

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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THE CHALLENGE TO TAKE HEED

GOD'S PROMISED BLESSINGS

The Promise of Blessings from the LORD to Israel included a strong element of material benefits. Material blessings must not be taken for granted nor must they be disdained.

MEDITATION

¹¹ And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

¹² The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

¹³ And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe *them*.

¹⁴ So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Deuteronomy 28:11-14

1. The Material aspect of Blessings

- a) Plenty of goods
- b) Increase of livestock
- c) Produce of the ground

2. The Results

- a) Blessing on the work of their hand
- b) They will be wealthy enough to lend to other nations
- c) They will be the head and not the tail

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THE CHALLENGE

1. Not to turn from the word of God given
2. Never to turn to idolatry

Sadly, Israel did not keep the commandments of the LORD. The nation became idolatrous and lost all their blessings!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

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



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 23 January 2024 | 9.30am- 11.30am
- b) Thursday, 25 January 2024 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 27 January 2024

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

3. Sunday, 28 January 2024

- a) Sunday School | 8.30am
- b) Morning Worship Service | 10.30am
- c) Chinese Worship Service | 10.30am
- d) Children's Worship Service I and II | 10.30am
- e) Crèche | 10.30am
- f) Catechism Class | 1.30pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY CAMP 2024

Theme: "I Will Lift Up My Eyes" Psalm 121

Date: 10 – 15 March 2024

This year, you will be able to sign up for camp through an online registration form. You can access the online form by scanning the QR code below.

If you need further assistance, please go to the registration booth at the Fellowship Hall where we will assist you with the registration process.

Do ensure that your passport expiry date is after 16 September 2024 before you begin registration.

145 people have signed up for camp.

Let us look forward to a wonderful time of learning from the Word of God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECIAL PROGRAM 2024

Date: Saturday, 24 February 2024

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

We will begin with a time of Worship in the Main Sanctuary,
Followed by a High Tea Fellowship Meal at Level 1.

Please plan to sign up (for catering purposes).

You may sign up at the booth in the Fellowship Hall during Lunch or use
the QR code below.



CONGRATULATIONS

Heartfelt congratulations to Sherman and Zara on the gift of their
2nd child. Baby Elena was born on 10 January 2024. Both mother
and baby are doing well.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Wai Fong, Wai Mun and Belle on the demise of Wai Fong's husband, Mr. Victor Ang Kok Ping. The late Mr. Ang passed away on Saturday, 13 January 2024. He was 50 years old.

Wai Fong, Wai Mun and Belle also lost their father, Mr. Cheong Kin Peng. The late Mr. Cheong was 72 years old when he was called home to be with the Lord Jesus on Wednesday, 17 January 2024.



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Stacy on the demise of her father, Mr. Vincent Tan Huang Kwang. The late Mr. Tan was called home to be with the Lord Jesus on Wednesday, 17 January 2024. He was 88 years old.



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

BREAKFAST: MARK & CHEN KEE

LUNCH: MARK & CHEN KEE; JANSSEN & ANNIE



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 141:8-10

*⁸ But my eyes are upon You, O GOD the Lord;
In You I take refuge;
Do not leave my soul destitute.*

*⁹ Keep me from the snares they have laid for me,
And from the traps of the workers of iniquity.*

*¹⁰ Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
While I escape safely.*

1. Focused on the LORD

- a) Eyes fixed on God
- b) Finding refuge in Him

2. Falling on the LORD's Help

- a) To be kept from wicked snares
- b) To escape from the plots of the wicked

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 21 January 2024

Text: "Your blessing is upon Your people"

Salvation belongs to the LORD.

Your blessing is upon Your people.

Psalm 3:8

1. Salvation truly belongs to the LORD

- a) Deliverance from sin and Satan
- b) Destined to be the children of God

2. Blessing on the people of the LORD

- a) God has promised to bless
- b) He will always fulfil His word of promise

NEXT SUNDAY: 28 January 2024

Text: "For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous"

For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous;

With favour You will surround him as with a shield.

Psalm 5:12

POETRY CORNER

1

IF YOU HEED THE COMMANDMENTS

Great is the Promise of Blessing given by the LORD
Both physical and spiritual blessings come from God.
He knows all the many needs of our life on earth;
He will grant blessings that will bring forth mirth!

He happily grants us His grace and mercy;
Physical blessings are promised abundantly.
Thank God for all that He has promised;
His words are to be greatly cherished.

But God requires us to give heed to His word;
To set aside His commandments is absurd.
We must seek to understand His commandments;
Therein we find wisdom that is all-important!

We must never forsake the LORD's word given;
Turning to idolatrous worship is forbidden!
May our faith in the LORD increase greatly!
We will then see how God blesses abundantly!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 28:11-14

POETRY CORNER

2

BLESSED IS THE MAN

To obtain God's blessings would be wonderful,
To do our part, we must be careful and faithful.
With the ungodly, there must be no dalliance,
We must reject the wicked and their influence.

Instead, we must choose to spend time wisely,
And be devoted to feeding on the Word daily.
Truth from the Word brings delight to the soul,
The soul is richly nourished and made whole.

The blessed man is like a tree well planted,
In the Word, its roots are deeply embedded.
Despite the storms of life, it is not easily shaken,
It may take time but its fruit will be evident.

May the Word be a treasure we greatly prize,
It teaches us how to order aright our lives.
In the Word, may we be established firmly!
In God's time, He will bless us wonderfully!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: Psalm 1

POETRY CORNER

3

THE ANOINTED ONE

Nations and peoples rage and defy the Lord with disdain
They plot to free themselves from control by Him
Do they not know that their actions are all in vain
In the kingdom of Christ who is in control of all things

The Lord holds in derision all opponents who persecute the church
They are foolish and have no idea of His supreme power
For in His wrath the rebellious sinners He will purge
And smash them to pieces like vessels of a potter

The Anointed One will be given nations for His inheritance
And the ends of the earth for His possession
Therefore choose to be instructed out of reverence
Let us not provoke His anger with our transgressions

May the grace and mercy of the Lord grant us wisdom
To obey and serve Him with great joy in our heart
For the hope of eternity to enter His kingdom
As blessed are those who put their trust in Him on their part

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: (Psalm 2)

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Eugene Seow

PRAYER

HYMNS

HWC 270 | Wonderful Words Of Life

HWC 355 | Trusting Jesus

MESSAGE

“Your blessing is upon Your people” | Text: Psalm 3

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 66 | To God Be The Glory

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

HWC 270 WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

PHILIP P. BLISS

1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of Life,
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of Life;
Words of Life and beauty, teach me faith and duty.

Refrain

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life.

2. Christ, the Blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of Life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of Life;
All so freely given, wooing us to Heaven.

Refrain

3. Sweetly echo the Gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Saviour, sanctify forever.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 355 TRUSTING JESUS

EDGAR P. STITES

1. Simply trusting every day,
Trusting through a stormy way;
Even when my faith is small,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain

Trusting as the moments fly, trusting as the days go by;
Trusting Him whate'er befall, trusting Jesus, that is all.

2. Brightly doth His Spirit shine
Into this poor heart of mine;
While He leads I cannot fall;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain

3. Singing if my way is clear,
Praying if the path be drear;
If in danger, for Him call;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain

4. Trusting Him while life shall last,
Trusting Him till earth be past;
Till within the Jasper Wall,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 66 TO GOD BE THE GLORY

FANNY J. CROSBY

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain



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