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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: Isaiah 43

“WHOM I HAVE CREATED FOR MY GLORY”

THE GLORY OF THE LORD

The glory of the Lord is both intrinsic and extrinsic. His glory is to be found in His attributes. This is intrinsic glory.

God's glory is also seen in the things that He does. His works reflect His glory extrinsically.

A WONDERFUL STATEMENT

We have a wonderful statement that the Lord made with reference to His people.

MEDITATION

(Continued from page 1)

Everyone who is called by My name,
Whom I have created for My glory;
I have formed him, yes, I have made him. Isaiah 43:7

1. The word "everyone"
 - a) This must be carefully defined
 - b) The features are:
 - i) Those who are called by the Lord's name
 - ii) This would refer to all who truly believe in the Lord God
 - iii) This is not a reference to the general creation of mankind
2. This is essentially a reference to God's "new creation"
 - a) The believer has been "born again"
 - b) God gives him a new nature
 - c) He is now a child of God
 - d) God has "called" him to salvation
3. Three words were utilized to describe the new person the Lord has made
 - a) Created
 - b) Formed
 - c) Made
4. Though the three words are synonyms each word adds value to each other
 - a) Creation
The first act of God
 - b) Formed
The second act of God
 - c) Made
The third act of God

CREATED FOR GLORY

In this new creation of God, His glory was in full view!

1. God wants His new creation to reflect His glory
2. He would do everything possible to display His glory
 - a) Salvation from God reflects His glory
 - b) Sanctification brings out the beauty of God's holiness
 - c) Service to the Lord further heightens the glory of the Lord

Let us seek to glorify the Lord and His glory most consciously! †

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 TV*

2ND CHRISTMAS BAPTISMAL SERVICE TODAY

1. Paedo-Baptism

- a) Asher Muki Tan, son of Evelyn and Anthony Muki Tan
- b) Phua Yong En, John, son of Jean and Fabian Phua
- c) Tang Yi Xin Ellie, daughter of Jermaine and Tang Hong Wee
- d) Chua Jia En, Gabrielle, daughter of Charlene and Shawn Chua

2. Re-affirmation

- a) Lim Yi Cong, Zachary
- b) Tan Pei Yi, Jennifer

3. Adult Baptism

- a) Ang Andre
- b) Denis Tan Kiat Siong
- c) Lo Foong Quan Margrette
- d) Monique Ng Hui Qian
- e) Yue Kit Chong ☩

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

3. THE SHEPHERDS' CANDLE

15 December 2019

2. THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE

8 December 2019

4. THE ANGELS' CANDLE

22 December 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SHEPHERDS CANDLE

1. This Candle reflects the Glory of God in the way He cares for the poor and humble
 2. The poor may feel that they are forgotten by world, but God acknowledges them
 3. Thank God that His loving care extends to everyone, including the poor and needy ☩
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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*20 and 21 December 2019 | Time: 8.00pm | Venue: Bethany
Theme: The Glory of the Lord*

1. A Bible would be given to all new-comers
 2. A booth would be manned by YMG members to give out the Bibles
 - a) English
 - b) Mandarin ☩
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CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

*25 December 2019 | Time: 10.30am
Followed by a Christmas Lunch*

Plan to sign up for the Christmas Lunch. This is the last Sunday for you to sign up. We need to give to the hotel the number of tables booked.
Thank God for His glory so well-evidenced in giving to us a wonderful Saviour! ☩

DOWN MEMORY LANE

*31 December 2019 | Time: 8.00pm
This would be the last Worship Service for the year 2019.
Text: 1 Chronicles 16*

Title: "Give to the LORD the glory due His name" 1 Chronicles 16:29 ☩

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP 2020

*Date: 15-20 March 2019
Theme: O LORD, You are My God"
Venue: Le Grandeur, Johor
Plan to sign up for the Family Camp! ☩*

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 104:17-18

*Where the birds make their nests;
The stork has her home in the fir trees.
The high hills are for the wild goats;
The cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers.*

1. God's provision for animals to be noted
 - a) For the birds
 - b) For the animals
2. God's protection for all living creatures also to be noted
 - a) The tree tops
 - b) The high hills †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.

1. These were the words of the angels of the Lord
2. They help us to seek to give glory to God
3. The message of Christmas was crystal clear
 - a) Peace to all dwelling on earth
 - b) Goodwill from God to mankind

NEXT SUNDAY: 22 DECEMBER 2019

TEXT: JOHN 1:14 AND WE BEHELD HIS GLORY

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. †

“CREATED FOR MY GLORY”

God created Man after His image and likeness;
He was supposed to reflect godly blessedness!
But Man sinned and that Image was affected badly;
God had to plan to rescue Man from sin's tyranny.

God planned for Man to have a spiritual second-birth;
He would be born anew, and he will possess a new mirth.
He would re-create, form and make anew;
The glory of God is both wonderful and true!

In the new creation God would take away blindness;
With gentle power He would heal spiritual deafness.
The spiritually lame would be healed and walk again;
These acts of mercy will give glory to His holy name.

All who are called by God's name must take heed;
Each day, the glory of the Lord, we must seek.
He will impart spiritual gifts that can be used for ministry;
Then will come forth the Lord's Divine majesty and glory!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Isaiah 43:7 †

Give Glory to God!

When we consider the beauty of nature and all that have been created,
Our hearts are full when we see God's power and how He has provided;
Give glory to God! Recognizing His hands is but an appropriate response,
To know Him as a Marvelous Creator, as to His great works we look upon!

