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Where God is touching lives...

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Text: Isaiah 42

“MY GLORY I WILL NOT GIVE TO ANOTHER”

THE GLORY OF THE LORD

Glory is intrinsic within the Being of God. It is found in His attributes. It is expressed in His mighty deeds. It is to be found in the Scriptures. The following text describes how the glory of God is to be understood.

⁵Thus says God the LORD,
Who created the heavens and stretched
them out,
Who spread forth the earth and that which
comes from it,

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Who gives breath to the people on it,
And spirit to those who walk on it:
⁶ "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness,
And will hold Your hand;
I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people,
As a light to the Gentiles,
⁷ To open blind eyes,
To bring out prisoners from the prison,
Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.
⁸ I *am* the LORD, that *is* My name;
And My glory I will not give to another,
Nor My praise to carved images.
⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass,
And new things I declare;
Before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Isaiah 42:5-9

1. God's glory is seen in Creation
 - a) Of the earth
 - b) Of mankind
2. His glory is to be evidenced in the life and ministry of the Saviour
 - a) In the calling given to the Saviour
 - b) In the way He will hold His hand
 - c) In the way Jesus would be the embodiment of the new covenant
 - d) The ministry of Jesus would reflect His glory
 - i) In giving light
 - ii) In giving sight to the blind (not just to the physically blind)
 - iii) In freeing prisoners from their cells (figuratively)
3. This glory would never be given:
 - a) To false gods
 - b) To false messiahs

REJOICING IN THE GLORY OF OUR SAVIOUR

Let us rejoice in the glory that is found in the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate our faith in a glorious Saviour! ✠

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY IN MYANMAR

Pastor Charles Tan will be ministering in Myanmar this week
(9-13 December 2019). †

CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

25 December 2019

Please book your table as soon as possible! †

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

20 & 21 December 2019

Time: 8.00pm

Theme: "The Glory of the Lord"

Let us pray for the Lord's blessing! †

YOUTH CONFERENCE

1-5 December 2019

Thank God for His matchless grace and strength. The Lord has wonderfully blessed the Youth Conference 2019! Thank God for all who prayed and served so faithfully! †

CHRISTMAS CANDLES

There are four Candles that we light before Christmas. Candles from the ancient past remind us of the need for light! Enlightenment of the heart and mind will help us see the glory of the Lord as we celebrate Christmas.

1. The Prophecy Candle
1 December 2019

2. The Bethlelehem Candle
8 December 2019

3. The Shepherds' Candle
15 December 2019

4. The Angels' Candle
22 December 2019

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THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

This is known as the Bethlehem Candle.

- a) Bethlehem was the humble birthplace of King David
- b) It would also be the birthplace of Baby Jesus
- c) Lessons to be learned:
 - i) From obscurity to prominence
 - ii) The Messiah would rise to great significance in the same way David rose up to become a mighty king! †

1ST CHRISTMAS BAPTISMAL SERVICE

Today we have the first Baptismal Service. We rejoice with all who have come to love the Lord Jesus Christ and have expressed a desire to be identified with Him in baptism!

Baptism

- 1. Chan Ah Mui
- 2. Chew Chee Kai
- 3. Huang Shiu Lan
- 4. Karen Ho
- 5. Khoo Mee Mee
- 6. Lum Kwong Hing
- 7. Pang Jen Hui Grace

Re-affirmation

- 1. Lai Pei Xuan, Lorraine
- 2. Tan Yu Wei Joel

Transference

- 1. Koh Kah Kee
- 2. Fedora Tan Yui Chyi

Paedo-Baptism

- 1. Elsa-Beth Yeo En Ning, daughter of Cassandra and Yeo Jun Jie
- 2. Ryan Foo Renzheng, son of Melody and Alvin Foo †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 104:14-15

¹⁴ He causes the grass to grow for the cattle,
And vegetation for the service of man,
That he may bring forth food from the earth,
¹⁵ And wine *that* makes glad the heart of man,
Oil to make *his* face shine,
And bread *which* strengthens man's heart

1. God as Creator
 - a) He causes grass to grow
 - b) And vegetation for the service of man
 - c) That food may come from the earth
2. Provision beyond the basics
 - a) Wine and oil are special products
 - b) Used well they add well-being to life †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 8 DECEMBER 2019

TEXT: LUKE 2:9

THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE AROUND THEM

And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

1. This was a special manifestation to the humble shepherds
2. The glory of the Lord accompanied the angel who announced the birth of Baby Jesus!
3. Thank God for His grace bestowed on the shepherds!

