

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 28 September 2025*

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## MEDITATION

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REV DR CHARLES TAN

**Text: Psalm 25**

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## GOOD AND UPRIGHT IS THE LORD

### A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF GOD

The Psalmist had discovered much about the Lord. In this short text he highlights what he has learned about God.

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright *is* the LORD;  
Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

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# MEDITATION

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<sup>9</sup> The humble He guides in justice,

And the humble He teaches His way.

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth,

To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

<sup>11</sup> For Your name's sake, O LORD,

Pardon my iniquity, for it *is* great.

Psalm 25:8-11

## 1. Precious attributes of God

That the Lord is good

And that He is also upright

## 2. Gracious deeds of God

He will teach sinners in the way they should go

He will guide the humble in His way of justice

He will teach the humble His way

## 3. The paths of the Lord

They are characterized by mercy

They are distinguished by truth

The paths of the Lord are shown to those who keep His covenant and truth

## 4. A plea to the Lord

For His forgiveness

For cleansing of iniquities

This confession was made candidly before the Lord

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

1. To draw nearer to the Lord

2. To seek cleansing from our sins

3. To ask the Lord to teach us His ways

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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 drawn closer to our Saviour through worship and fellowship!



## **HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY**

5 October 2025



## *CONGRATULATIONS*

Heartfelt congratulations to Nicholas and Li Hui on the occasion of their wedding on 27 September 2025. May the Lord's blessings be bestowed on them.



## **CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A GIRL!**

Heartfelt congratulations to You Cai and Alvina on the gift of a baby girl. Baby Katherine was born on 26 September 2025. Both mother and baby are doing well.



## **GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS**

**Breakfast: Noah Chong; Samuel Mok**

**Lunch: Mr. & Mrs. Ho; John & Lai Heong; Daniel Seow**



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 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.

### 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) Combined Seniors Program

Tuesday, 30 September 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am

- b) There will be no Seniors Program on Thursday, 2 October 2025

### 2. Saturday, 4 October 2025

- a) Mid-Autumn Celebration | 3.00pm

- b) No YPG/ YAG

- c) No Youth Worship

### 3. Sunday Ministry, 5 October 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 18:23-24

<sup>23</sup> I was also blameless before Him,  
And I kept myself from my iniquity.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore the LORD has recompensed me  
according to my righteousness,  
According to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.

### 1. A blameless life

- a) It is not a sinless life
- b) It is marked by an absence of iniquity (evil)

### 2. Recompense from the Lord

- a) He blesses according to our righteousness
- b) He blessed according to the cleanness of our hands in His sight

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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## **TODAY: 28 September 2025**

Text: Pray to your Father

*But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.*

*Matthew 6:6*

1. Seeking God in "the secret place"
2. It is a concept similar to "the wilderness" mentioned in Mark 1:35
3. The key focus is your personal relationship with the Lord
4. The Lord will bless as we make the effort to set aside time to pray

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 5 October 2025**

Text: Let your requests be made known to God

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.*

*Philippians 4:6*

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# POETRY CORNER

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#1

## GOOD AND UPRIGHT IS THE LORD

The God we worship is good and upright;  
We need not fear Him when we walk aright.  
Our challenge is to confess our sins candidly;  
The Lord will hear as we plead His mercy.

The Lord in His goodness will respond favourably;  
He will be there to show His paths of integrity.  
He knows that we are sinful because of nature;  
He will guide and teach all who seek His favour.

The Lord has already given His covenant;  
His ways are always wonderfully pleasant.  
The Lord would be there when we call to Him;  
He will mightily redeem us from wretched sin.

May we exercise genuine humility as we pray;  
The Lord will be gracious and kind always.  
How good to know that the Lord is truly upright;  
May we desire to learn how we may walk in His light!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Psalm 25:8-11

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# POETRY CORNER

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#2

## Teach Me to Pray

When sicknesses ail me, I pray;  
When life's challenges assail me, I pray.  
It would seem like it is always;  
Petitions, at the Lord's feet I would lay.

When life is good to me, I pray;  
When I escape potential harm, I pray.  
Perhaps when favours come my way;  
Thanksgiving prayers to God, I would say.

Yet prayer ought to be a constant in life, not a constraint;  
It is never a burden, but definitely, our gain.  
Our access to God ought to be approached with awe and reverence;  
And the consciousness of God be experienced most real and imminent.

The Spirit of the Lord will accord knowledge, wisdom,  
understanding, counsel and might;  
But the fear of the Lord is His delight.  
In every context and decision making that come my way;  
May the Spirit of the Lord teach me to pray.

