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MEDITATION

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Text: Isaiah 11

“THE FEAR OF THE LORD”

COMMENCING THE NEW YEAR

Let us commence the New Year on a strong note. We begin a new Pulpit series on the theme, “The Fear of the Lord.” This theme is both relevant and significant.

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A SPECIAL WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Isaiah 11 focuses on a special work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Messiah-Servant, the Lord Jesus Christ.

*The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.*
Isaiah 11:2

1. The Person of the Holy Spirit is described
 - a) Seven attributes are highlighted
 - b) Each aspect is significant
2. The Ministry of the Spirit is also mentioned
 - a) He will rest upon the Messiah
 - b) He will anoint Him for ministry
 - c) He will empower Him effectively
3. The fear of the LORD
 - a) This was mentioned last
 - b) But it is not the least in importance

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

What is the significance in mentioning the fear of the LORD in this particular text? The following things may be noted!

1. The Messiah would exhibit all these qualities in His life and ministry
2. These would express the tremendous work of the Spirit in His life

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3. The Messiah would display the following in His character and ministry
- a) He would reflect the glory of the LORD God
 - b) He would also evidence wisdom and understanding
 - c) He would further show forth Divine Counsel
 - d) The might of the LORD would be His as well
 - e) The knowledge of the LORD would also be obviously seen
 - f) The fear of the LORD would also be clear and distinctively practised in His life and ministry

OUR CHALLENGE

Let our challenge in the New Year include a conscious effort to follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus. Let us seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit. May we comprehend further what it means to have the fear of the LORD in our life!

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*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Session and the Pastoral Team wish all worshippers
the Lord's blessings in the New Year!



COMBINED SERVICE TODAY

It is good to begin the New Year together as a Church.
Our first Worship Service is a Combined Worship.

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HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

We celebrate The Lord's Supper today. How wonderful to be able to commence the New Year with Holy Communion.

The Lord's table is open to all who have been baptized or reaffirmed 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, and 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



MULTIPLE SERVICES

We will resume Multiple Services next Sunday, 12 January 2020.

Main Worship: 10.30am | Teens: 10.30am

Evening-Bilingual: 4.00pm



MISSIONS MINISTRY

Pastor will be ministering in India this week (5-9 January 2020).



CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm | Venue: 4.07

May the grace of the Lord be found by all attending Catechism Class!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREMARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 6 January 2020 | Time: 7.00pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 6 January 2020 | Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 7 January 2020 | Time: 8.00pm

We begin a new series. We will be studying the example of the Lord Jesus Christ in His public ministry. Let us seek to reach out to even more people in 2020.



CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

15-20 March 2020

Theme: "O LORD, You are my God"

1. This is a significant ministry
2. Many hearts have been blessed at Family Camp

Plan to sign up as soon as possible.



SUNDAY SCHOOL RETREAT

Date: Friday-Saturday, 10-11 January 2020

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings. Thank God for the ministry of the Sunday School. May the Lord continue to empower the SS teachers! The SS Ministry is of great importance. Thank God that we can begin the New Year with a special Retreat program.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUNAR NEW YEAR

1. Combined Worship Service: 26 January 2020
 2. Lunar New Year Special: Saturday, 1 February 2020, Time: 4.00pm
- Please register those who are 65 years and above.



ACM OF BETHANY AND BTS

Date: 23 February 2020 | Time: 1.00pm

Let all members plan to attend the ACM. We will be having an Election of the Pastors and Session Members.



HEARTFELT APPRECIATION

A number of the present Session Members will end their service by the end of February 2020. We thank God for the work they have done for many years.

1. Deacons

- a) Terence Teng
- b) Jacob Chacko
- c) Jolly Tan
- d) Victor Khoo
- e) Winston Teo
- f) Tan Peng Hui

2. Deaconesses

- a) Deonna Tham
- b) Alicia Foo
- c) Eileen Yeo
- d) Emily Jacob

May the Lord bless them for their labour of love!



