

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 29 June 2025*

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## MEDITATION

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REV DR CHARLES TAN

**Text: Psalm 111**

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## THE FEAR OF THE LORD

### THE WORKS OF THE LORD

The focus of Psalm 111 is "The works of God." The Psalmist reviews the majestic works of God and stands in awe!

<sup>7</sup>The works of His  
hands *are* verity and justice;  
All His precepts *are* sure.

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<sup>8</sup> They stand fast forever and ever,  
*And are* done in truth and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup> He has sent redemption to His people;  
He has commanded His covenant forever:  
Holy and awesome *is* His name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom;  
A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*.  
His praise endures forever.

Psalm 111:7-10

## 1. Works highlighted

- a) His works are indeed “verity and justice”
- b) His words (precepts) are steadfast and sure
- c) His redemption plan is amazing
- d) His covenant stands forever

## 2. Appropriate responses

- a) To stand in awe of the holy name of God
- b) To cultivate the fear of the Lord

## THE RESPONSE OF GOD

1. To give good understanding to those who fear Him
2. To bless further as we relate to God responsibly
3. God’s responses are always wondrous!

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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 uplifted through worship and fellowship!



## THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
  - a) Combined Seniors Program  
Tuesday, 1 July 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
  - b) There will be no Seniors Program on Thursday, 3 July 2025
  
2. Sunday School Teacher's Retreat
  - a) Friday, 4 July 2025 | 8.00pm
  - b) Saturday, 5 July 2025 | 9.00am
  
3. Saturday, 5 July 2025
  - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
  - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm
  
4. Sunday Ministry, 6 July 2025
  - a) Sunday School | 8.30am
  - b) Morning Worship Service | 10.30am
  - c) Chinese Worship Service | 10.30am
  - d) Children's Worship I and II | 10.30am
  - e) Crèche I and II | 10.30am
  - f) Catechism Class | 1.30pm



## HOLY COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

1. Morning Worship Service
2. Chinese Worship Service

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## NEW SERIES OF PULPIT MESSAGES

(JULY- AUGUST 2025)

"From glory to glory" 2 Corinthians 3:18



## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S RETREAT

4-5 July 2025

Studies: Lessons from the prophets of God

Theme: "As the LORD God of Israel lives,  
before whom I stand" 1 Kings 17

The Sunday School Teacher's Retreat is a special time of learning and instruction for all our Sunday School Teachers. It seeks to bring spiritual renewal and refreshment to all who serve the Lord.

This Retreat, we will be looking at the life of Elijah, a great prophet and servant of God (1 Kings 17). Through the study of his life, we hope to:

1. Comprehend the prophetic ministry
2. Be challenged by the testimony of the lives of the prophets
3. Find inspiration to serve the Lord better

Venue: Church Sanctuary

Session details:

Session 1: Friday, 4 July, 8:00-9:15pm

Session 2: Saturday, 5 July, 9:00-10:00am

Session 3: Saturday, 5 July, 10:30-11:30am

Lunch will be provided after Session 3 for a time of fellowship.

Sunday School Teachers, please sign up with your respective Sunday School Superintendents.

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The retreat will be live-streamed for all in Bethany.

Thank you!



## **GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS**

**Breakfast: Sam & Danae Cheong; Esther Chia**

**Lunch: Teng Ping & Wei Chang; Charles, Ainslie & Timothy**



## **CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+2 ANNIVERSARY**

Theme: "From glory to glory"

Date: 24 August 2025

Venue: Shangri La Hotel

Time: 10:30am

Anniversary Lunch: 12.00nn

Plan to book your table soon.

To register for Anniversary Lunch, please scan the QR code below



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## CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+2 ANNIVERSARY: CHILDREN'S SPECIAL LUNCH PROGRAM

As part of our 50 +2 Anniversary celebrations at Shangri La, there will be a separate Lunch Program especially for the children.

They will have their own lunch menu and program in a separate room, taken care of by our staff and volunteers.

### **Details**

Date: 24 August 2025

Venue: Shangri La (Azalea Room)

Time: 12.15pm - 2.00pm

This is open to **children aged 4 to 12.**

Please contact Pastor Ben Quah (9752 3036) if you have any queries.

Scan QR code to register your child for the **Children's Special Lunch Program**:



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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## Psalm 9:7-8

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD shall endure forever;  
He has prepared His throne for judgment.

<sup>8</sup> He shall judge the world in righteousness,  
And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.

