

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
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: Psalm 66

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“HOW AWESOME ARE YOUR WORKS!”

THE WORKS OF GOD

The Psalmist is full of wonder and praise as he dwelt on the works of God.

1 Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

2 Sing out the honor of His name;
Make His praise glorious.

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³ Say to God,
"How awesome are Your works!
Through the greatness of Your power
Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.
⁴ All the earth shall worship You
And sing praises to You;
They shall sing praises to Your name." *Psalm 66:1-4*

1. The call to offer praise to God

a) The kind of praise was well-described

- i) A joyful shout
- ii) This speaks of energy
- iii) Exuberance is palpable

b) The word "praise"

- i) This is repeated three times in this short stanza
- ii) The call to praise God is strong and insistent
- iii) Praise was never a placid word

2. Some reasons to offer such high praise

- a) Because He is worthy of honour
- b) Because His works are truly awesome
- c) Because of His great power

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3. The worship of God

- a) This was a call to the whole earth
- b) The greatness of God and His work cannot but be noted and praised!

OUR CHALLENGE

As we celebrate Bethany's 40+7th Anniversary, let us ponder the following:

1. The greatness of God

- a) His Being
- b) His attributes

2. The greatness of His works

- a) Seen in the way He has blessed us as a Church
- b) Seen in the way He has blessed us individually

3. Let us ponder how we may praise the LORD

- a) With sincerity
- b) With strength

Let us declared with the Psalmist, "How awesome are Your works!"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIRTUAL ACM TODAY 11.15 am

1. This is our first Virtual ACM
2. Thank God for all who have taken the time and trouble to respond by sending in their proxy forms
3. Let us trust the Lord for His leading and blessing!



CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 40+7TH ANNIVERSARY

1. Thank God for His matchless grace given to us
2. Things that we must thank God for!

Three things may be highlighted!

- a) Growth of our church
 - i) We started with 25 people
 - ii) We have grown much over the years
 - iii) We continue to grow!
- b) Provision for all our needs
 - i) For Bethany 1-4
 - ii) For monthly needs
 - iii) For Missions needs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

c) Leaders old and new

i) Those who have served in the Session

ii) Those who serve as Sunday School teachers

iii) Those who lead in different ministries

Let us praise the Lord with a joyful shout for all of God's blessings!



BETHANY'S 40+7th ANNIVERSARY GIFTS

Thank God for our faithful donors who have been such a blessing in giving Anniversary gifts for the last several years!

1 This year's gift is a Diffuser.

One Diffuser would be given to each family in Bethany. The gift may be collected at Bethany. Please contact Pastor Benjamin Chong for more details.

2 Books

a) Book of Hosea

b) Gospel of John
Volume 5

These books may also be collected at Bethany.



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 116:1-4

*¹ I love the LORD, because He has heard
My voice and my supplications.*

*² Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.*

*³ The pains of death surrounded me,
And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me;
I found trouble and sorrow.*

*⁴ Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!"*

THE PROBLEMS WE FACE IN LIFE

1. There may be trouble and sorrow
2. The cold tentacles of death may be felt

THE PRAYERS THAT WE OFFER

1. Prayers are offered to the LORD
2. Calling upon God for His grace and mercy

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

1. The LORD hears our prayers
2. He sends help to us in our time of need

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THE LORD

1. Love for the Lord felt
2. Love for God declared

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 23 August 2020

Text: Psalm 134:1 Behold, bless the LORD

Behold, bless the LORD,

All you servants of the LORD,

Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

1. A call to all servants of the Lord
2. This call is to bless God as He deserves to be blessed
3. The challenge is to make the blessing of the LORD a very real and strong feature of our life

NEXT SUNDAY: 30 August 2020

Text: Psalm 144:1 Bless be the LORD, my Rock

Blessed be the LORD my Rock,

Who trains my hands for war,

And my fingers for battle.

