

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
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CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 3 November 2019 ... Holy Communion Sunday*

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## MEDITATION

✞ REV DR CHARLES TAN ☸

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Text: John 1, Hebrews 1

## ***"AND WE BEHELD HIS GLORY"***

### THE GLORY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Not everyone was able to see the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. The following were not able to see His glory.

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# MEDITATION

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## 1. The multitudes

Thousands were recorded to have left Him when they rejected His teachings (John 6:66)

## 2. Many of the religious leaders

- a) The scribes
- b) The chief priests
- c) The Pharisees
- d) The Sadducees

## THOSE WHO SAW HIS GLORY

There was small group of followers who were also called "Disciples."

## 1. Some reasons they followed Jesus:

- a) They heard His teachings
- b) They saw His miracles
- c) They appreciated the way He lived

## 2. They caught glimpses of His glory:

- a) Jesus was indeed "The way, the truth and the life" John 14:6
- b) His life reflected the glory of God Himself
- c) There were many manifestations:
  - i) The truths He proclaimed
  - ii) The grace that He showed
  - iii) The compassion that was manifested

## 3. These were determined to serve the Lord Jesus

- a) Some were made apostles
- b) They became pillars of the church
- c) They sought to reflect the glory of the Lord in their lives too

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## OUR CHALLENGE

Let us seek to understand the glory of the Lord! Let us seek to be refreshed and revitalized as we gaze upon our wonderful Saviour and Lord! ✠

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Write to me at: [charlestan@bethanyipc.sg](mailto:charlestan@bethanyipc.sg)

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We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be encouraged through worship and fellowship! ✠

Welcome  
to Bethany IV

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## CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm | Venue: Auditorium 4.07 ✠

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## HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

We will be observing The Lord's Supper today. Let us remember the Lord's death gratefully and lovingly.

The Lord's Supper is for all who have been baptised and confirmed in their faith.

### 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, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."*

*For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Matthew 26:27-28*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **PULPIT THEME FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2019**

### **“The glory of the Lord” Luke 2:9**

1. Let us seek to fathom the glory of the Lord
  2. May the Lord’s glory touch and impact our lives meaningfully!
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## ***COMBINED WORSHIP***

We will be having Combined Worship for the months of November and December 2019. Let us look forward to a wonderful time of worshipping together!

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## **CLEAN-UP ON MONDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2019**

Thank God for the number of people who turned up to help clean up the church. Nearly 70 people came to give the Church a good spruce up!

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## **JURONG BIRD PARK OUTING**

**Date: 9 November 2019**

This is the last week for registration. Let us look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship with the seniors attending Bethany.

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## **“O” AND “A” LEVEL EXAMS**

Let us remember all who are sitting for their “O” and “A” level exams. May they find much strength along the way!

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## **HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS**

Heartfelt congratulations to Dominic and Rachel on the occasion of their wedding on 2 November 2019! May the Lord’s richest blessings be bestowed on them as they begin their life together as man and wife!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## YOUTH CONFERENCE

1-5 DECEMBER 2019

"BE READY TO GIVE A DEFENCE"

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings on the Youth Conference.

Some Goals:

1. That our young people would love to share their faith
2. That they may learn how to share their faith meaningfully
3. That others may be led to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

## CHRISTMAS BAPTISMAL SERVICES

Dates: 8 and 15 December 2019

1. We will have both Paedo and Adult Baptism on both Sundays
2. Please plan to sign up as soon as possible!

## CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

Saturday, 7 December 2019 | Time: 4.00pm

Please plan to indicate your age:

1. Children under twelve
2. Seniors who are 65 and above

This year will see the involvement of a number of our poets who contribute meaningful poems in our Bethany Bulletin. They will be attempting to write and to share their poems on the subject of "The glory of God."

## CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

25 December 2019

Plan to book your table as soon as possible! Let us look forward to another wonderful time of worship and fellowship at Shangri La.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

1. Sam Oh

His mother went home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on Saturday, 26 October 2019. The late Mdm. Ong Pow was 91 years old.

