

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 14 September 2025*

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## MEDITATION

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REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 25

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## SEEKING THE LORD EARNESTLY

### NOTHING IS TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED

David was but a shepherd boy when God identified him as the next king of Israel. God allowed him to experience severe difficulties in his life though he was destined to be the ruler of Israel. Through all the trials

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# MEDITATION

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he had to endure, he learned valuable lessons!

<sup>4</sup> Show me Your ways, O LORD;

Teach me Your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

For You *are* the God of my salvation;

On You I wait all the day.

Psalm 25:4-5

1. He learned to seek God in prayer

a) David was very inclined to seeking God in prayer

b) He cultivated a significant relationship with God through prayer

2. Praying to God

a) It was never asking for things in a general or vague way

b) David sought God in prayer in a remarkable manner

3. One focus became four aspects

a) The single focus was God's leading in his life

b) Four specific petitions were made to God

i. For God to Show His ways

ii. For God to Teach His paths

iii. For God to Lead in His truth

iv. For God to Teach personally

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

1. Let us seek the Lord as our God of salvation

2. Let us learn to wait upon the Lord as we seek Him in prayer

May we cultivate a strong and dynamic relationship with God through prayer!

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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 today. May your heart be drawn close to the Lord through worship and fellowship!



## **GREETINGS FROM PERTH**

Pastor Charles Tan sends greetings from Perth. He will be returning home tomorrow.



## **BETHEL CELEBRATES ITS 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Bethel celebrates its 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary today. Bethany sends congratulations to Bethel on this occasion.



## **GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS**

**Breakfast: Jerry & Alina**

**Lunch: Shawn & Charlene; Dennis, Patience & Eden Ong**



## **YOUTH CONFERENCE 2025**

**"Reconciled to God" - 2 Corinthians 5:20**

The much anticipated Youth Conference is around the corner! As we learn about being reconciled to God, may we appreciate our salvation so much more, and may it inspire us to live for Him in every aspect of our lives.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Details

Dates: 1-4 December 2025 (Monday - Thursday)

Venue: Bethany IPC Main Sanctuary

Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm daily

## Age

Open to youths aged 13 and above.

## Fellowship Lunch

Lunch will be provided every day. It would be an opportunity for us to relate to and fellowship with one another.

## Fees

\$25.00

Do sign up early to assist in the planning of the programme.

If there are any queries, please feel free to contact Joshua Phang at 8028 6194.

You may register online by scanning the QR Code below:



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

### 1. Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 16 September 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
- b) Thursday, 18 September 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am

### 2. Saturday, 20 September 2025

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

### 3. Sunday Ministry, 21 September 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



## MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATION 2025

We will be having a Mid-Autumn celebration in the first week of October.  
If you wish to attend, kindly sign up at the booth in the Fellowship Hall.

### Details

Date: 4 October 2025, Saturday

Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Bethany IPC Main Sanctuary

Followed by Fellowship High Tea



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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## Psalm 18:20-22

<sup>20</sup> The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness;  
According to the cleanness of my hands  
He has recompensed me.

<sup>21</sup> For I have kept the ways of the LORD,  
And have not wickedly departed from my God.

<sup>22</sup> For all His judgments *were* before me,  
And I did not put away His statutes from me.

### 1. The Lord's Reward

- a) This is in part His recompense
- b) He will judge and reward accordingly

### 2. The Lord's Review of our life

- a) According to our righteousness
- b) According to the cleanness of our hands
- c) According to how we have kept His ways

### 3. The check we must do on our part

- a) Have we departed from the Lord?
- b) Have we put away His statutes from us?
- c) Are His judgments before us?

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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## **TODAY: 14 September 2025**

Text: And there He prayed

*Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. Mark 1:35*

1. Praying in the early morning

The Lord Jesus began each day with prayer

2. Praying as a discipline

The Lord mastered the discipline of praying consistently and faithfully

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 21 September 2025**

Text: All night in prayer to God Luke 6:12

*Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. Luke 6:12*

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# POETRY CORNER

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#1

## SHOW ME YOUR WAYS

David has proven himself as a ruler;  
He was truly a courageous leader.  
He went into battles with his men;  
His presence brought encouragement.

David knew the challenges of being a king;  
There were many problems that required solving.  
Human limitations could not be ignored;  
Thus, of the Lord, David prayed and implored.

He asked the Lord to show His ways;  
He would wait on the Lord every day.  
He pleaded for God's paths to be revealed;  
He asked that His truths be not concealed.

The Lord was the God of his salvation;  
Without His mercy there would be confusion.  
David learned to seek the Lord in earnestness;  
He sought to cultivate a life of righteousness.