NEXT SUNDAY: 15 DECEMBER 2019

TEXT: LUKE 2:14 GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. †

MY GLORY I WILL NOT GIVE TO ANOTHER

The Glory of the LORD God is outstanding;
No comparison can be offered in anything!
The glory of God is carefully guarded;
To idols that glory would not be imparted.

The Glory of the LORD God was given to Jesus;
He was the Chosen One, Called and Precious!
He would bring sight to those who are blind;
They would then see God's glory sublime.

That Glory was seen also in the New Covenant,
Which was given to the faithful Remnant.
They would be able to appreciate God's glory;
There is wonderful rejoicing in His mercy!

The Glory of the LORD God is truly profound;
Only in faith and truth would it be found.
That Glory is seen in the Christmas Story;
May there be joy in the heart exceedingly!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Isaiah 42:5-9 †

耶和华是我的牧者

小羊出生于卑陋的马槽；
它生性微弱，无能自保。
但它从未担忧自己的温饱；
应有着牧者为它守护引导。

我庆幸耶和华是我的牧者；
保护我的安危，供应我温饱。
对我偶尔的任性或不服从；
祂却给我耐心的改正与指导。

犯错或惹祸后得自食其果；
但圣经里的话语总会安慰我。
不必为了艰难险阻而忧愁；
因为有祂始终不渝的看守。

我真庆幸耶和华是我的牧者；
赐给我平安，供我充饥解渴。
虽然未来要走的路毕竟遥远；
但我愿一生跟随着祂，直到永远。

Dr. Sng Li Wah

诗篇：第二十三章

Seeing God's Glory by Remembering

If the earth is full of God's glory, then why do we not see it?
It's because we do not seek Him, and our eyes are dimly lit.
When we still our hearts before Him, and desire to see His face,
We will see His glory, as we remember His grace.

Remember! God gave us His covenant, His promises so sure,
Recorded in His word of old, through ages to endure.
We will be His people, though nothing great are we,
He'll write His laws upon our hearts, that more like Him we'll be.

Remember! God's covenant is being fulfilled, in our very own church,
Through forty-six years of ministry, we've never been left in the lurch.
He has gathered this community of faith, as we seek to abound in love,
This is not a common thing, it is a marvelous work from above.

Remember! God's covenant is being fulfilled, in our very own lives,
He protects and He provides; He forgives and He revives.
As we look back upon the year, we see God's hand of blessing,
But beyond the merely physical, we treasure what He is teaching.

Remembering helps us see God's glory, in His majesty and goodness,
Our heart's response must be to worship, in the beauty of His holiness.
Then look beyond ourselves we must, to tell others what God has done,
To do our part and declare His glory, as the race of life we run.

Alvin Foo

Inspiration: 1 Chr. 16, Heb. 8:8-12 †

THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY

Prophet Isaiah and Priest Ezekiel saw visions of the Lord;
He came expressly to them with His revelations.
What did they do to deserve this honour from God?
They were rewarded for their true and deep devotion.

Unlike them, we can only hope to catch glimpses of the glory of God;
As "The whole earth is full of His glory" said the seraphim.
We should therefore actively seek Him and not miss the splendour of the Lord;
Then perhaps He will allow us a little window to see His world agleam.

Remember all his marvellous works, strength and fame;
His blood covenant to wash away all our sins.
Praise Him, sing to Him, spread His illustrious name;
Loudly proclaim and declare His goodness, giving glory to Him.