2. Wei Quan, Sui Hui and Qing Yang

Their uncle passed away on 28 October 2019.

3. Auntie Margaret, Geraldine, Joel and Joshua

Uncle Jeffrey Foo Chee Wah was called home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on 29 October 2019. He was 85 years old.

4. Rachel and Sylvia Chan

Mdm. Lui Kum Yoke, their paternal grandmother was called home to be with the Lord on 30 October 2019.

She was 82 years old.

We offer heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.†

## WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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### **Psalms 103:19-22**

<sup>19</sup> *The LORD has established His throne in heaven,  
And His kingdom rules over all.*

<sup>20</sup> *Bless the LORD, you His angels,  
Who excel in strength, who do His word,  
Heeding the voice of His word.*

<sup>21</sup> *Bless the LORD, all you His hosts,  
You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.*

<sup>22</sup> *Bless the LORD, all His works,  
In all places of His dominion.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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## A GREAT CALL TO BLESS THE LORD

1. Three groups highlighted
  - a) His angels
  - b) All His ministers (servants)
  - c) All His works
2. Reasons for blessing the LORD
  - a) His established throne in heaven
  - b) His kingdom that rules over all ☩

## LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

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Dear Pastoral Team and Brethren from Bethany,

We write this letter to express our immense gratitude to everyone who has supported us in our time of grief over the passing of our late uncle, Mr Foo Say Eng.

Every single prayer, encouragement, text, wreath, presence at the wakes and services counted for something.

This was because my auntie and cousins were initially at a loss when they thought about the arrangements in the event of my uncle's passing. All they knew was that uncle wanted a simple and peaceful funeral. They were at a loss over the arrangements.

Thank God for Reverend Benjamin Quah who worked out the arrangement of a wake, memorial service and a funeral service. This was done with guidance from and in consultation with Pastor Charles. With the arrangements and logistics looked after, my uncle's immediate family could focus on the process of grieving and remembering him in the

# LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

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best and most dignified manner. They were also able to spend more of their time with all the people who came to visit.

It is in these times of meeting with visitors that they were able to experience the Lord's love through the brethren from Bethany. Time and again, they were introduced to brethren from Bethany who came to lend their support and see our late uncle. Such was the support from Bethany that majority of those in attendance (aside from family and relatives) for the memorial and funeral services were people from Bethany. Our relatives were able to experience what Christian love is like; they were able to catch the Bethany spirit up close. From a sense of loss, they were able to experience the Lord's love.

As our families find closure in this time of mourning, these experiences of the Lord's love give added reason to continue and press on with life. Strength and encouragement can be drawn in knowing that they don't have to go through life alone. There are people around them who will be there to support.

Our own hearts are so full thinking of the love and support from the brethren at Bethany. Thank you for every prayer, encouragement, text, wreath, and presence over the last 3 days and more. They have meant a lot to us and our extended family. We count it our immense joy and privilege to be part of this Bethany family. We want to say that we love Bethany in return.

On behalf of our families, thank you pastoral team and all from Bethany.

In His love,  
Wei Quan, Sui Hui and Qing Yang



# LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

## Dearest Pastor Charlie, Pastoral Team, Session, Brethren

We write to express our gratitude for the love outpoured towards us as we grieved the passing of our beloved Ah Ma.

What kind of love is Bethany's love?

First, it is a love expressed not "*in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth*": 1 John 3:18. This verse will from now on be annotated with the image of you setting up the AV equipment, distributing bulletins in Ah Ma's garden, directing traffic in the rain, sheltering Ah Ma's family and friends to her home before the first vigil service, and coming out in force. The same verse will also call to remembrance the truth lovingly shared by Pastor Charlie from the porch of Ah Ma's home, and Hall 2 of Mandai Crematorium. The truth which assures us that the Lord had long ago prepared a dwelling place for Ah Ma, and came to receive her to Himself on 26 October 2019. We are greatly comforted by this truth.

Secondly, Bethany's love is a *sui generis*, self-sacrificial love. It is a love which calls to mind the Lord's commandment in John 13:34, "*... that you love one another, as I have loved you*". You love as Jesus loves. You sacrificed your treasured public-holiday rest; time with young children, aged parents and grandparents; working hours and more. You gave generously, and self-sacrificially.

