

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 30 August 2020 ... Happy 40 + 7 Anniversary!

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MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

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Text: Psalm 67

“LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU”

**WE CELEBRATE 40+7 YEARS OF
GOD'S BLESSINGS TODAY**

There is no shadow of a doubt that the LORD has blessed us at Bethany. He has blessed the Bethany Family of Churches in Australia, India and Myanmar wonderfully! It

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is right that we offer great praises to our great God!

¹ God be merciful to us and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us, *Selah*

² That Your way may be known on earth,
Your salvation among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.

⁴ Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!
For You shall judge the people righteously,
And govern the nations on earth. *Selah*

⁵ Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.

⁶ Then the earth shall yield her increase;
God, our own God, shall bless us.

⁷ God shall bless us,
And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. Psalm 67:1-7

1. A great call to all to offer praise to the LORD

a) The phrase "All the peoples"
This was repeated four times over

b) In our application
We call on all four countries to offer praise to God

i) Australia

ii) India

iii) Myanmar

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iv) Singapore

Taken together let our AIMS be to glorify God and to praise Him forever and ever! May praise always be a major feature of our Churches! The Lord our God deserves all our praise for all that He has done in our midst!

2. A vital prayer to God as we step forward to our 40+8th year

- a) That God would continue to be merciful to us
- b) That He would continue to bless us
- c) That He would make His face to shine upon us
- d) That He would reveal His way to us
- e) That His salvation may be known to many on earth

OUR CHALLENGE

Let both praise and prayer be our focus as we conclude another year of ministry, and commence a new year of service for the Lord! Let us be very confident that our God would indeed bless us as He has all these many years!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today! May your heart be blessed through worship!



A NEW SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES

September-October 2020

Theme: “Work of Faith”

Faith is a precious gift from God. If it is a genuine faith and well cultivated, it would result in works of faith! Let us seek to learn much as we read the Thessalonian Epistles written by the Apostle Paul



THE NEW SESSION (2020-2023)

Thank God for the election of a new set of Session Members. They will serve a three-year term (2020-2023).

Thank God for all who are willing to serve as Session Members.

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Thank God for very strong support from the Congregation for the new Session Members.

1. Pastor Charles Tan
2. Pastor Mark Tan
3. Pastor Mitchell Tan
4. Dn. Thomas George
5. Dness. Chua Lay Eng
6. Dness. Geraldine Chong
7. Dn. (Dr.) Daniel Chia
8. Dn. Milton Ong
9. Dn. (Dr.) K. C. Tang
10. Dn. (Dr.) Quek Li Wei
11. Dness. Dr. Jane Tan
12. Dness. Tan Li Hong
13. Dness. Wong Hong Suen

May the Lord help them to serve with faithfulness and distinction!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

40+7th Anniversary Gifts

1. A diffuser

2. Books

a) Hosea

b) Gospel of John

Thank God for our sponsors. May our hearts be filled with thanksgiving as we receive these gifts.

Please plan to collect your gifts today.



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 116:5-7

⁵ Gracious *is* the LORD, and righteous;
Yes, our God *is* merciful.

⁶ The LORD preserves the simple;
I was brought low, and He saved me.

⁷ Return to your rest, O my soul,
For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

1. The challenges of life

- a) They can lay us low
- b) But the Lord can save us

2. The compassion of the Lord

- a) Seen in His graciousness
- b) Stemming from His righteousness
- c) Evidenced in great acts of mercy

3. Confidence in the LORD

- a) Our soul may truly rest in the Lord
- b) He has dealt bountifully with us!

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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.*

1. Blessing the Lord

- a) As our LORD
- b) As our Rock

2. Remembering the Lord's teaching

- a) He equips us to fight the battles of life
- b) He enables us to face life courageously

NEXT SUNDAY: 6 September 2020

*Text: Romans 10:17 Faith comes by the Word of God
So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

POETRY CORNER

1

LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU

We have received great Blessings from Heaven;
Bethany's years of ministry are forty-seven!
The LORD has provided for all our needs;
We will offer the highest praise indeed!