Heightened sensitivity to His glory would bring enriching encounters;
Imagine how each day's experiences can keep us awed!
Bubbling with exhilaration fed by this rich source of love and power;
Praise Him, sing to Him, thank Him, all glory to God!

Jessie Quek
(Inspiration: Isaiah 6:3)

The WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY

The whole earth is full of the Lord's glory,
But we often neglect to observe and see.
Let us consider how to appreciate His glory,
Let us endeavor to understand it practically.

Seek the Lord, His strength and His face,
Seek with humility and plead for His grace!
He will hear us from His throne above,
We will find Him, our gracious God of love.

Remember His marvelous works in our lives,
Remember all the blessings received in Christ!
He daily gives us His provision and protection,
What a privilege to be a chosen generation!

Sing to the Lord with a spirit that is joyous,
Proclaim His salvation, a work so wondrous!
Declare His glory and praise His greatness,
May He fill our souls with His gladness!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: 1 Chronicles 16 †

"I Will Remember"

"I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you..." says the Lord.

What joy and gladness to the heart these assuring words afford!

In times when the soul is cast down and battered by the storms of life,
God sends soothing balms of loving-kindness and a calming song in the night.

Holding fast to these promises to overcome real-life challenges is far from easy.

This is especially so with greying years and its hosts of debilitating disease.

Indeed, witnessing your growing struggles and frustrations with memory waning,
Praise to God, there were juxtaposing moments of gladness in His love notwithstanding.

"I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you..." says the Lord.

These assuring words will be forgotten, but joy endureth for His Love abideth!

So, hush and fear not, for you shall be safe in His (and our) loving-kindness,
And (I know) a silent song shall rise from your heart in splendour of childlike gladness.

Low Yong Jing

For Mum on her baptism.

Inspiration: Gen 9:15; Ps 42:6-8; Is 46:4; John 15:9 †

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

☞ MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE ☞

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"The glory of the LORD shone
around" Luke 2

Chairmen

Mr Lai Chung Han
Mr Milton Ong

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

☞ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ☞

10.30 AM

Bethlehem Candle: "Though you are
little" Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:6

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Jonathan Jacob

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

Breakfast: Stanley

Fellowship Lunch: Moses & Gan Ann; Say Sing & Li Kum

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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BAPTISMAL WORSHIP SERVICE
8 December 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

My Saviour, My Redeemer
Have Faith In God

Youth Conference participants

Prelude

Call to Worship

Mr Lai Chung Han
Mr Milton Ong

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 142 O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Century Praise 148 O Come, All Ye Faithful

HWC No.127 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “The glory of the LORD shone around”

Text : Luke 2

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 157 Angels We Have Heard On High

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

8 DECEMBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

THANK GOD FOR A GOOD YOUTH CONFERENCE

Thank God for another Youth Conference. Many things stand out as we review the Youth Conference ministry!

1. It takes a lot of people to run a Youth Conference successfully
 - a) Thank God for all who have worked tirelessly
 - i) The Camp Committee
 - ii) There were many others who were not part of the Committee but their contribution must be acknowledged!
 - b) Thank God for all who have prayed and supported
 - c) Thank God for the Kitchen Team whose efforts must be recognized
2. Thank God for His glory that brought such inspiration
 - a) The Lord God Himself and His presence
 - b) The precious word of God that gave such insight
 - c) The work of the Spirit who sanctifies
 - d) The glorious Saviour who is our Chief Shepherd
 - e) The salvation that He has wrought for us through the Lord Jesus

THE BAPTISMAL SERVICES

Each baptismal service brings such joy to the heart.

1. Paedo baptism
Thank God for a wonderful covenant that includes babies!
2. Adult baptism
Thank God for the salvation that is understood and received! Heaven rejoices when there is true conversion!

Let us pray that the Lord would strengthen Bethany further through the addition of more people. It is the Lord God who adds to the Church those He is saving!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*