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SSS 4 OUTREACH EVENT TO SENIOR WORSHIPPERS

Date: 14 February 2020 | Time: 6.30pm

Event: Fellowship Dinner

This is the first attempt to reach out to Seniors by SSS 4. The theme for this event:

"Behold, what manner of love!" (1 John 3:1) .

Please register as soon as possible.



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Eugene Teow on the passing away of his grandfather Mr. Teow Kah Kim on 30 December 2019. He was 94 years old.

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastoral Team and Brethren in Bethany,

We write to express our gratitude and appreciation for the love, concern and support that had been extended to me and my family after the passing of my paternal grandfather this week. We have been blessed and touched by the people who remembered us in their prayers, those who had taken the time to come down to the vigil and the condolences and wreaths sent.

Our hearts have been blessed and touched and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Love,
Eugene Teow and Family

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 104:27-28

²⁷ These all wait for You,
That You may give *them* their food in due season.
²⁸ *What* You give them they gather in;
You open Your hand, they are filled with good.

1. The example of all creatures
 - a) They wait on the Lord
 - b) They trust in God's provision
2. The Lord's faithfulness
 - a) He does not fail
 - b) He opens His hand and feeds them
3. Our challenge
 - a) To wait on the Lord
 - b) To trust in His provision

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 5 JANUARY 2020

Text: Deuteronomy 10:12 To fear the LORD your God

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

1. Requirements from the Lord
 - a) To fear the LORD
 - b) To walk in all His ways
 - c) To love Him
 - d) To serve the LORD all the heart and soul
2. Reasons behind these declared requirements
 - a) An expression of a true knowledge of God
 - b) An expression of true faith
 - c) A life that reflects both knowledge and faith in God

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

NEXT SUNDAY: 12 January 2020

Text: Psalm 5:7 In fear of You I will worship

*But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;
In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.*

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1

Saved To Serve The Lord Jesus Christ

Dillon Low

Hi everyone! My name is Dillon and I am 23 this year. As I reflect on why I want to serve the Lord, there are so many reasons that come to mind. However, one reason that stands out to me is that I have been saved from a life that was heading towards destruction.

As I look back, I cannot thank God enough for His grace and mercy on my life. Back in my younger days, I was playful, disobedient and had no regard for anyone in my life. I mixed around with bad company, I started to do things that were wrong in the sight of the Lord. I started to skip school, disregard my studies and soon after it got worse. I started going to clubs and drinking alcohol even though I was underage. Slowly, I drifted further and further away from God to the point where I left church completely. Living in the world and not having any wisdom or leading of the Lord in my life, I started to spiral down a path so deep that I did not realise how grave my situation was. I got myself into trouble and at that point of time I thought to myself, "This is it, I am doomed for sure!"

At that point of time, God was merciful and gracious to me. He brought people from Bethany to support and encourage me. My heart was in turmoil and I still could not believe that God was helping me even though I had done countless wrong things against Him. Through this, I caught a glimpse of the glory of God and His love for me. Even though I drifted far away from Him, He would still help me and bring me out from sin into His glory! After God pulled me out of the trouble I was in, I made a commitment in my heart to never take for granted the love He has shown towards me, and to serve Him in whatever ways I can for the rest of my life.

Three years ago, Pastor gave me the opportunity to serve in church full-time for a year

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before I entered the army. It brought me great joy to be in the house of the Lord each day and to take care of His house! The lessons I learned each morning at morning class impacted my heart and life greatly as I served Him. One of the things that I learned is that life has great purpose and meaning when I serve God. These lessons helped me greatly as I prepared to enter army. When my year was up and I entered the army, I was so happy deep down in my heart because my year spent in church was the best year of my life, and I will never forget that year.

During my time in the army, God was with me throughout and He has watched over me as I served the nation. As I approached the end of army service, Pastor gave me the opportunity to serve in church full-time, this time on a permanent basis! I was full of joy and filled with excitement in my heart. I prayed and asked the Lord to give me the strength, wisdom and heart to serve Him faithfully. He has saved me and has been merciful to me, I want to commit my life to Him because that is the least I can do. I am very conscious that I am not worthy to have this privilege. It is my greatest joy to serve and commit my life to God!



