

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

Bethany IV ... 12 February 2023

## MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: John 12

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## “FATHER, GLORIFY YOUR NAME”

### GLORIFYING THE NAME OF GOD

Glorifying God was one of the chief aims of the Lord Jesus Christ. But fulfilment of this aim was not an easy thing to do.

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<sup>27</sup> "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

<sup>28</sup> Father, glorify Your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, *saying*, "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again." John 12:27-28

## 1. The Soul may be troubled

- a) The thought of death may trouble the soul
- b) The natural desire is to live
- c) The thought of impending death often troubles a person

## 2. Seeking God in prayer

- a) The Lord Jesus faced the problem squarely
- b) He spoke to God the Father candidly on this matter
  - i) He had come to earth with God's purpose in mind
  - ii) That purpose was to lay down His life to save mankind
  - iii) He refused to give in to the troubled feelings that came

## 3. Praying about glorifying God's name

- a) The Lord Jesus returned to His original purpose
- b) He determined to fulfil what He came to do

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- c) He prayed that He might fulfil His commitment to glorify God's name

## 4. God answered immediately

- a) He had glorified His name through the life of the Lord Jesus
- b) He would glorify His name through His death

## OUR CHALLENGE

Let us seek to emulate the Lord Jesus Christ in this matter.

### 1. Let us seek to glorify God the Father

### 2. Let us not flinch in our commitment

- a) Let us glorify God in our life
- b) Let us glorify God even when we face death!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 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!



## MINISTRY IN BETHEL

Pastor Charles Tan will be ministering in Bethel this coming week (13-20 February 2023).



## MINISTRY IN BETHANY THIS WEEK (13-19 February 2023)

### 1. Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 14 February 2023 | 9.30am- 11.30am
- b) Thursday, 16 February 2023 | 9.30am- 11.30am

### 2. Saturday, 18 February 2023

- a) YPG/YAG | 2.00pm
- b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

### 3. Sunday, 19 February 2023

- a) Sunday School | 8.30am
- b) Morning Worship Service | 10.30am
- c) Chinese Worship Service | 10.30am

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- d) Children's Worship I | 10.30am
- e) Children's Worship II | 10.30am
- f) Crèche | 10.30am
- g) Catechism Class | 1.30pm



## **BETHANY AND BTS ACM**

Our Annual Congregation Meeting ("ACM") for this year is coming up soon!

*Date: 26 February 2023*

*Time: 1.00pm*

*Location: Main Sanctuary*

Special feature:

Election of Session Members (2023-2026)

The present Session has finished one term of service (3 years) and will be seeking re-election for the next term at our ACM. The Session Members are as follows:

1. Rev. Dr. Charles Tan
2. Rev. Mark Tan
3. Rev. Mitchell Tan
4. Deacon George Thomas
5. Deacon Dr. Daniel Chia
6. Deacon Dr. Tang Kong Choong
7. Deacon Dr. Quek Li Wei
8. Deacon Milton Ong
9. Deaconess Ng Lay Eng
10. Deaconess Tan Li Hong
11. Deaconess Dr. Jane Tan
12. Deaconess Tan Hong Suen

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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In order to qualify for election, they need to be nominated by a church member. Please look for Benjamin Chong/ Benjamin Quah for a Nomination Form.



## CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

12-17 March 2023

*"To live is Christ and to die is gain" Philippians 1:21*



## CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Yau Hong and Gillian, Tessa and Vera, on the demise of the mother of Yau Hong. The late Mdm. Toon Ee Lui passed away on 6 February 2023.



## GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

BREAKFAST: OLIVER LOH

LUNCH: EDMUND & ALICE PHANG; TOM & NANCY



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## LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

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Dear Bethany family,

We are at a loss for words to express our heartfelt thanks to each and everyone who supported us since 24 November's accident. You came alongside and ministered to us as the Body of Christ by partaking in our suffering.

Last Sunday and Monday, we were so richly blessed with a crowd of people who came to honour the life of our beloved husband and father, Jerry. Tears of love quelled deep grief in palpable affirmation of the statement, "God's kind of church, where God is touching lives, and people care for people". Many who came were touched; Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, free thinkers, agnostics, sceptics. Even Christians from other churches were amazed that our church has a Bereavement Ministry to hold a dignified memorial service. The funeral services were a reminder that we must progress with a purpose and use the remaining time entrusted to us well, so as to fulfill our God-given tasks on earth. Thank you for standing alongside and supporting us in our darkest hour. Till the church visible meets the church invisible, we will journey on with the Lord!

