

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: 2 Thessalonians 2

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“THE LORD IS FAITHFUL”

THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE LORD

Thank God that He has always been faithful. And His faithfulness is evident in so many ways! This is evident in the Thessalonian epistles.

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MEDITATION

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1. In bringing salvation to the Thessalonians 1 Thessalonians 1:1-4
2. In the power of His word 1 Thessalonians 1:5-8
3. In enabling the believers to become examples to many
1 Thessalonians 1:8

SOME CONCERNS

The Apostle Paul was concerned about the believers:

1. He could not spend more time in developing the church work
2. There was persecution of the believers
3. There were things still lacking in the faith of the believers
1 Thessalonians 3:10

PRAYERS OFFERED

Wisely and diligently, Paul prayed for the Thessalonians! There was so much he could do. Prayer would reach way beyond his human ability.

1. Giving thanks firstly 1 Thessalonians 1:2
2. Interceding earnestly, night and day 1 Thessalonians 3:10

CONFIDENCE GAINED

Paul was concerned about the establishing of the Church in Thessalonica. But soon, he became convinced!

1. Desire to establish the Church expressed 1 Thessalonians 2:2

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MEDITATION

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2. Fear that the Evil One could destroy all the efforts put in
1 Thessalonians 2:5

3. Prayer and faith prevailed
The Lord would establish the Church!

*³ But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you
and guard you from the evil one.*

*⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that
you do and will do the things we command you.*

2 Thessalonians 3:3-4

BASIS OF CONFIDENCE

This is wonderfully stated in no uncertain terms!

1. The Lord is faithful
2. He will establish
3. He will guard from the evil one

This must be our faith and our confidence too! Thank God that
we can be very certain of what the Lord can do as we trust in Him

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW PULPIT THEME FOR JULY-AUGUST 2020

The new theme is simply entitled "Blessed!"

1. July and August are months we set aside to reflect on our ministry as a Church.

2. This year we celebrate 40+7 years of ministry

3. The one word that stands out is the word "Blessed!"

a) July 2020

We will take time to reflect on how the Lord has blessed us!

b) August 2020

We will look at how we can bless the Lord as our appropriate response!

4. Let us look forward to the new series of Pulpit Messages!



GRADUAL RE-OPENING OF BETHANY

Date: 5 July 2020

Time: 10.00am (instead of 10.30am)

Theme: "Lord, teach us to Pray" (Luke 11:1)

1. What we will not be having

a) Congregational singing

b) Meals and fellowship

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c) Discussion Groups of any kind

d) No ministry to children

2. Who ought not to plan to come

a) Those who are unwell

b) Those who are non-ambulant

c) Those who are frail and much older

d) Those who are very much younger

(The topic on the subject of prayer may be difficult to easily comprehend)

3. Safety measures would be taken

(Safe Management pastor: Pastor Benjamin Quah)

a) Temperature taking

b) Safe-Entry

c) Contact tracing (if necessary)

4. Giving of an Offering

a) We will not be passing the offering bags around

b) Please use digital banking facilities

c) Boxes would be made available at the Exits



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 113:4-6

*⁴ The LORD is high above all nations,
His glory above the heavens.*

*⁵ Who is like the LORD our God,
Who dwells on high,*

*⁶ Who humbles Himself to behold
The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?*

1. The Greatness of God

- a) He is high above all nations
- b) His glory is above the heavens

2. In awe of God

- a) Who is like the LORD our God?
- b) He is incomparable

3. In appreciation of God

- a) God has to "humble Himself" just to look at the heavens
- b) How wondrous it is for Him to care for us so affectionately!

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 28 June 2020

Text: Romans 12:12 Patient in tribulation

Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

1. Tribulation is to be accepted as a part of life
2. Three things we must seek to do diligently
 - a) Hope
 - i) Never lose hope
 - ii) There is every reason to rejoice in hope
 - b) Patience
 - i) We need to learn how to be patient indeed
 - ii) A great way of expressing patience is perseverance
 - c) Prayer
 - i) We must not cease praying
 - ii) We must be steadfast in our prayer efforts!