2

God's call to serve Him

Janelle Lim Shi Wen

I'm Janelle, and I first stepped foot into Bethany as a young teenager in 2005. It was through the Young People's Group ministry that introduced me to the Christian faith and I eventually received God into my life at Youth Conference 2006. After 6 years of growing my faith and building the courage to stand by it despite parental objections, I finally got baptised at Christmas 2012.

Since finding my personal salvation in God, God planted a desire to serve Him in my heart. Like many teenagers in Bethany, I started serving in the Youth Choir and Cleaning team. God gave a special and precious sense of joy just being in His house and serving Him.

The search for a life of significance

'Live a life of significance!' was always Pastor's admonishment for us at the Pine Trees Discipleship Class. Throughout my days in university and even after I entered the work-

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force, I was searching to understand what God wants me to do with my life. How might I live a life of significance for Him?

God is faithful and most generous towards me. He guided my every decision and eventually opened doors of opportunities for me to build what I thought would be a bright career. I worked as an Experience Design consultant in an agency that serves a diverse range of industries. In my area of work, I helped organisations uncover insights around human behaviour and needs in order to inspire innovation or solutions that improve human experiences.

I felt blessed to have a job that I enjoyed and loved. I also felt excited about the future of my career! In 2017, I was sent to London for an on-the-job training with an established Experience Design company. This was fully sponsored by Economic Development Board (EDB) in their effort to grow Design talent to drive innovation and the Singapore economy. This year, The Straits Times listed my job as the top 5 most wanted talent in Singapore. With such a prospect, it seemed like my future would be promising.

A life of significance is found in the Lord

However, my future cannot be defined by fallible human thoughts and dreams. My future lies in the One who created me. Since 2018, I've been praying more earnestly about God's calling for me. God answered my prayers and corrected my perspectives. In seeking to live a life of significance, my mistake was to focus on seeking the 'significant thing' that I can do to best glorify the Lord. Messages from the pulpit theme "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold" brought a paradigm shift to my understanding - what God truly values is not the great thing I can do, but who I am as a servant.

In answer to my prayers for God to reveal His plans for me, God used message after message, word after word to convict my heart to serve Him. At Family Camp this year, I was deeply inspired by the examples of missionaries who sought the Lord's call and fulfilled the fullness of God's salvation plan for them. At our Easter Concert this year, God spoke to my heart through the life of Paul. I saw how Saul struggled to believe in the Lord Jesus, and when He finally did, He was immensely liberated, and He found a great sense of joy and power to serve God. When Saul surrendered His life to the Lord, God used Him mightily to further His work. That was a call for me to exercise faith in surrendering my life and my will to the Lord's.

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It was emotionally difficult to leave a job I love, but I was rebuked when I read how Jesus called Peter to be His disciple in Luke 5. The Lord Jesus did a personal and special miracle for Peter to understand the Holy Son of God He was - there was a great catch of fishes! With eyes of faith opened, Peter responded to Jesus's personal and precious call to forsake everything and follow Him. I was challenged to consider all over again the Person of God and who He is to me. There's nothing more precious than to have a close living relationship with God and Christ, not even in the prospects of my work.



3

My Testimony

Goh Yuanli

Good morning everyone! My name is Goh Yuanli. I would like to bear witness of God's abundant grace and my discovery of His divine calling in my life.

Privilege to be first called a child of God

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him." (1 John 3:1)

What a privilege that I can be called a child of God!

My salvation will be impossible without God first graciously extending His invitation to be His child. With each year, I grow to appreciate the profundity in this call of God. It is not by my own merit but because God will choose to set His love on me, I have been gifted this salvation found in my Saviour, the Lord Jesus. I am deeply thankful for this personal relationship with my Father and Jesus since I was a teen. His love proven through His Word continues to impact and change me till today. What great joy it is to be alive to God and belong to Him!