With love,  
Puay Khim, Janel and Kreston Ang

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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## **Psalm 130:7-8**

*<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD;  
For with the LORD there is mercy,  
And with Him is abundant redemption.  
<sup>8</sup> And He shall redeem Israel  
From all his iniquities.*

### 1. Hope in the LORD

- a) For His mercy
- b) For His redemption

### 2. Assurance in the LORD

- a) He will redeem
- b) He will make atonement for iniquities



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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 12 February 2023**

***Text: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"***

***Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.***

***Ephesians 1:3***

1. To bless God the Father

- a) To praise Him
- b) To honour and extol Him

2. Reasons for blessing the Lord

- a) Because He has blessed us so much
- b) Because of the great spiritual blessings we have in the Lord Jesus

**NEXT SUNDAY: 19 February 2023**

***Text: "One God and Father of all"***

***One God and Father of all, who is above all,  
and through all, and in you all.***

***Ephesians 4:6***

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## FATHER, GLORIFY YOUR NAME

The Lord Jesus gave us a great example;  
To glorify God the Father was His principle.  
In all He said and did in His ministry;  
His focus was to glorify God committedly.

The hour of His suffering and death drew near;  
A part of Him was troubled but there was no fear.  
He sought to address the troubledness that came;  
He was determined to glorify His Father's name.

He cried out, "Father, glorify Your name;"  
This prayer was not uttered in vain.  
The Father heard the words of His Son;  
He would sustain glory till all is done!

May our hearts seek to glorify God's name too;  
This will reflect a heart and faith that is true.  
Glorifying God's name will give us a great focus;  
Let us seek to live as people who are righteous!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: John 12:27-28

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## ADOPTED SONS

Mankind has a tendency to believe we get what we deserve  
God's grace does not deal with us on that basis  
Our good cannot justify us nor our bad condemn and unnerve  
For reasons known only to Him we are given His blessings

Remember we were once slave to bondage in sins  
God sent His Son to free us from the enslavement  
The Lord's redemptive plan goes further to adopt believers as His sons  
He sends the Holy Spirit to bear witness that we are God's children

Jesus is His only begotten Son whereas we are His adopted sons  
Through Christ as adopted sons we are heirs of the Lord  
By faith and hope we see that our inheritance is priceless  
That one day we can take possession of our heritage from God

Being born again we are given the birth right to address the Lord as Abba  
We are now known by God and our names are written in heaven  
Rejoice that our names are not blotted out in the book of life in such manner  
Let us glorify and praise the Lord for His redemptive plan is magnificent

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: (Galatians 4; Romans 8:16; Luke 10:20)

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Mr. Lai Chung Han*

*Mrs. Lai Chiew Yen*

## PRAYER

## HYMN

CP 66 | As the Deer

HWC 312 | To be God's People

## MESSAGE

"We are children of God"

Text: Romans 8

*Rev Dr. Charles Tan*

## CLOSING HYMN

CP 68 | The Love of God

## BENEDICTION

## OFFERING

## POSTLUDE



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# HYMNS

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## CP 66 AS THE DEER

MARTIN NYSTROM

1. As the deer panteth for the water,  
So my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.

Refrain

You alone are my Strength, my Shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.

2. You're my Friend and You are my Brother,  
Even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything.

*Refrain*

3. I want You more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver,  
And the apple of my eye.

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## HWC 312 TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

CHARLES F. BROWN

1. Almighty Father give us a vision  
Of a dying world that needs Your love and care.  
We see the need, the yearning for a Saviour,  
In Jesus' name, grant this our prayer.

Refrain

To be God's people in this place,  
Live His goodness, share His grace,  
Proclaim God's mercy through His Son,  
Be His love to ev'ryone.

2. And when we falter be Thou our comfort;  
Guide us as Your children that our lives may be  
A beacon in this darkness that surrounds us,  
A light that others then may see.

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## CP 56 THE LOVE OF GOD

FREDERICK M. LEHMAN

1. The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell.  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

### Refrain

O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!  
It shall forever more endure, the saints' and angels' song.

2. When years of time shall pass away,  
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;  
When men who here refuse to pray,  
On rocks and hills and mountains call;  
God's love, so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race the saints' and angels' song.

### *Refrain*

3. Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies of parchment made;  
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill, and ev'ry man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.

### *Refrain*



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