

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 18 June 2023*

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## MEDITATION

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REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Ephesians 5

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## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

### A DIFFERENT DESCRIPTION

A slightly different description of the Fruit of the Spirit is described in Ephesians. The context in Ephesians is different from that of Galatians.

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now *you* are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

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# MEDITATION

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<sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),  
<sup>10</sup> finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8-10

## THE FOCUS IN EPHESIANS

The focus in Galatians was Paul's pitched battle against false teachers. The focus in Ephesians is strong encouragement to walk faithfully and fruitfully!

### 1. The Past

- a) We once walked in darkness
- b) Sin adds to our darkness!

### 2. The Present

- a) We become children of God
- b) The Gospel shed vital light
- c) We are now called "children of light"

### 3. The Fruit of the Spirit

- a) Expressed in Goodness
- b) Found in Righteousness
- c) Characterised by Truth

## OUR CHALLENGE

Surely our challenge is to discover what is acceptable to the Lord.

- 1. We must never return to our old life of sin Ephesians 4
- 2. Our Christian walk must be given careful attention Ephesians 5

Let us spare no effort in our search to be filled with the Spirit of God!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **WELCOME TO BETHANY**

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus with us.  
May your heart be encouraged and uplifted through worship  
and fellowship!



## **SPECIAL BAPTISMAL SERVICE: 25 JUNE 2023**

We will be having a Combined Baptismal Service on 25 June 2023.



## **MINISTRY IN BETHANY THIS WEEK (19 June – 25 June 2023)**

1. Seniors Program
  - a) Tuesday, 20 June 2023 | 9.30am- 11.30am
  - b) Thursday, 22 June 2023 | 9.30am- 11.30am
  
2. Saturday, 24 June 2023  
Youth Worship | 3.15pm
  
3. Sunday, 25 June 2023
  - a) Sunday School | 8.30am
  - b) Combined Worship Service (Special Baptism) | 10.30am
  - c) Children's Worship I | 10.30am
  - d) Children's Worship II | 10.30am
  - e) Crèche | 10.30am
  - f) Catechism Class | 1.30pm



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## BETHANY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE 50TH ANNIVERSARY AT SHANGRI LA

*Date: Sunday, 27 August 2023*

*Time: 10.30am*

*Followed by Anniversary Lunch*

Please book your seat/table as soon as possible.

You may sign up using the QR Code below.



## GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Kevin & Rachel Low  
Lunch: Irving, Tyler & Keenan Yap



## CONGRATULATIONS

Heartfelt congratulations to Andrew and Yan-Yi on the occasion of the gift of another baby boy. Baby James was born on 17 June 2023. Both mother and baby are doing well.



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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## Psalm 136:4-6

<sup>4</sup> *To Him who alone does great wonders,  
For His mercy endures forever;*

<sup>5</sup> *To Him who by wisdom made the heavens,  
For His mercy endures forever;*

<sup>6</sup> *To Him who laid out the earth above the waters,  
For His mercy endures forever;*

### 1. The Might of the LORD

- a) God alone performs great wonders
- b) In His wisdom He made the heavens
- c) He also laid out the earth above the waters

### 2. The Mercy of the LORD

- a) It is great
- b) It endures forever
- c) It is not to be taken for granted

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## BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 18 June 2023**

**Text: “Through His Spirit who dwells in you” Romans 8:11**

*But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

1. The Spirit of God raised the Lord Jesus from the dead
2. He indwells all believers
3. He gives life to our mortal bodies

**NEXT SUNDAY: 25 June 2023**

**Text: “Led by the Spirit of God” Romans 8:14**

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.  
Romans 8:14*

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

The sinful past must never be forgotten;  
Thank God for reaching out to us from heaven.  
New life was given to every true believer;  
He is given the Holy Spirit as a great treasure.

Through the Spirit of God, we are given Light;  
And by His help we are able to do what is right.  
The Lord is able to help us live meaningfully;  
By His grace, we can live most fruitfully.

Bearing fruit is proof that we are living right;  
In the Lord, we will find the greatest delight.  
To be a fruitful tree is every believer's dream;  
How the heart would be filled with thanksgiving.

The Spirit of God would empower us to overcome sin;  
Our salvation in the Lord results in every blessing.  
Thank God that we have the Spirit as our Guarantee;  
The Seal of the Spirit confirms our faith for Eternity.

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Ephesians 5:8-10

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## THE GREATNESS OF GOD

The heart stands in awe of God's greatness,  
His Being and attributes are truly wondrous!  
Everything, God knows and understands,  
Such is the depth of His knowledge of man.

God lovingly hedges us, in His omniscience,  
He is always with us, in His omnipresence.  
No matter where we go, His presence is there,  
He tenderly leads and holds us with care.

We are humbled by the omnipotence of God,  
By Him, the human being is skilfully wrought.  
His works in our lives are good and marvellous,  
His plans for our lives are great and precious.

Our God sees us through every life moment,  
This is vital and true for us and our children.  
These thoughts of God make the heart grateful,  
We praise and adore Him who is so wonderful!

Yvette Seow  
Inspiration: Psalm 139:1-18

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 3

## ANOTHER HELPER

Man is commanded to do greater works than Lord Jesus  
Supported by another helper the Holy Spirit whom His Father sends  
Coupled with prayer whatever believers ask in the name of Christ Jesus  
Greater works will be done through these trusting followers

Love is the foundation for forging a close relationship with the Holy Spirit  
To love is to keep the commandments of the Lord  
The deeper our love for God the stronger our link to Him by the Holy Spirit  
To ignore this vital communication line to the Almighty we cannot afford

Our handphones will operate efficiently if we charge the batteries regularly  
Likewise, to power up let us fill ourselves with the Holy Spirit on a continual basis  
His wisdom can be accessed through cultivation of a relationship with Him purposefully  
Only then will believers be able to see His divine manifestations

Respond to the Holy Spirit by submitting to His power and will  
Experience the presence of His transforming grace when He fills us  
We can never have too much of the Lord's presence in our fill  
May we deepen our faith by actively holding on to His promises

Jessie Quek  
Inspiration: John 14



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Mr. Joshua Phang*

*Mrs. Cheryl Phang*

## PRAYER

## HYMN

CP 32 | God Of Our Fathers

SOF 120 | The Servant King

## MESSAGE

“The Spirit of Truth” | Text: John 15-16

*Rev. Benjamin Quah*

## CLOSING HYMN

CP 235 | Breathe On Me

## BENEDICTION

## OFFERING

## POSTLUDE

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# HYMNS

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## CP 32 GOD OF OUR FATHERS

DANIEL C. ROBERTS

1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendour through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before Thy Throne arise.

2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4. Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way;  
Lead us from night to never ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.



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# HYMNS

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## SOF 120 THE SERVANT KING

GRAHAM KENDRICK

1. From Heav'n You came, helpless Babe,  
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;  
Not to be served but to serve,  
And give Your life that we might live.

Refrain

This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow Him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.

2. There in the garden of tears,  
My heavy load He chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but Yours,' He said.

*Refrain*

3. Come see His hands and His feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice,  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered.

*Refrain*

4. So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone Him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving.

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## CP 235 BREATHE ON ME

EDWIN HATCH

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until my will is one with Thine,  
To do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.



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