Privilege to be called a child of Bethany

Bethany holds a special place in my heart. I love Bethany dearly and all her people that form this family of faith and love. Though I did not grow up in Bethany, in God's divine

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plan, He has led me to find my spiritual home here. Each week, I continue to experience first-hand God's wonderful love through His people. My heart is full as I think of all the faces of Bethany in whom I truly delight. The pastors and teachers who faithfully shepherd me in God's Word, the aunties and uncles who love in their most practical ways, the friends who labour together and the youths that I have the privilege to run alongside. Each one brings such joy to my heart. Being a recipient of God's great love through each one of you, it is my privilege to belong to Bethany and serve her people in this full-time ministry.

Discovering the divine purpose of God

"But it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." (1 Corinthians 2:9)

God has blessed me beyond measure. There is no doubt to His plan for my life. Whether it's in academics, profession, family, place in life or the area of service in church, I continue to trust in God's perfect leading. He has a purpose to where and why He has placed me at each season of my life. My part is to discover and discern His divine purpose.

This call to serve in the full-time ministry was graciously extended to me a year ago. As Pastor shared with me about the need for the next generation to serve and learn the ropes, my heart was deeply stirred.

As God adds growth in Bethany and her ministries, He also reveals the need for the next generation of servants to catch this same spirit of faith and learn the work that has been poured in to keep the church vibrant and alive. There is so much more to attempt and more souls to come to know the light of the Lord.

At the same time, I had my fears. Feelings of being undeserving, unequipped to fulfill this calling and uncertain of the future - these were the questions I had to address, but most of all, I had to exercise my faith and trust in God.

God does not lack servants. With His power, He will and is able to raise up servants to fulfill His plan. However, it will be my greatest loss and deepest regret if I have failed to

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follow the Spirit's leading and answer His divine calling in my life. Most importantly, I love the Lord Jesus and I want to avail myself for Him. Though there are fears, my perspective is to focus on God and recognise that His calling is always out of grace. It is my earnest prayer that I will not cease discovering His divine purpose in my life. God-willing, I hope to go beyond learning the ropes but to hold these ropes for Bethany and her people.

Pressing on in the upward call of God

As I enter into the full-time ministry, I am excited to discover what God can fulfill in my life and Bethany. My commitment is to grow and develop my faith, knowledge, character, maturity and sensitivity to the Spirit's leading. It will be a humbling process of being taught by the Lord. Though there will be challenges, I trust and hold on to a greater hope and assurance of knowing that God will uphold with His power, love and grace. My part is to continually press on in this upward call and respond with obedience.

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#1

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

(For Holy Communion)

The fear of the LORD is something we can cultivate;
Let us be drawn to read the Scriptures and meditate.
The Spirit of the LORD will be there to give us knowledge;
To have Him involved in our life is truly a privilege.

The fear of the Lord is a virtue that has many associations;
It does not stand alone by itself in any consideration.
There are other virtues that must be cultivated along the way;
We must seek the Lord's grace and mercy each and every day.

The Spirit of God will rest upon those who seek to be faithful;
He will teach and enlighten so that we may be truly fruitful.
He will give knowledge and wisdom even as we seek;
We need not be afraid even if we feel we are weak.

He will give His counsel and His glorious might;
He will help us to do that which is good and right.
The fear of the Lord is a crowning glory given;
It is a special blessing from the Lord in heaven.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Isaiah 11:2

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2

Love You to The Moon and Back

The words “Love you to the moon and back” come from the heart,
An expression of love so deep and special that sets it apart.
These words so precious, describes an extent that stretches far,
The love of this child so bright and shining, comparable to a star!

These words uttered by a child cannot but evoke much emotion,
The heart is moved to requite this love with gentle devotion.
Reminders of such moments so genuine, soothes an aching soul,
The significance of my blessings understood, what made me whole.

More noteworthy however, is the strength in every child ordained,
Every child in his own special way evokes an awe to be sustained.
Each child represents the work of Your fingers, such wonderful glory!
To build a faith to catch a glimpse of this glory, must be my story!

Under the moon and the stars, thus comes a renewed awareness,
So infinite the heavens and yet I feel Your presence and nearness.
Through parents who labour in love and regard Your name with adoration,
Your love limitless and glory unmeasurable, I find deeper appreciation!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang

Inspired by Psalm 8 and all the parents in Bethany who have shown such love and wonderful faith through their love for their children.