### 1. The throne of the Lord

- a) To represent God's rule
- b) His reign will endure forever

### 2. The judgment of God

- a) He will judge the world in righteousness
- b) He will administer judgment in uprightness

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 29 June 2025**

Text: The fear of the LORD *leads* to life

Proverbs 19:23

*The fear of the LORD leads to life,  
And he who has it will abide in satisfaction;  
He will not be visited with evil. Proverbs 19:23*

1. Two blessings of the fear of the Lord to be noted
  - a) It leads to life
  - b) There is satisfaction
  
2. A special protection
  - a) He will not be visited by evil
  - b) Protection will be given

**NEXT SUNDAY: 6 July 2025**

Text: The glory of the LORD

*Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered  
it six days. Exodus 24:16*

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# POETRY CORNER

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#1

## SPECIAL BLESSINGS FROM FEARING THE LORD

The fear of the Lord must be cultivated;  
The works of God are contemplated.  
The divine works of God are glorious;  
They reflect God's true righteousness.

The work of redemption reflects grace;  
The heart must be drawn to seek God's face.  
The Word of God is to be deeply appreciated;  
The heart is filled with wonder as it is elevated.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
Understanding is never bestowed at random.  
The Lord grants blessings to those who fear Him;  
This is a truth that is truly worth proclaiming.

God's covenant given to His people is everlasting;  
Within this covenant there are countless blessings.  
The challenge is to learn how to fear the Lord;  
May the heart truly stand in great awe of God!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 111:7-10

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# POETRY CORNER

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#2

## The Purpose of Man's Life

It was a poignant moment when a celebration of life was conflicted  
by the sad news about a mourning;

It is perhaps at a time like this when one contemplates life's meaning.  
A man can spend his whole life in pursuit of riches, knowledge, or pleasure;  
But is a wealth of achievement in power and wisdom,  
life's successful measure?

We live in a time of social and moral upheavals amidst geo economic uncertainty;  
Many find the old adages about ambition and industry often end in futility.  
Beyond human control are elusive factors like time and serendipity;  
Some even argue it is injustice that both the meek and wicked  
face ultimate mortality.

It is the fear of God that will cause a man to turn from the world's  
intoxicating influence to become sober;

To love his fellow men and cultivate relationships that matter.  
The fear of the Lord will cause him to refrain from self-righteousness  
and remain humble;

To persevere and manage in today's unjust world of inconsistencies and trouble.

We read how King Solomon began by declaring "all is vanity"  
almost to the point of exasperation;

Yet, to "fear God and keep His commandments" was his ultimate conclusion.

As believers, may we be challenged to examine our own lives' focus  
and preoccupation;

May we too, be able to learn much from his contemplation and illumination.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 12:13

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# POETRY CORNER

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#3

## Futility of worldly pursuits

King Solomon was not fulfilled in seeking worldly wisdom and achievements  
Any pleasure felt was fleeting and did not give lasting satisfaction  
He realised that it was futile to find life's meaning in earthly pursuits  
Man is foolish and limited with tendencies to accumulate material possessions

Life is experienced in a series of seasons which is cyclical in nature  
Changes are inevitable and unpredictable but the Lord decides them  
We are thus reminded that our lives are in His control and measure  
Let us humbly accept the ups and downs of life  
and find its meaning in God's plan

It is all vanity and pride when we choose to walk in our own paths  
God will bring judgment on our every thought, action visible or hidden  
We cannot escape from His sight as He sees right through to our hearts  
Endeavour to keep His commandments and not lust after fruits which are  
forbidden

It is therefore wise to fear and obey God because ultimately  
He determines our fate  
Keeping His commandments enriches our lives with bountiful blessings from God  
Believers come to understand the commandments are from our Father,  
loving and great  
Nothing else matters more in life than to honour and fear the Lord

Jessie Quek  
Inspiration: Ecclesiastes 2, 3, 12

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Lai Chung Han

## PRAYER

## HYMNS

HWC 275 | How Firm a Foundation  
Song No. 2 | Behold Our God

## MESSAGE

“Blessed is the man who fears the LORD”

Text : Psalm 112

*Rev. Dr. Charles Tan*

## CLOSING HYMN

HWC 345 | Blessed Assurance

## BENEDICTION

## OFFERING

## POSTLUDE



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# HYMNS

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## HWC 275 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

JOHN RIPPON

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."
3. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine."
4. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"



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# HYMNS

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## BEHOLD OUR GOD

JONATHAN BAIRD, MEGHAN BAIRD,  
RYAN BAIRD AND STEPHEN ALTROGGE

1. Who has held the oceans in His Hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice,  
All creation rises to rejoice.

### Refrain

Behold Our God seated on His Throne,  
Come let us adore Him.  
Behold our King – nothing can compare,  
Come, let us adore Him.

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

### *Refrain*

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands?  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man.  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign.

### *Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## CP 321 BLESSED ASSURANCE

FANNY CROSBY

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

### Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour, all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour, all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

### *Refrain*

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

### *Refrain*



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