When we see the Lord's word impacting the hearts of many around,
We see God reaching out to young and old; His grace and mercies abound.
Give glory to God! We thank Him for the gift of salvation freely given,
We must speak fondly of this wonderful news; of our Saviour risen!

When we remember the love of God that has been shown to us,
We know that His grace has filled our lives, despite a sinful past.
Give glory to God! We see His hands molding and leading us each day;
We praise Him for lives renewed and changed; He has directed our ways!

The glory of God can be seen, heard, sensed and felt personally,
We must learn to respond in praise and honour Him most appropriately!
Give glory to God! May our hearts be stirred to bear testimony at all times!
Of God's good work and His blessings, and His plans for us divine!

Tang Hong Wee
Thoughts taken from Luke 2:20 >

Thoughtful Defense of a Faith

The conviction to defend a faith must come from the heart.

It recognizes a preciousness that sets it apart.

This faith is more precious than gold and jewels on a crown,
Far surpassing the largest diamond in the depth of the ground.

Recognition of this preciousness will require careful reflection.

Though 'predestination' may go beyond one's comprehension.

Nonetheless God's foreknowledge and sovereignty are so undeniable,
His mercy evident as we inherit a salvation so incorruptible.

The significance of His call through grace from darkness into light,

Must be handled with due humility without an ounce of oversight.

This exercise must draw from the example of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
The spirit and righteous determination to fulfill His role at any price!

And so, this faith I will nurture with quiet contemplation,

Savoring a journey that starts with a promise and consecration.

To build a conduct of consistency, serving the Lord with fear,
In true thoughtfulness, I will defend this faith which I hold so dear!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang

Inspiration from 1 Peter and the teaching from Youth Conference 2019 †

GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

Living out in the fields were shepherds poor and lowly.
An angel appeared and God's glory shone brightly,
The angel told the shepherds not to be fearful,
Christ was born and this was news so wonderful!

The shepherds arose quickly to find the Baby Boy,
They found Him and were glorifying God with joy!
All that they had experienced had been life-changing,
They told others for this was great news worth sharing!

God's glory is not only meant for His great servants,
He remembers people who are far from significant.
Yes, even ordinary people can experience His glory,
Such good news must gladden our hearts greatly!

Christ the Savior and Lord has come to all people,
He is the Light which frees us from darkness and evil.
May we seek to understand and proclaim His glory,
May we lift up our voices and praise Him joyfully!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Luke 2:8-20 †

A Deeper Significance of Christmas

Christmas is here again, a time for celebration
Nostalgic carols give the feet a little spring
As we wander through the mall in captivity
By goods displays promising the pleasure they can bring

But, isn't there a deeper significance of Christmas?
Advent Season's candles enable reflections on the birth of our Saviour
The Prophets candle that is lit, is traditionally the first
In remembrance of the prophecy of the coming of a Messiah

The second candle that is lit, is the Bethlehem candle
Bethlehem, also known as the City of David is where Jesus was born
With no rooms in the inn, Jesus was brought forth in a stable
What a humble entrance into the world of men on that day bygone

The Shepherds candle is lit on Third Sunday of the Advent Season
A memory of shepherds, plain ordinary people who were shown the glory of God
The Angels candle which is the last to be lit for the season
Informs of angels bringing good tidings to men and singing praises of the Lord

Jessie Quek
(Inspiration: Luke 2:8-20) †

THEME : THE GLORY OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

✠ COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE ✠ 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"And we beheld His glory, full of
grace and truth" John 1

Chairmen

Student-Pastor
Karong Seichunga
Kom (Steve)
Student-Pastor
C. Simon Nagaraj

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Kathy Lai

Interpreter

Mr Alex Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

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

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

✠ CHILDREN'S CHURCH ✠ 10.30 AM

"Good Tidings of Great Joy to All
People" Luke 2:8-20

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Miss Camille George

Speaker

Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

✠ EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE ✠

NO EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast : Lim Wei Quan

Fellowship Lunch : Paul & Si Hui; Li Li, Staci & Rae-Ann

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		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			Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School IV.II			Pastoral Office	3 rd 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
15 December 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Kathy Lai

Century Praise 153

What Child Is This?

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Karong Seichunga Kom (Steve)
Student-Pastor C. Simon Nagaraj

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 139

Joy To The World

Century Praise 148

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Century Praise 149

Go Tell It On The Mountain

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “And we beheld His glory, full of grace and truth”

Text : John 1

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 153

What Child Is This?

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

15 DECEMBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

UPLIFTING TESTIMONIES

One of the things that baptismal candidates are asked to do is to share a testimony of the reality of their faith in God.

1. A story of Salvation
 - a) Each testimony is personal
 - b) The thoughts shared often contain the following features:
 - i) Candidness
 - ii) Humility
 - iii) Appreciation of the salvation that God graciously gives
2. A story of meaningful life-lessons
 - a) Of faith tested
 - b) Of grace granted
 - c) Of mercy extended
 - d) Of deliverance that reflects the glory of God
3. The blessings that may result:
 - a) Hearts are encouraged
 - b) Minds are enlightened
 - c) Souls are refreshed
4. Take time to read the Testimonies that have been written:
 - a) They are edifying
 - b) They offer helpful insights
 - c) They can bring such joy to the heart

May the Lord grant His blessings as we read the Baptismal testimonies!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*