

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 10 August 2025

MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 105

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HE INCREASED HIS PEOPLE STRONGLY

GOD'S MIGHTY HAND INVOLVED

Two pairs of hands were noted by the Psalmist in this Psalm. Of the two, God's hand is of greater significance.

²⁰ The king sent and released him,
The ruler of the people let him go free.

MEDITATION

²¹ He made him lord of his house,
And ruler of all his possessions,
²² To bind his princes at his pleasure,
And teach his elders wisdom.
²³ Israel also came into Egypt,
And Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.
²⁴ He increased His people greatly,
And made them stronger than their enemies.
²⁵ He turned their heart to hate His people,
To deal craftily with His servants.

Psalm 105:20-25

1. The hand of the Pharaoh

- a) He released Joseph from prison
- b) He also made Joseph "lord" of his house
- c) Joseph was made a "ruler" of all his possessions
- d) He was given power and authority even over the princes of Egypt

2. The hand of God

- a) Jacob and his family came to dwell in Egypt with Joseph
- b) God increased the population of Israel significantly
- c) Israel became stronger than Egypt
- d) He caused the Egyptians to deal with the children of Israel with hatred and cunning

TRACING GOD'S HAND IN OUR LIFE

1. Let us learn how to trace God's hand in our life
2. The divine hand is not easy to comprehend but it never makes any mistake
3. Let us celebrate Bethany's 50+2 Anniversary with great joy because of His hand of blessing upon us

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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!



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Sally Tan, Mr. William Chua, Mr. Edward Chua, Mrs. Eileen Yeo, Mr. Joseph Chua and families on the demise of their uncle. The late Mr. Edhy Antoni Lim was called home to be with the Lord on Friday, 8 August 2025. He was 92 years old.



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Sam, Su & Caleb Tham; Isaac Sim

Lunch: Sim Swee Lan, Ping Khuan & Rachel; Andrew & Yan-Yi



CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Huai Zher and Sarah on the occasion of their wedding on 9 August 2025. May their marriage be blessed richly!



CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A GIRL!

Heartfelt congratulations to Sam and Danae on the gift of a baby girl. Baby Laina was born on 5 August 2025. Both mother and baby are doing well.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+2 ANNIVERSARY

Date: 24 August 2025 | Venue: Shangri La Hotel
Time: 10.30am (Worship) | Anniversary Lunch: 12.00nn

1. Let us remember how God has blessed us for yet another year
2. Let us count our blessings
 - a) As a Church
 - b) As individuals
3. Let us respond with gratitude and joy!
Let us offer grateful worship to the Lord at our Church Anniversary!

Sign up today!

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



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**:



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 12 August 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 14 August 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
2. Saturday, 16 August 2025
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm
3. Sunday Ministry, 17 August 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



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 10 August 2025

Text: "The brightness of His glory" Hebrews 1:3

Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

1. The Lord Jesus described
 - a) He is the brightness of God's glory
 - b) He is the express Divine image of God
 - c) He upholds all things by the word of His power
2. One special work of the Lord Jesus highlighted
He Himself purged our sins!
3. Where the Lord Jesus is right now
He sits at the right hand of God's majesty on high

NEXT SUNDAY: 17 August 2025

Text: "The hope of glory" Colossians 1:27

*To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
Colossians 1:27*

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 12:6-7

⁶The words of the LORD *are* pure words,
Like silver tried in a furnace of earth,
Purified seven times.

⁷You shall keep them, O LORD,
You shall preserve them from this generation forever

1. The words of the Lord
 - a) They are pure words
 - b) They are compared to silver purified seven times
2. God's regard for His own words
 - a) He will keep them
 - b) He will preserve them

POETRY CORNER

#1

HE INCREASED HIS PEOPLE SIGNIFICANTLY

The hand of the Pharaoh in Joseph's life is to be noted;
He was released from the prison and was promoted.
He was made a ruler over the Pharaoh's possession;
He was now the mighty governor of the Egyptians.

God's hand was of even greater significance;
The land he avoided, Egypt became his residence.
Jacob brought his entire family to dwell in Goshen;
God's hand of blessing was on His beloved chosen.

The children of Israel began to thrive greatly;
Their numbers grew strongly and steadily.
They became so strong that Egypt was worried;
The Pharaoh began to make plans that were horrid.

The wicked plans were not unknown to God;
Nothing was out of the control of the Lord.
God's plan was difficult to comprehend;
Israel feared that things had gotten out of hand!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 105:20-25

POETRY CORNER

#2

God's Mercy in Our Ministry

God gives to each one his talents and unique personality;
Let us employ and use them to serve in ministry.
For the Lord has also granted grace and bounteous mercy;
To help us persevere despite human insufficiency.

Challenges in ministry will abound no matter human ability;
Enthusiasm will fizzle when we depend on human fervor solely.
But God's provision of grace, strength, and wisdom is His mercy;
Our assurance that He will aid us in overcoming difficulty.

We will aim to let the light in our Christian lives shine out brightly;
The focus is never on ourselves but the Lord Jesus and His glory.
For we are mere bondservants who should serve in humility;
For the Savior's sake, and for the salvation of many.

As we approach Bethany's 50+2 anniversary;
An opportunity to reflect on God's goodness and His mercy.
Let more brethren resolve to get involved to serve in ministry;
Let us strive to be a beacon of light in today's lost society.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Ang Wei Han

Mr. Ryan Kang

PRAYER

HYMNS

HWC 445 | Something for Thee

HWC 309 | Pass It On

MESSAGE

“We have this treasure in earthen vessels”

Text : 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Rev. Mitchell Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 372 | Living for Jesus

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

HWC 445 SOMETHING FOR THEE

SYLVANUS D. PHELPS

1. Saviour, Thy dying love, Thou gavest me,
Nor should I ought withhold, dear Lord, from Thee:
In love my soul would bow, my heart fulfill its vow,
Some off'ring bring Thee now, something for Thee.

2. At the blest Mercy Seat, pleading for me,
My feeble faith looks up, Jesus, to Thee:
Help me the cross to bear, Thy wondrous love declare,
Some song to raise, or pray'r, something for Thee.

3. Give me a faithful heart, likeness to Thee,
That each departing day henceforth may see
Some work of love begun, some deed of kindness done,
Some wand'rer sought and won, something for Thee.

4. All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,
In joy, in grief, through life, dear Lord, for Thee!
And when Thy face I see, my ransom'd soul shall be,
Through all eternity, something for Thee.



HYMNS

HWC 309 PASS IT ON

KURT KAISER

1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You spread His love to ev'ryone, you want to pass it on.

2. What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

3. I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found -
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on!



HYMNS

HWC 372 LIVING FOR JESUS

THOMAS O. CHRISHOLM

1. Living for Jesus a life that is true,
Striving to please Him in all that I do;
Yielding allegiance, gladhearted and free,
This is the path way of blessing for me.

Refrain

O Jesus, Lord and Saviour, I give myself to Thee,
For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy Throne;
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

2. Living for Jesus who died in my place,
Bearing on Calv'ry my sin and disgrace;
Such love constrains me to answer His call,
Follow His leading and give Him my all.

Refrain

3. Living for Jesus wherever I am,
Doing each duty in His holy name;
Willing to suffer affliction and loss,
Deeming each trial a part of my cross.

Refrain

4. Living for Jesus through earth's little while,
My dearest treasure, the light of His smile,
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him.

Refrain



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