Finally, your love is a love which confirms that you are of God. When the family got together after the funeral, cousin Kelvin spontaneously observed, "*We can really see God's work through them.*"

# LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

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Truly, God's children are made manifest by their love for each other: 1 John 3:10. Your obedience to the Lord's new commandment to love proclaimed God to our unbelieving friends and family. We would not have been able to do this alone.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Love,  
Sam, Judy, Evangeline, Eugene, David,  
and the extended Oh family

## BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 3 NOVEMBER 2019**

TEXT: PSALM 8:1

WHO HAVE SET YOUR GLORY ABOVE THE HEAVENS

*OLORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth,  
who have set Your glory above the heavens!*

1. Addressing the LORD
  - a) With awe
  - b) With adoration
2. Appreciating the glory of the LORD
  - a) It is associated with the very name of the LORD
  - b) His glory is set above the heavens!

**NEXT SUNDAY: 10 NOVEMBER 2019**

TEXT: PSALM 19:1

THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD

*The heavens declare the glory of God;  
and the firmament shows His handiwork. †*

**POEM #1**  
**(for Holy Communion)**

## AND WE BEHELD HIS GLORY

The glory of the Lord Jesus was reflected in His grace;  
He showed tenderness to all who had fallen on their face.  
There were many who felt neglected and rejected;  
Through His grace they were genuinely accepted!

The glory of the Lord Jesus was also reflected in the truths He taught;  
Many were freed, when once in man-made laws they were caught.  
The laws of God were poorly understood and many were entrapped;  
The glory of the truth that Jesus taught caused believers to be enrapt!

The Lord Jesus was the brightness of God's great glory;  
There was no one else who could express God fully.  
Jesus was the express image of God's awesome Being;  
He fully reflected the LORD God in every single thing.

How wonderful to be able to behold the glory of God;  
We need to focus on the Person of Jesus, our Lord.  
His words are full of grace and truth that bring enlightenment;  
Seeking to fathom the glory of God brings glorious enjoyment!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: John 1:14; Hebrews 1:3 ✠

## POEM # 2

### To Follow

It's easy to follow examples that are considered good;  
When it's clear these examples lead to results which bear fruit.  
Bad examples too are important as they serve as warnings;  
For us to avoid future mistakes and misgivings.

Harder it is to follow examples that are not only to know but also to do;  
When following these examples entail denying oneself to the full.  
When the Lord Jesus humbled Himself to wash the disciples' feet;  
Few would venture that they too are ready for such a deed.

Hardest it will be to follow examples involving the need for us to suffer;  
Because the tendency to protect oneself is just our human nature.  
The Lord Jesus was abused and He bore every hurt;  
Yet He willingly endured, never insisting on having the last word.

The day may come when we may be made to suffer for our faith;  
What are we doing to prepare ourselves for such a challenge to face?  
We need to remember and remind ourselves of that divine calling;  
We need to pray for grace to follow Christ even in suffering.

Dr. Sng Li Wah  
Inspiration: 1 Peter 2:21 †

## POEM # 3

### **Take up your cross and follow Me**

Take up your cross and follow Me, Jesus calls.  
To deny ourselves and prepare to suffer just like Him.  
He did no wrong, yet He suffered for us all  
With a deep commitment He graciously bore our sins.

To follow the Lord in suffering is a task monumental;  
Our instinctual nature is to avoid pain at all cost.  
Even when suffering for our own fault, our coping ability is rudimental  
So, having done no wrong, consider the exasperating sense of justice lost!

Take up your cross and follow Me, Jesus calls;  
An example of unjust suffering and enduring patience  
Let us rise and respond to His call, one and all  
A challenge to meet with no room for complacency

Our attempts to imitate Christ will be woefully inadequate;  
Being the perfect and flawless example as He is.  
Nevertheless, our striving with guidance from the Spiritual Advocate,  
Can become commendable before God, what joy and bliss!