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3

The Manifestation of Glory at Cana

Jesus at Cana turned water to wine,
This was recorded, as the beginning of signs.
To His disciples, this was a manifestation of glory
What exactly did they see? 'Tis worth our inquiry.

Upon first glance, it may seem quite simple,
Water turning to wine is clearly supernatural.
This miracle therefore shows that Jesus is God.
But what else can we learn? It turns out: a lot!

Jesus demonstrated His grace with this act,
He helped though the problem wasn't His - that's a fact!
He aided discreetly, not seeking honour or fame,
He went above and beyond - the wine drew acclaim!

To experience this glory, we must share our problems with Jesus,
Being fully confident that He wants to help us.
His help may not be immediate, or according to our expectation,
But if we listen and obey, it will surely come to fruition!

Alvin Foo
(Inspiration: John 2:1-11)

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4

OUR GLORY AND JOY

The glory of God is seen in everything associated with Him,
But we often miss His glory for our senses are dull and dim.
All that we have is from the Lord and He outpours His grace,
We must be moved to appreciate His glory and seek His face.

The glory of God is seen when we apply what we hear,
If there is true faith and love, we will labor for our Savior.
We are called to follow the Lord and persevere in hope,
Even if there are afflictions, He will surely help us cope.

The glory of God is seen when we appreciate His Word,
He is pleased when we respond well to the truth heard.
His Word is powerful and effectively works in all who believe,
He will help us to attempt things our minds cannot conceive!

The glory of God is seen when we appreciate His hand,
It is He who adds growth as He touches the lives of Man.
May we seek Him for growth in life, faith and ministry,
Together as a church, we can reflect the Lord's glory!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: 1 Thessalonians 2:20

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5

When I Consider

When I consider the love You have shown to me, I will praise Your name,
For your love has been consistent and strong, year on year the same!
Your love for me is shown through Your grace, provision and mercies daily;
It brings great assurance to heart, to know a God who loves me deeply.

When I consider the blessings showered upon me, I give thanks to You;
For in You I have lacked nothing; Your precious promises hold true!
Beyond material benefits, You have provided strength and wisdom;
These cannot be taken for granted for they are gifts of Your kingdom!

When I consider the people You've placed in my life, my heart is full indeed,
I'm thankful for like-minded brethren, who are aligned in word and deed!
They never fail to show love and care in their own special little ways,
And seek to bring about words to encourage, even in worst of days!

When I consider all that You have done for me, what then is my response?
I will give thanks for a good year that has past; to Your word I'll look upon,
In humble thanksgiving and reflection, I shall prepare for what's ahead,
In the new year to love and serve You better, and on Your plan I shall await.

Tang Hong Wee

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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6

New Year Resolutions

“I want to lose weight and regularly exercise”;
“I wish to spend time with loved ones and enjoy my life”.
“I plan to read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in one year”;
“I intend to excel in the work place and to serve with cheer”.

What familiar new year resolutions these seem to be?
As every year comes to a close, we look forward to the next with glee.
Yet the easiest resolutions to make are also the ones easiest to break;
So be prudent what we promise to save from more heartache!

But to anyone who believes, God promises a brand new start;
A new birth and a new hope in eternity He places in our hearts.
For the faithful, who love God and who live their lives in Christ;
Heaven is where God has called us, and where our ultimate prize lies.

But objectives and new year resolutions are not all bad;
Goals and aspirations in life are important for us to set.
But let us seek God’s leading and wisdom to navigate the year ahead;
Let us follow the Lord Jesus, and with Him intimately relate.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: 1 Peter 1:3; Ecclesiastes 3:11; Philippians 3:14

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7

Glorify the Lord

Glorify Your Son so that Your Son may glorify You, Lord
Is this a request that we can ask of God?
Do we have sufficient understanding of His glory, to make this prayer,
That our petition will be heard and considered by our Heavenly Father?

Jesus has given believers glory from God
To them, He has made known the name of the Lord
They now know of the Lord's love for them
That the Lord is the glorious, "The Great I Am."