Let all peoples in our Bethany family,
Offer thanksgiving and praise gratefully!
The LORD's Blessings are truly wondrous;
His great mercy has been just stupendous!

May the LORD receive our humble praise!
We will speak of God's matchless grace.
That He has blessed is so well-evidenced;
Praise to the LORD is of utmost importance!

May God continue to cause His grace to flow!
Let us determine, a steadfast faith, to grow.
The LORD our God, will continue to bless us;
Our confidence is found in His righteousness!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 67

POETRY CORNER

2

Bethany's Anniversary

Once again, we celebrate Bethany's anniversary;
But we must acknowledge our 47th year is no ordinary!
As social distancing forces worship to go virtual;
The challenges we face are many, not least spiritual.

Man has been accosted by an enemy invisible;
And we have revealed ourselves to be so vulnerable.
Not only have lives been lost and livelihoods destroyed;
Many have lost hope and the faithful relationship with God they once enjoyed.

But let the righteous continue to cry out to the Lord and to trust;
For He has promised to hear us and from our troubles, deliver us.
Amidst the challenges of our uncertain environment today;
All the more is the need for faith to believe that God will show us the way.

The Apostle Paul's missionary journeys serve as good examples;
Of how we ought to be sensitive to the Spirit's leading and remain dynamic and flexible.
As the church adapts to the new norm and steps into our 48th year of ministry;
May we increase in faith, hope, trust and love for all at Bethany!

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Psalm 34:17

POETRY CORNER

3

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

God invites us into the Kingdom of Heaven,
Even to the sinful and humble, this call is given.

Our part is to embrace this invitation,
And to find, in Jesus, the gift of salvation.

What a privilege to be in God's Kingdom,
He promises to bless all His children.
Troubles may come and there may be tears,
But He comforts us and soothes our fears.

We may not be rich with possessions,
But God sustains us with His provision.
He forgives and cleanses the sinful fully,
How blessed it is to know Him who is holy!

God's promises offer blessed assurance,
In Him, we have an eternal inheritance.
May we treasure the Kingdom of Heaven,
And seek to live well as His children!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Matthew 5:1-12 and Luke 6:20-26

POETRY CORNER

4

Oneness Through Humility

Indeed, there is reason for unity and oneness amongst our brethren,
For we share a similar love and reverence for our Father up in Heaven.
This love moves us to demonstrate a tender heart full of compassion,
This love brings forth a fellowship bonded with mutual exhortation.

Oneness of the mind and of the spirit may however be difficult to effect,
As pride and selfish ambition prevail, our own interests we protect.
This is when thoughts with lowliness of the mind we must consolidate,
A heart of humility, full of empathy for each other, we must cultivate.

Difficult this may be, we must dig deep and find necessary motivation,
Look to Christ who brought us salvation and through Him draw inspiration.
He had demonstrated clearly the ultimate obedience and meekness,
His example we must follow, and God will surely work on our weakness!

Dr. Tan Kok-Yang
Inspiration: Philippians 2: 1 – 13

POETRY CORNER

5

Our God

Mighty oceans can be measured in the hollow of His hands!
It is beyond anyone's imagination such absolute power He commands.

Our hearts feel secure to know that He is OUR God;
In awe we can only bend the knee and praise the Lord!

Sing songs of praise to God in our daily routine on earth;
While making our ascent to His house journeying in spiritual rebirth.
Where we can then stake our claim on the promised inheritance;
And in Zion bask in the glory of our Father and His benevolence.

Praise the Lord for without Him we would not exist!
He visits the earth and waters her in our midst.
Our God is fearsome for many a mighty king was slain;
In order to protect His chosen, servants in His domain.

Our God is above all gods, the only living God!
Honour and worship Him for like Him there is none;
Praise Him unceasingly and yet it will never be adequate;
To attribute to Him the acclaim of a truly deserving rate!

Jessie Quek
(Inspiration: Psalm 135, Isaiah 40:12)

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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