

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 10 November 2019*

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## MEDITATION

✞ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✞

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Text: Psalm 92

## “YOU HAVE MADE ME GLAD”

### THE SENSES THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US

When God made us, He created us with many senses. Scientifically, they are classified as (sight, smell, hearing, taste and touch). They are all related. Does the Bible mention these things? Of course!

# MEDITATION

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## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ARE "SENSELESS?"

Psalm 92 offers an important insight when we are "senseless."

*O LORD, how great are Your works!*

*Your thoughts are very deep.*

*A senseless person does not know*

*Nor does a fool understand this.*

*Psalm 92:5-6*

### 1. The works of God

- a) They are great indeed!
- b) The works of God are never shallow
- c) There is depth in everything that God does

### 2. A senseless person

- a) He may claim "knowledge"
- b) But can knowledge be obtained only intellectually?
- c) The person who is senseless:
  - i) He has not learned how to use his senses well
  - ii) He cannot claim knowledge fully if he is senseless

### 3. A fool

- a) The senseless person is also described as a fool
- b) He will never be able to have full understanding
- c) Yet, he may claim that using the senses that God has created is wrong

## THE GLADNESS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN

God has given us senses so that we may appreciate His blessings more fully.

*For You, LORD, have made me glad through*

*Your work;*

*I will triumph in the works of Your hands. Psalm 92:4*

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1. You have made me glad
  - a) It is the LORD Himself who makes us glad
  - b) Gladness is a deep and joyous feeling
  
2. I will triumph in the works of Your hands
  - a) Triumph will come when we see how the Lord works in our life
  - b) God's work is not limited to giving us knowledge
  - c) God's work is in every aspect of our life
    - i) Our mind
    - ii) Our heart
    - iii) Our soul
    - iv) All our senses can be greatly heightened to understand God

## LET US LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING MORE ABOUT GLORY

There is so much to learn about the glory of God. Let us never limit ourselves to what we may about the 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 whole being be uplifted through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome  
to Bethany I V*

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## CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

*Time: 1.00pm*

*Venue: Auditorium 4.07*

The Catechism Class ministry will conclude by the end of November for this year. We have more than 20 who will be received into membership at the Baptismal Services on 8 and 15 December 2019. †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## MINISTRY IN BETHEL

Pastor Charles Tan will be ministering in Bethel this week (11-17 November 2019). May the Lord continue to bless Bethel! †

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## TOILETS AT THE 4<sup>TH</sup> LEVEL

Thank God for safety for all working on this project. The toilets at the 4<sup>th</sup> Level has been completed. †

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## YOUTH CONFERENCE

1-5 December 2019

**“Be ready to give a defence”**

Let us pray for the Youth Conference. May the hearts and souls of all attending be uplifted! Plan to sign up as soon as possible. †

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## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

*Saturday, 7 December 2019  
4.00pm*

1. Singing engages more than the vocal chords
2. The following are involved as well:
  - a) Our faith
  - b) Our understanding
  - c) Our soul

Let us gather together to have a wonderful time of singing carols together as a family in Bethany! Plan to sign up as soon as possible. †

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CHRISTMAS BAPTISMAL SERVICES

8 December 2019  
Paedo and Adult Baptism  
Transference and Re-affirmation

15 December 2019  
Paedo and Adult Baptism  
Transference and Re-affirmation †

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## CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

Plan to book your table as soon as possible.  
May the Lord bless our Christmas Day worship! †

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## CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mr. Kwek Chek Reom on the demise of his younger sister, Mdm. Kwek Soh Wah. The late Mdm Kwek was 61 years old when she passed on. †

## WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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### Psalm 104:1-2

*Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

*O LORD my God, You are very great:*

*You are clothed with honor and majesty,*

*Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment,*

*Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.*

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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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1. The Person of the LORD
  - a) He is very great indeed
  - b) He is clothed with honour and majesty
  - c) He is covered with light
  
2. Appropriate responses
  - a) Adoration and worship
  - b) The blessing of the Lord's name
  - c) The praise of God comes from the depth of the soul †

## BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 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.*

1. The heavens and the firmament above the earth truly declare the glory of God
  - a) His power
  - b) His plans
  
2. Taking time to appreciate the Lord
  - a) To appreciate the physical aspects
  - b) To appreciate the aspect of glory

**NEXT SUNDAY: 17 NOVEMBER 2019**

**TEXT: PSALM 90: 16**

**LET YOUR WORK AND YOUR GLORY APPEAR**

*Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your glory to their children.†*

## A SENSELESS PERSON DOES NOT KNOW

The works of God are full of glory and majesty;  
These works are always marked by profundity.  
God's works cannot be fathomed only by the mind;  
He has created us well or we would be truly blind.

The senses that God has created were meant to be used;  
These must be in full working order and not to be refused.  
The senses that God has made are often taken for granted;  
When we do not know how to use them, God is unappreciated.

The senseless person is described as a fool with no understanding;  
He does not comprehend the Will of God right from the beginning.

