) They were not just preachers/ teachers
 - d) They were supposed to be patterns for others to follow
 - e) The word "pattern" is the same word translated "examples" cf. 1 Corinthians 10:6
3. There were those who walked (lived) badly
 - a) Those must also be noted
 - b) Comparisons are not always bad
 - c) In this instance it was necessary and wise!

NEXT SUNDAY: 27 OCTOBER 2019

TEXT: PHILIPPIANS 4:9 THE THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE LEARNED

*The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me,
these do, and the God of peace will be with you. †*

POEM #1

GOD AND THE WORD OF HIS GRACE

The power behind an exemplary life is truly God;
He grants grace to all who call upon the Lord.
He's not just a Great Being we read in the Bible;
He is alive and active in all who seek the Eternal.

The weak find strength in the Lord in humble prayer;
Encouragement is given, for the Lord truly cares.
The ardent believer must desire to live exemplarily;
He will find that the grace of God is granted willingly.

The holy Scriptures are indeed, "the word of His grace,"
Therein is wondrous power of God beneath the surface.
The word of the Lord must be diligently read and proven;
The grace of God found therein would lead us to Heaven.

Faith in the Lord and His word must be real and alive;
The Lord and His word would enable us to truly thrive!
We can be good examples and a blessing to many;
May the quality of our life bring to God great glory!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Acts 20:32 †

POEM # 2

FOR I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE

The gospel of John is rich and profound in many ways,
It provides a vivid account of some parts of the Lord's earthly stay.
The story is told of how the Lord washed the feet of His disciples,
This was His unique way of giving His disciples the Perfect Example.

For three years, the Lord taught His disciples many truths patiently,
Still, there were deeper lessons to grapple with on love and humility.
These lessons are best shown through personal and deliberate acts,
These special lessons are purposed to have a long and lasting impact.

The heart is moved to consider what the Lord had done so purposefully,
He wanted His disciples to learn to place others before self... sacrificially.
This was such a challenging lesson, but so poignant and necessary,
If they understood, they would not argue who will be exalted in glory.

What does it take to follow after the Lord's example wholeheartedly?
We must reject what the world teaches in exalting oneself arrogantly.
Instead, we learn from the Lord and lay down ourselves unreservedly.
Blessed are those who catch His Spirit and follow His Example willingly!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: John 13:15 †

POEM # 3

God is love

God is love, true, pure and divine
To know God is to experience love
Mere branches tenderly supported by this great vine
He first loved us, our supreme God above

God is love, caring, merciful and gracious
Remarkable manifestations of His love surround
His greatest gift so priceless and precious
Christ, His only begotten Son for our sins to account

God is love, patient and long suffering
Who in the world lays down his life for us?
His perfect love is transcendent beyond comparing
Wretched souls when will we fully trust?

God is love, faithful, gentle and kind
Show Him your love as we love one another;
But, however we love the Lord, we will find
His love for us is unquestionably greater!

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: 1 John 4:7-12 ✠

POEM # 4

“To Carefully Follow”

To watch steadily;
To attend continuously.
To understand clearly;
To subscribe faithfully.

Yet these above may not suffice;
If we were to profess to follow Christ.
Not enough just to bear doctrines in mind;
We need to seek grace divine.

To have conviction and faith to believe in our purpose;
To only and always put God first.
To suffer yet persevere to serve;
To love because we have experienced His love.

To be like-minded with Christ and have the character to show;
To be the light of the world and not hide in the shadows.
May we persist to strive to carefully follow;
Even if the way is difficult and the gate is narrow.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: 2 Timothy 3:10; Philippians 2; Matthew 7:14 ✚

THEME : THESE THINGS BECAME OUR EXAMPLES

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Be an example of the believers"

1 Timothy 4

Chairman

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Kathy Lai

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

Pianist

Mrs Amelia Toi

Chairman

Mr Joshua Phang

Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

Speaker

Rev Benjamin Quah

Usher

Ms Claire Tan
Ms Ong Ying Xuan

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

"A pattern to those who are going to believe..." 1 Tim. 1:12-17

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞

10.30 AM

Jesus teaches humility
Matthew 20:20-28

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Miss Camille George

Speaker

Rev Benjamin Chong

Chairman

Mr Charles George

Speaker

Student -Pastor
Eugene Seow

Pianist

Mrs Foo Min-Yi

Interpreter

Ms Berlinda Cheong
Ms Aleena Kua

☞ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

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

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

Breakfast: Joshua, Aina & Adriel

Fellowship Lunch: Timon & Charissa; Jensen & Yvonne, Marcus & Keith

Evening Tea: Aleena Kua

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
Evening-Bilingual Worship Service		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 4-1	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 4-3	4 th floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Fellowship Hall	1 st 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
20 October 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Amelia Toi
Organist : Mrs Kathy Lai

HWC No. 398

Fill My Cup, Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

Dr Daniel Chia

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 6

How Great Thou Art

HWC No. 355

Trusting Jesus

HWC No. 390

May The Mind Of Christ, My Saviour

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Be an example of the believers”

Text : 1 Timothy 4

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 348

Lord, Speak To Me

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
20 October 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist : Mrs Foo Min-Yi

HWC No. 56 Day By Day 每一天

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂 Mr Charles George
Interpreter : Ms Aleena Kua
Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

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

Century Praise 389 He Leadeth Me 天父领我

Century Praise 477 Shine, Jesus, Shine 真光普照

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

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

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

Speaker: Student-Pastor Eugene Seow
 Interpreter : Ms Berlinda Cheong

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 333 More Love To Thee 更多爱祢

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

20 OCTOBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

Children look forward to Christmas with a joy that is wonderful and enviable. Sadly, the special sense of joy that should be there is often missing!

There is a special joy that God wants to give to our hearts! If we have lost this joy, let's seek to regain this joy!

JOY THAT IS FULL OF GLORY

The Apostle Peter described the joy that God gives to every believer.

*Whom having not seen you love.
Though now you do not see Him,
Yet believing, you rejoice with joy
Inexpressible and full of glory. 1 Peter 1:8*

1. What this joy is not!
 - a) It is not tied in with seeing the Lord Jesus visibly
 - b) This joy in the Lord is not in the least affected
2. What this joy is!
 - a) It is associated with a love for the Lord
 - b) It is certainly related to believing in Christ Jesus
 - c) Special features of this joy:
 - ii) This joy is "inexpressible"
 - ii) It is full of glory!

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT WOULD SAP US OF THIS JOY?

The following are things that tend to sap us of this special sense of joy.

1. When we face trials
2. When we have to endure some suffering
3. When our faith is not strong

Let us seek to find this special sense of joy in the Lord this Christmas!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*