There too, is glory in knowledge of the Lord
Believers now know that all things come from God
Words of God reflect the glory of The Almighty
Blessed are those who believe in His Word fervently

How then can we glorify the Lord on earth?
Let us take all of God's given glory and go forth
And seek the answer to our prayer and with grace from God
To glorify His Son so that He can glorify you, Lord.

Jessie Quek
(Inspiration John 17:4-8, 22-24)

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8

The Glory of The Lord

Often we assume we have understood the fullness of God's profundity
When in fact, only a smidgen of His glory is what we see.
Although the full glory of God is something we cannot fully comprehend,
Through His word, little by little, He helps us to understand.

The glory of the Lord is revealed through His inexhaustible provision,
This can be seen from how He constantly provided for Israel from its inception
God lovingly provides us with many things to meet our physical needs
But beyond that, He gives His word to meet the spiritual needs of those who seek

The glory of God is revealed through His power and protection,
An example is how He went before the Israelites and gave them direction
His glory is also revealed through His promises and His presence,
If only we would use our senses to see and listen with reverence.

God provides us with senses to catch glimpses of His immeasurable glory,
From sight to hearing He helps us to behold His glory personally.
The gift of senses is to be used to recognise God beyond the external appearances,
For only when our spiritual senses are awakened can we sense His presence.

Our challenge is to recognise the presence of God and His glory,
To constantly seek and serve the Lord with humility.
Let us be encouraged to sing, declare and proclaim the glory of the Lord,
And strive to be faithful believers and servants of God!

Chloe Lim (Pines 2)

*Inspiration: Exodus 14:19-20, Exodus 19:16-18, Ezekiel 1:28, Psalm 27:8,
1 Chronicles 16:10-29*

THEME : THE FEAR OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30AM | CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Fear the LORD your God" Deuteronomy 5-6, 10-12

Chairmen

Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan
Rev Benjamin Chong
Rev Benjamin Quah

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30AM | 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM (3-8)

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE THIS WEEK

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10.30AM

"Loving to be in His Father's House" Luke 2:41-50

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

4.00PM | 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM (4-7 & 4-8)

NO EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE THIS WEEK

Breakfast & Fellowship Lunch :
Pastors and the Church Session

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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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
5 January 2020
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing	<i>Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou</i> <i>Organist : Mrs Sally Tan</i>
HWC No. 280	I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
Prelude	
Call to Worship	
Invocation	

PRAISE

Hymns	
Century Praise 89	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty <i>Rev Mitchell Tan</i>
Century Praise 27	O Worship the King <i>Rev Benjamin Quah</i>
HWC No. 270	Wonderful Words of Life <i>Rev Mark Tan</i>
Century Praise 81	O God, our Help in Ages Past <i>Rev Benjamin Chong</i>

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Fear the LORD your God”
Text : Deuteronomy 5-6, 10-12
Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn	
Century Praise 348	Lord, Speak to me
Partaking of the Bread	
Hymn	
HWC No. 451	O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 399

Make Me a Blessing

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

5 JANUARY 2020

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It is good to write and wish you "Happy New Year!" as 2020 commences! This greeting comes from the heart to all at Bethany!

CHALLENGES IN THE NEW YEAR

Will there be challenges in the New Year? But of course. We must expect them. Some of the challenges could include the following:

1. Health challenges

- a) Physical
- b) Emotional and Psychological

2. Personal struggles

- a) Family
- b) Financial

BEGIN THE YEAR WITH THE LORD AND HIS WORD

The words of the LORD to Joshua comes to mind as 2020 commences.

*No man shall be able to stand before you
All the days of your life;
As I was with Moses, so I will be with you.
I will not leave you nor forsake you.*

Joshua 1:5

1. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you

- a) Moses was a mighty and successful servant of God
- b) The Person behind his success was the LORD God
- c) He will be with all who will choose to be the Lord's!

2. I will not leave you nor forsake you

- a) What a glorious promise
- b) Let's begin the year 2020 with a firm faith in God and His word

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*