

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
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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: Deuteronomy 33

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“THE ETERNAL GOD IS YOUR REFUGE”

THANK GOD FOR HIS WORD

It is so wonderful to be able to read the Scriptures. There is so much to learn from the Word of the Lord!

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A GLORIOUS WORD OF PROMISE

As Moses drew to a close the Book of Deuteronomy, he wrote to inspire the children of Israel to know their God much better!

²⁷ The eternal God *is your* refuge,
And underneath *are* the everlasting arms;
He will thrust out the enemy from before you,
And will say, 'Destroy!'

²⁸ Then Israel shall dwell in safety,
The fountain of Jacob alone,
In a land of grain and new wine;
His heavens shall also drop dew.

²⁹ Happy *are* you, O Israel!
Who *is* like you, a people saved by the LORD,
The shield of your help
And the sword of your majesty!
Your enemies shall submit to you,
And you shall tread down their high places."

Deuteronomy 33:27-29

1. The God of Israel

- a) He is the eternal God
- b) He has everlasting arms
- c) Refuge may be found in Him

2. What God would do for His people

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- a) He would thrust out their enemies
- b) He would destroy the wicked enemies who threaten
- c) He would save them from their enemies
- d) He would enable them to dwell in safety
- e) He would bless them materially and spiritually

ISRAEL'S PART

There was a part for Israel to play! The people must fulfil their part.

- 1. To recognise God as their "fountain"
 - a) Of life
 - b) Of blessing
- 2. To be happy in the Lord
 - a) As redeemed people
 - b) As people shielded and protected by the Lord

OUR CHALLENGE

The promises of God transcend time, people and space. These promises are meant to be applied to all who know and love the Lord! Let us rejoice in the Lord our God!

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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 and fellowship!



NEW PULPIT THEME FOR MARCH-APRIL 2021

"According to the Will of our God" Galatians 1:4

1. This theme is our Easter focus
2. We will be looking at what the Lord Jesus came to do, culminating in His death and resurrection
3. The Focus of the Lord Jesus was to fulfil the Will of God in His life and ministry

Let us look forward to keep learning about the Lord Jesus Christ!



VIRTUAL ACM

Date: Sunday, 28 February 2021

Time: 11.30am

Please plan to attend this Virtual ACM planned for today.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL CATECHISM CLASS

Saturday, 6 March 2021

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Church Sanctuary



YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday, 6 March 2021

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Church Sanctuary



HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Dominic and Rachel on the demise of Dom's father, Mr. Henry Cheng Ah Bah. The late Mr. Cheng was 70 when he was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, 22 February 2021.



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:33-34

*³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes,
And I shall keep it to the end.*

*³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law;
Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.*

1. A prayer to be taught the way of God's statutes
 - a) A prayer that is needful
 - b) It is to be matched by a determination to keep what the Lord would teach
2. A prayer for understanding of God's laws
 - a) Humility must be genuine
 - b) This prayer must be matched by a determination to observe and to keep close to the heart the understanding that is obtained

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 28 February 2021

Psalm 36:10 "Continue Your lovingkindness"

*Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You,
And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.*

1. This is a word of prayer

a) Wise

b) Necessary

2. God's lovingkindness

a) Undeserved but graciously given

b) Not to be taken for granted

3. Recipients of this special blessing

a) Those who know God

b) Those who are upright in heart

Next Sunday: 7 March 2021

Galatians 1:4 According to the will of our God

*Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil
age, according to the will of our God and Father.*

POETRY CORNER

1

UNDERNEATH ARE THE EVERLASTING ARMS

The Scriptures were written by men of God;
These had seen the great deeds of the LORD.
Carefully, they wrote with great conviction;
They sought to share their wise contemplation.

Faith in God begins with basic knowledge;
To trust in the LORD is such a privilege!
How wonderful to know God's protection;
He gives this blessing with much affection.

When we speak of our faith in the LORD;
It includes this glorious knowledge of God.
"Underneath are the everlasting arms;"
God Himself will keep us from harm.

The LORD has committed Himself in a Covenant;
To know what God has promised is important.
Let us be challenged to know our wonderful God;
Underneath us are the everlasting arms of the LORD!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 33:27-29

POETRY CORNER

2

The loving and kind Lord

It is in the character of God to be loving and kind;
He does not have it in His heart to be otherwise;
We are fortunate to have a gracious Father who shines;
Light and rains blessings on us from the skies.

Scriptures cite many acts of lovingkindness of the Lord;
Towards Moses leading his people out of slavery in Egypt;
God's steadfast love for Israel despite the idols they adored;
And forgiving David for his lust of Bathsheba and cunning deceit!

The Lord continues to extend His lovingkindness to the modern man of today;
Choosing and causing him to seek the Almighty is love divine;
By offering His house as a safe refuge for the faithful to stay;
We can show our love by singing praises of Him so fine.

What a precious and priceless gift given away freely;
May we ponder and dwell upon its significance!
And allow it to influence and guide us in our lives daily;
Thanks be to God for bestowing on us His incredible lovingkindness!

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Psalm 36:7

POETRY CORNER

3

THE LOVINGKINDNESS OF GOD

In life, we will encounter wicked people,
Who delight in creating strife and trouble.
If we dwell on them, we will feel disturbed,
They seem to thrive and we are perturbed.

We should dwell instead on the Person of God,
We will see the lovingkindness of the Lord.
He covers our sins with His matchless grace,
He is faithful, despite our inconsistent ways.

As we trace the Lord's lovingkindness in life,
We find the strength to rise above any strife.
Truly, His lovingkindness is a great treasure,
It is far better than whatever life can offer.

The heart is so grateful for His lovingkindness,
The mouth praises Him with joy and gladness!
May we draw near the Lord and, in Him, abide!
In His presence, the soul will be richly satisfied.

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: Psalm 36

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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