The senseless person gropes in the dark and stumbles;  
His life is often filled with problems and endless struggles.

The person who knows how to see the glory of God;  
He is blessed with gladness that is given by the LORD.

His heart is filled with feelings of great happiness;  
He cannot but give thanks to God for His goodness!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 92:4-6 †

## The Glory of the Lord

The glory of the Lord defies precise definition;  
His glory goes beyond human imagination.  
But through God's bounteous provisions which have all our senses satisfied;  
Man is able to experience God's glory magnified.

The glory of the Lord is obvious in His creation;  
From the stars in the firmament to the earth's foundation.  
God's glory is seen in His person and character;  
His grace, righteousness and mercy which are forever.

The glory of the Lord is seen in the Cross;  
In the protection and salvation given to you and me who were once lost.  
The glory of the Lord is in His Word given to man;  
When biblical truths we begin to comprehend.

God's glory is the manifest beauty of His holiness;  
From which we derive hope, peace, love and infinite blessedness.  
It is when God's presence is manifest in all His majesty;  
Only then may we begin to catch a glimpse of His magnificent glory.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Luke 2:9; Exodus 15-16; Isaiah 6:3 †



## A Glimpse of the Glory of God

Oh, to catch a glimpse of the Glory of God!  
What a wonderful privilege that would be!  
A lifetime lasting moment with the Lord,  
That will carry us through darkness when on bended knee

Awake senses awake, do not go to sleep as such!  
Elevate the senses, heighten them to seek a minute with God!  
Can you not see, hear, taste, smell and touch?  
Do you not feel the omnipresence of the Lord?

Distractions encountered in the material world daily,  
Have increased our insensitivity to His Almighty Being  
When He chooses us specially to witness a revelation of His Glory  
It is a gift and blessing which emanate profound meaning

What does it take to cultivate a deeper spiritual sense?  
Can we even recognize His Guiding Hand at work?  
Leading us to solidify our faith, our life's essence,  
Let us give glory to God and thank Him for His Word.

Jessie Quek  
(Inspiration, Luke 2:9, Exodus 15) †

## *Seeing God's glory*

*May we catch a glimpse, and see God's glory,  
The glory which Moses sang of spontaneously.  
In God's triumph over Pharaoh, he saw His glory,  
And he proclaimed that God is holy.*

*The children of Israel, did they also "see"?  
Yes of course, they had crossed the Red Sea!  
Yet just three days later, they complained,  
So in a sense, they did not see.*

*Beyond the cloud and Red Sea crossing,  
They were meant to have deeper understanding.  
God's protection, deliverance and ultimately His presence,  
These were the things meant for their observance.*

*Years have passed, but the lesson is the same,  
Do we see God's glory, and praise His name?  
When we reflect and consider God's presence in our lives,  
We catch a glimpse of His glory, and our souls are revived!*

*Alvin Foo  
(Inspiration: Exo. 14-15) †*

## TO THIS YOU WERE CALLED

The early believers had to endure suffering and persecution,  
They had to flee from home and live as strangers in other nations.  
Amidst these challenges of faith, Peter wrote them a letter,  
To share what it means to follow the Lord as a true believer.

As believers, we are called to consider the Lord's example,  
Who He was and how He lived was truly commendable.  
He had no deceit and there was no sin ever committed,  
He was despised and reviled, yet He never retaliated.

As believers, we are called to consider the Lord's death,  
He was afflicted, yet He could forgive at His dying breath.  
Silently, He bore our sins and suffered death by crucifixion,  
That He might give to all the wonderful gift of salvation.

As believers, we are called to suffer because Christ first suffered,  
We are to follow His steps with a spirit obedient and devoted.  
No longer lost sheep but have now returned to our Shepherd,  
May we seek to live righteously and not take His mercy for granted!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: 1 Peter 2:21-25 †

## Assurance of Eternal Life

Each one of us is fearfully and wonderfully made by God;  
Where in the depths of the earth, our frames He skillfully wrought.  
So the Lord knows our frames and remembers we are dust;  
Our time spent on earth are at best like withering grass.

Our lives may span seventy years, give and take a few;  
Although the Lord calls home some when their time on earth is  
due.

Our human bodies will ail and we will agonize;  
For only death is a certainty amidst the vagaries of life.

But even as our earthly house falls into disrepair;  
Rest assured our mansion in the Father's house is being prepared.  
Therefore, do not be disheartened by the physical body destined to  
perish;  
But be confident the inward man is being renewed and flourished.

So may the Lord give wisdom and teach us to number our days;  
May His mercy spare us from pain and affliction as we gray!  
May His strength enable us to His commandments hold fast!  
May His glory be reflected in our days for as long as they last!

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Psalm 90; Psalm 103: 14-15; Psalm 139: 14-15;  
John 14:2; 2 Corinthians 4:16; 5:1-8 †

## A Song for Ah Bee

My hero, my love, for me, you so accommodated!  
Patient and willing, through you; my passion activated!  
Prayers together and for each other, feelings so pure,  
The oneness we shared, a common faith that endured.