NEXT SUNDAY: 5 July 2020

Text: Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man

Blessed is the man

*Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.*

POETRY CORNER

#1

THE LORD IS FAITHFUL

It is natural to be concerned about being established;
Work has to be done if anything is to be accomplished!
We must not fail in what God has entrusted us to do;
We must ever seek to be faithful and to be true!

Fears can creep in when there is tribulation;
Would the work of faith fail, due to persecution?
The heart that is worried must learn to pray;
We must seek the Lord's grace every day!

Faith comes to the rescue as we are reminded;
There is the Lord's word and it is empowered.
Then there is the Lord's faithfulness to be recalled;
The Lord has never failed to answer any call!

The Lord is indeed gracious and faithful;
He is to be praised for He is truly wonderful.
He will establish the work of our hands indeed;
His faithfulness will see to all our different needs!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: 2 Thessalonians 3:3-4

POETRY CORNER

2

THE PROMISES OF GOD

The Word of God is true and righteous,
In it, we find God's wonderful Promises.
Each Promise is a word that God has given,
God will fulfil His Word; of this we are certain.

We have a God who is great and powerful,
To His people, He is committed and faithful.
He will help us as we go through life's challenges,
He will comfort us and deliver us, He promises.

God made a Special Promise to establish our life,
God will build us on a Solid Rock which is Christ.
It may not be easy but we must not doubt God's plan,
He has Promised to uphold us with His own hand.

God's Word must become Central to our lives,
To grow in knowledge of His Word, we must strive.
May we learn to trust God and His Promises!
May His Word help us find true blessedness!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 1:20-21

POETRY CORNER

3

God Opens Doors

God leads and opens doors for us in our daily lives;
Our challenge is to be able to recognise His Will for us.
Be fully cognizant that our competence is from the Lord, wholly derived,
And willingly subjugate the vanity of mankind and follow His lead.

However, many a time memory lapses and our life's pendulum reverts to self will;
Human strength is insufficient and unable to sustain our resolutions.
The Holy Spirit is required to prop us up and remind us with a daily drill,
So that we are vigilant and constantly on the watch to not allow regression.

Faithfully following God's lead, believers exude the fragrance of Christ;
It is through believers that knowledge of His Word spreads and circulates.
Like flowers whose fragrances in the atmosphere gently diffuse and entice;
Wherever they go, the spiritual scent of Christ from believers emanates.

Remember that it is not the works of believers but that of God's grace;
Believers are vessels used by the Lord to disseminate His Word.
On their part they will be rewarded with joy and peace,
Such priceless gifts in anticipation for each day forward.

Jessie Quek

(Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 2: 14 – 15)

POETRY CORNER

4

Rejoice in the Lord

The “Phase 2 re-opening” is a welcome breath of fresh air for many;
But congregating at church is still a dream yet to be fulfilled presently.
Nevertheless, like the Apostle Paul whose circumstances proved harsh and hopeless repeatedly;
Let us rejoice in the Lord just as he had demonstrated regardlessly.

Do thank the Lord for our health He has protected and our necessities He has provided;

For many have succumbed to the virus or had their livelihoods annihilated.
But this pandemic has indeed seen our lives turned topsy-turvy;
Our minds are understandably burdened with anxiety.

Yet, let us bring our prayers and supplications to the Lord Most High;
Be confident that we can, on His Faithfulness and Mercy rely.
We will respond by being gentle and forbearing with one another in this time of strife;
For God is near and He will hear His people’s cry.

Only God can give comfort and peace to the hearts of men;
A peace so surreal and beyond what you and I can understand.
May we strive to guard our hearts and focus our minds!
On the eternal goodness of our Friend and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Philippians 4:4-7

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			Auditorium 2M	2 nd 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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