POETRY CORNER

1

HOW AWESOME ARE YOUR WORKS!

The works of God are truly powerful;
They are, in fact, glorious and wonderful.
The mighty acts of God are awesome;
All that He does is good and wholesome!

The appropriate response is one of Praise;
The works of God show His matchless grace.
The Praise we offer must one that is strong;
Deep within, He has given a victorious song!

The call to worship God is sent to all earth;
All who hear must offer worship with mirth.
Worship is to be conducted with celebration;
Let there be the strongest spirit of jubilation!

Honour must to the name of the LORD be given;
His blessings have come all the way from Heaven.
The Presence of the LORD is with His people indeed;
He has gloriously provided and met all their needs!

Charles Tan
Psalm 66:1-4

POETRY CORNER

2

A TRIBUTE TO THE SESSION MEMBERS

You have served the Lord unstintingly;
Time and effort were given most faithfully.
You gave your heart and soul to God's work;
There were challenges but you did not shirk!

The work of the Lord has been prospered;
He has blessed the Church you shepherded.
You have given your time and energy;
The Lord has blessed with fruit aplenty.

The work of Missions has also grown;
Great care and love you have shown.
Many hearts have been greatly impacted;
The ministry overseas is not neglected!

May the Lord bless you as take this noble step;
May the Lord ensure that you are well-kept!
It has been our honour to see you serve God;
May be given the blessing of Joy in the Lord!

Charles Tan
Philippians 1:6

*(This is a tribute to all the Session Members
Who are stepping down that others may find the
joy and privilege of serving the Lord)*

POETRY CORNER

3

Bless the Lord

Whether they are personal, small, corporate or momentous;
God's blessings to us are indeed ubiquitous.
But for you and I who exist inconsequentially;
What should our response to the Lord's blessings be?

Let us count our blessings one by one;
God's protection, His provision and all the deliverance He has done.
Let us bear testimony of His goodness and sing songs of praise;
And offer prayers of thanksgiving for His amazing grace.

But above all, let us walk worthy of being called the children of God;
By exercising obedience and a godly fear of the Lord.
Let us grow a deeper knowledge of His word and keep His covenant;
And remain humble and teachable as His trusted servant.

Let us bless the Lord with all our souls;
And remember His benefits to us manifold.
Let all of His creation bless and hail His name as Holy;
In all the places of His dominion and glory.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Psalms 34 and 103

POETRY CORNER

4

Our Creator

God reveals Himself to us everyday;
Everything in this universe is created by Him.
His greatness and wisdom endowed in His creation array;
Are beyond the purview and imagination of a mortal being.

Bless the Lord for the joy provided by His creatures;
Let not our jaded eye and mind dull our senses.
To the sight of busy sun-birds as they in the garden venture;
Twittering excitedly when food is found in their searches.

Experience the glory of God through clear blue skies;
Below which float fluffy white clouds of various forms in fluidity.
Marvel at the gorgeous pink clouds reflecting sunset colours of the sky;
Only the Lord is able to command such beauty.

Bless the Lord for the splendour of His vision of the world!
His care and attention in implementation of its details in precision.
Hear my song of praise of His magnificence which is truly deserved;
May God rejoice in all His works in His dominion!

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 104

POETRY CORNER

5

BLESS THE LORD

The LORD blesses us in marvelous ways,
We should remember His blessings each day.
He knows our problems and weaknesses,
He still forgives us, despite our sinfulness!

The LORD satisfies us with good things,
He lovingly provides and we lack nothing.
We also thank God for health and vitality,
This blessing cannot be taken lightly!

God's blessings are expressions of His lovingkindness,
Oh, our Father is so merciful and gracious!
We must walk with Him in godly fear,
Obeying and keeping the Word we hear.

Let us extol the LORD who makes us whole,
How we must bless Him with our soul!
May we seek to grow in understanding,
So that we may comprehend His blessings!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Psalm 103

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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