Jessie Quek  
(Inspiration : Mathew 16:24-26; 1 Peter 2: 21-24) †

## POEM # 4

### BE AN EXAMPLE

It is not easy for a church to remain steadfast in the Lord,  
She must stay true to the glorious gospel of the blessed God.  
The church of Ephesus had believed in the gospel of salvation.  
But some had strayed from the faith and gave heed to deception.

Young Timothy had to learn how to minister in this context,  
He had to contend with problems in the church so complex.  
Beyond resolving the difficulties, what should be the core?  
How should one serve well and wage a good spiritual war?

Timothy must rise up as an example for all believers bravely,  
He was challenged to demonstrate what faith is practically.  
He must always be nourished in the good doctrine spiritually,  
Then his youth would not be despised and esteemed lightly.

How applicable these lessons are for all who are young people,  
Who have been taught the good doctrine by godly examples.  
We are challenged to take heed with a God-fearing conscience.  
May we do this for Bethany, and hold fast with perseverance!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: 1 Timothy 4:1, 6 and 12 †

THEME : THE GLORY OF THE LORD

# THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

## ✠ COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE ✠

**10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY**

"The glory of the LORD  
appeared in the cloud"  
Exodus 16

### Chairmen

Rev Benjamin Quah  
Student-Pastor  
C. Simon Najaraj

### Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

### Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

### Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

### Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

## — TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

## NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

## ✠ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ✠

**10.30 AM**

"Regard for God's House"  
Matthew 21:12-17

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor  
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor  
Auditorium 4-1

### Speaker

Mrs Joanne Tan

### Speaker

Ms Camille George

## ✠ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ✠

## NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast : Shamini; Andrew & Hwei Li  
Fellowship Lunch : Andrew & Hwei Li; Michelle & Jon Jacob; Ben & Sui Hui

# Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b>				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Evening-Bilingual Worship Service		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School II			Main Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-3	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-7	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>CHOIRS</b>				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Home Bible Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	7.30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>CATECHISM CLASS</b>				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>PRAYER MEETING</b>				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
<b>FELLOWSHIP GROUPS</b>				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor

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**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**2 November 2019**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang*  
*Organist : Mrs Sally Tan*

Century Praise 27

O Worship The King

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Rev Benjamin Quah*  
*Student-Pastor C. Simon Nagaraj*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 51

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

HWC No. 270

Wonderful Words Of Life

Century Praise 8

Holy, Holy, Holy

**PRAYER**

Pastoral Prayer

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “The glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud”

Text : Exodus 16

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 443

O Perfect Love

Partaking of the Cup

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 527

Glory To His Name

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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Where God is touching lives...  
And people care for people.*

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## PASTORAL LETTER

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3 NOVEMBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

*Dear Brethren,*

### A SERIES OF DEATHS

We have experienced the passing away of three people whom we know in one short week. What are some lessons that we may learn from this week's experience? Psalm 90 comes to mind readily.

1. We are reminder of the brevity of life (history)

*"For a thousand years in Your sight  
Are like yesterday when it is past,  
And like a watch in the night." Psalm 90:4*

2. We are further reminded that human life is even briefer

*"The days of our lives are seventy years;  
And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,  
Yet their boast is only labour and sorrow.  
It is soon cut off and we fly away" Psalm 90:10*

3. Weeping with those who weep

It is good and right that we weep with those who weep. Let us continue to remember those who have suffered bereavement this past week.

### THINGS THAT WE MUST CONSIDER PRAYING ABOUT

Let us consider praying with wisdom as the Lord's servant, Moses, teaches us:

1. Numbering our days

*"So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" Psalm 90:12*

2. Let us pray for the Lord's compassion

*"Have compassion on Your servants" Psalm 90:13*

3. Let us pray for the Lord's mercy

*"Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy" Psalm 90:14*

4. The glorious work of the LORD

*"Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your glory to their children." Psalm 90:16*

5. The beauty of the LORD

*"And let the beauty of the LORD be upon us..." Psalm 90:17a*

6. The establishing of our work

*"And establish the work of our hands for us,  
Yes, establish the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17b*

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*