The ravages of ageing set in, the physical body fails,  
Yet the spirit of gladness, immense thankfulness so prevails!  
For you, my beloved Ah Bee a cheerful song I sing!  
For you, Ah Bee the sounds of praise in the distance will ring!

My belief rooted in faith, through Jesus, blessed assurance,  
This temporary separation, though trying, I bring to acceptance.  
And so for you Ah Bee, through this night I sing this song,  
I will wait patiently for light to come, for you Ah Bee, I will be strong!

Inspiration | John 5: 11-13

*A poem from Kok Yang for Aunt Margaret. Our thoughts and grief we share with you. You are our example of showing God's love. †*

# LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

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## HEART OF GRATITUDE

*"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day" 2 Corinthians 4:16*

### **Comfort in the Word of GOD**

We thank GOD for the Word of GOD from Pastor Charlie throughout the 3 days (Tues 5 to Thur 7 Nov) where we had the privilege of using Bethany IPC to hold the memorial services and encoffining service. While we are sad over the loss of our dear one, the certainty that GOD has made much preparation to build a habitation for us, eternal in the heavens, brought so much encouragement. With this confidence, we do not want to lose heart. Knowing the reality that our outward man is decaying and weakening, we are heartened to be reminded that the inner man can be renewed on a daily basis and that we have a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory!

### **Brethren who cared and journeyed alongside**

Over the many years, many of you came alongside to enquire, to encourage and to show concern even when Jeffrey/Ah Kong was on his wheelchair or when he was no longer able to come to church. We are grateful to you as well as a group of brethren who made time to visit him regularly in the hospital and later at the Nursing Home, singing and ministering to his inner man. We are blessed because brethren stepped forward journeying with us and prayed with us and for us.

### **Ministered to during our period of bereavement**

Over the past one week, we have been showered with much love, support and prayers. Thank you all for your words of condolences through various means and your presence to bring us comfort. Special thanks to Auntie Sally and team who lovingly prepared the dinner and supper meals for us all and Jeffrey's/Ah Kong's god-daughters who provided our lunch meals. We are grateful for the items from The Evergreens and The Crossroads which warmed and uplifted our hearts. Our deep appreciation to Pastor Charlie for supporting us spiritually and the pastoral team for working so hard, standing in to take care of all the details in the church while we were in church in the three days.

We thank GOD for the experience of HIS love to each of us through HIS Word and the people of Bethany. We pray that GOD will continue to bless and touch hearts hear in Bethany.

With appreciation

Margaret, Geraldine, Kum Seng, Joel, Yu Wen and Joshua ✠

THEME : THE GLORY OF THE LORD

# THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

## **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY**

“The sight of the glory of the LORD  
was like a consuming fire”  
Exodus 24

### Chairmen

Rev Benjamin Chong  
Student-Pastor Ka-  
rong Seichunga Kom  
(Steve)

### Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

### Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

### Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

### Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

## — TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

**NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE**

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**10.30 AM**

“You shall love the Lord”  
Matthew 22:34-40

CC I: P1—P3

*3rd Floor  
Auditorium 3-1*

CC II: P4—P6

*4th Floor  
Auditorium 4-1*

### Speaker

Student-Pastor  
Jonathan Jacob

### Speaker

Rev Benjamin Quah

## **EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast: Steven & Sharon Heng  
Fellowship Lunch: David & Evan Kwok; Sudipto & Andrea;  
Chiam Daohua & Shiyun

# 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
Combined Evening-Bilingual		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 4-8	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 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</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

## Bethany Independent-Presbyterian Church

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

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou*  
*Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey*

HWC No. 554

I'll Fly Away

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev Benjamin Chong  
*Student-Pastor Karong Seichunga Kom (Steve)*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 59

To God Be The Glory

HWC No. 271

Standing On The Promises

HWC No. 275

How Firm A Foundation

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “The sight of the glory of the LORD  
was like a consuming fire”

Text : Exodus 24

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 65

The Wonder Of It All

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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## PASTORAL LETTER

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10 NOVEMBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

*Dear Brethren,*

### **THE GLORY OF HEAVEN**

There is no question about the fact that Heaven would be glorious! Let us take a look at what the Apostle John wrote about life with God.

*“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes;  
There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying.  
There shall be no more pain,  
For the former things have passed away.” Revelation 21:4*

1. Imagine the glory of this life that God would give:

a) Tears

God will wipe away every tear

b) Death

There will be no more death

c) Sorrow

We need not sorrow ever again

d) Crying

There would be no reason for crying

e) Pain

God will remove all pain

2. Full trust in the LORD

a) Let us deepen our trust in God

a) Let us seek to walk even more closely with the Lord

### **REACHING LOVED ONES WITH THE GOSPEL**

There are many who have loved-ones who do not know the Lord as their Saviour. Let us seek to bear witness faithfully that others may be drawn to God.

1. Pray for the Lord's mercy

2. Seek to grow in spirit even more

3. Let us make every effort to reach out to people who need the Lord very much in their life

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*