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Psalm 25:4-5

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# POETRY CORNER

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#2

## Why pray

Prayer is the means of communing with the Lord  
The way to develop a deep spiritual relationship with Him  
An access to inform gratitude, worries and desires to God  
In turn to receive wisdom, guidance and comfort from Him

The Holy Spirit descended on the Lord Jesus and drove Him into the  
wilderness

He stayed there for forty days in communion with His Father  
Manifesting the power of His relationship with God in overcoming spiritual  
battles

Let us ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit and driven to prayer hereafter

Yield to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to lead in prayer  
As we do not know what we ought to be praying for  
Do we pray for grave illness recovery or be called home by our Father  
Our human nature limits understanding of God's will due to flaws

The Holy Spirit encourages believers to commune with God spiritually  
He will push us into His presence to fellowship with the Lord  
To be in the company of our Father savour the experience joyfully  
In humility may we not demand but plead the promises of God

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Mark 1:10-13; Romans 8:26-27

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# POETRY CORNER

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#3

## THE FUTURE CAME TO ME

Quietly but assuredly, the future came to me,  
When gently, undeservedly,  
You took mortality from me.  
This dark raiment of death and doom,  
For far too long a false heirloom.

Tenderly, triumphantly, the future came to me,  
When slowly, but resolutely,  
I found my faith in Thee.  
This bright linen of timeless love  
Has swallowed up a life of dearth.

Finally, eventually, the future shall cease to be,  
When eternity's mystery  
Becomes a distant unreality.  
Life's short slumber has come and gone,  
My eyes awake at Your kiss of dawn!

David Cai

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Mrs. Khoo Lay See & Mrs. Kalen Lam*

## PRAYER

## HYMNS

CP 57 | Worthy of Worship  
CP 308 | Thanks to God for my Redeemer

## SPECIAL ITEM

"I Will Dwell in God Most High"  
*Senior Sunday School 3*

## MESSAGE

"Departed to a solitary place, and there He prayed"  
Text : Luke 4; Mark 1:29-39  
*Rev. Eugene Seow*

## CLOSING HYMN

HWC 365 | Close to Thee

## BENEDICTION

## OFFERING

## POSTLUDE



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# HYMNS

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## CP 57 WORTHY OF WORSHIP

TERRY W. YORK

1. Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,  
Worthy of honour and glory;  
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,  
Worthy of all of the off'rings we bring.

### Refrain

You are worthy, Father, Creator,  
You are worthy, Saviour, Sustainer,  
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;  
Worthy of worship and praise.

2. Worthy of rev'ence, worthy of fear,  
Worthy of love and devotion;  
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,  
Worthy of all this and added to these...

### *Refrain*

3. Almighty Father, Master and Lord,  
King of all kings and Redeemer,  
Wonderful Counsellor, Comforter, Friend,  
Saviour and Source of our life without end.

### *Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## CP 308 THANKS TO GOD FOR MY REDEEMER

AUGUST L. STORM

1. Thanks to God for My Redeemer,  
Thanks for all Thou dost provide!  
Thanks for times now but a memory,  
Thanks for Jesus by my side!  
Thanks for pleasant, balmy spring-time,  
Thanks for dark and dreary fall!  
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,  
Thanks for peace within my soul!
  
2. Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,  
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!  
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,  
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!  
Thanks for pain and thanks for pleasure,  
Thanks for comfort in despair!  
Thanks for grace that none can measure,  
Thanks for love beyond compare!
  
3. Thanks for roses by the wayside,  
Thanks for thorns their stems contain!  
Thanks for homes and thanks for fireside,  
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain!  
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,  
Thanks for heav'nly peace with Thee!  
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,  
Thanks through all eternity.



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# HYMNS

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## HWC 365 CLOSE TO THEE

FANNY J. CROSBY

1. Thou my Everlasting Portion,  
More than friend or life to me;  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
Saviour, let me walk with Thee.

Refrain

Close to Thee, close to Thee,  
Close to Thee, close to Thee;  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
Saviour, let me walk with Thee.

2. Not for ease or worldly pleasure,  
Not for fame my prayer shall be;  
Gladly will I toil and suffer,  
Only let me walk with Thee.

*Refrain*

3. Lead me through the vale of shadows,  
Bear me o'er life's fitful sea;  
Then the gate of life eternal  
May I enter, Lord, with Thee.

*Refrain*



# I Will Dwell In God Most High

Inspired by Psalm 91

Performed by: Senior Sunday School 3

1. He who dwells in God Most High,  
Abides under His wings.  
None by day nor darkest night  
Shall have its grip on me.

## Chorus

To the One who hears my every plea,  
To the One who comforts me:  
Be my refuge in my days of strife,  
I will trust Your plan divine.  
To the One whose hands, my soul, will keep,  
To the One who covers me:  
I will lift my voice to You in praise  
For Your faithfulness to me.

2. I will dwell in God Most High  
Who keeps me in my ways.  
All-sufficient grace is mine;  
His love will not forsake.

## *Chorus*

3. I will dwell in God Most High;  
His Word, my hope and stay.  
To the Rock I'll turn my eyes,  
And love Him all my days.

## *Chorus*



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