Dr. Sng Li Wah  
Inspiration: Isaiah 11:2-3

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# POETRY CORNER

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#3

## Consciousness of God

To be led by the Holy Spirit we need to be more spirit conscious  
He is a gift from God the Father when man is born again  
The Holy Spirit with His seven-fold nature takes up residence in our hearts  
A magnificent power in the lives of Christians embedded and sustained

Commit to a disciplined prayer life to enhance awareness of the Lord's presence  
Be mindful and recognise His omnipresence throughout the universe  
Ask that God continually breathe His Spirit onto us  
Let us take heed of the works of the Holy Spirit In our daily lives

Consistent engagement in prayer helps us to be more conscious of God  
Reading the scriptures enables better understanding of His will  
Our behaviour and lifestyle will be influenced in daily communion with the Lord  
Faith is deepened in learning to trust and rely on His goodwill

God is in our midst but life's frenetic pace blinds us to His presence  
Awaken and remain awake every day to listen to the voice of the Lord  
For His demands of us today may be different from yesterday's demands  
So open our ears and listen daily with full attention to His Word

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Mark 1; Isaiah 1 1:3

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Milton Ong*

## PRAYER

## HYMNS

VIP 418 | In His Presence  
CP 316 | Have Faith in God

## MESSAGE

“Men always ought to pray”  
Text : Luke 18  
*Rev. Benjamin Chong*

## CLOSING HYMN

CP 375 | I Must Tell Jesus

## BENEDICTION

## OFFERING

## POSTLUDE



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# HYMNS

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## VIP 418 IN HIS PRESENCE

DICK AND MELODIE TUNNEY

In the quiet of this hour, as we kneel before You now,  
We believe Your promise to be faithful.  
We don't always understand what Your perfect will demands,  
But we've learnt to trust You more in Your presence, Lord.

In Your presence, there is comfort,  
In Your presence, there is peace.  
When we seek to know Your heart,  
We will find such bless'd assurance  
In Your holy presence, Lord.

There can be such sweet reward when we wait upon the Lord.  
As we take the time, He gives His perfect wisdom.  
To be found in Him alone, all our deepest secrets known,  
We're surrounded by His grace when we seek His face.

In His presence, there is comfort,  
In His presence, there is peace.  
When we seek the Father's heart  
We will find such bless'd assurance,  
An ever open door to know our Saviour more,  
In the presence of the Lord.



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# HYMNS

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## CP 316 HAVE FAITH IN GOD

B. B. MCKINNEY

1. Have faith in God when your pathway is lonely,  
He sees and knows all the way you have trod;  
Never alone are the least of His children;  
Have faith in God, have faith in God.

Refrain

Have faith in God, He's on His throne;  
Have faith in God, He watches o'er His own;  
He cannot fail, He must prevail;  
Have faith in God, have faith in God.

2. Have faith in God when your pray'rs are unanswered,  
Your earnest plea He will never forget;  
Wait on the Lord, trust His Word and be patient,  
Have faith in God, He'll answer yet.

*Refrain*

3. Have faith in God in your pain and your sorrow,  
His heart is touched with your grief and despair;  
Cast all your cares and your burdens upon Him,  
And leave them there, oh, leave them there.

*Refrain*

4. Have faith in God though all else fail about you;  
Have faith in God, He provides for His own;  
He cannot fail though all kingdoms shall perish,  
He rules, He reigns upon His throne.

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## CP 375 I MUST TELL JESUS

ELISHA A. HOFFMAN

1. I must tell Jesus all of my trials;  
I cannot bear these burdens alone;  
In my distress He kindly will help me;  
He ever loves and cares for His own.

Refrain

I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!  
I cannot bear my burdens alone;  
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!  
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

2. I must tell Jesus all of my troubles;  
He is a kind, compassionate Friend;  
If I but ask Him, He will deliver,  
Make of my troubles quickly an end.

*Refrain*

3. Tempted and tried, I need a great Saviour,  
One who can help my burdens to bear;  
I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus;  
He all my cares and sorrows will share.

*Refrain*

4. O how the world to evil allures me!  
O how my heart is tempted to sin!  
I must tell Jesus, and He will help me  
Over the world the vict'ry to win.

*Refrain*



# Unexpected Places

*Words & Music by: Heather Sorenson*

*Performed by: Crossroads*

“I know the plans I have in store,”  
You whisper in my ear,  
Words of affirmation,  
Things I need to hear.  
But of all the things You planned for me,  
I never would have guessed  
That bringing me right here  
Is what You call Your best.

But here I am in this unexpected place;  
A place I did not ask for,  
But one that’s filled with grace.  
And here I am in this room I did not plan,  
But Jesus, You are here,  
Jesus, You are grace,  
Jesus, You are with me  
In this unexpected place.

And in this room, I’ll learn the truth that  
“Blessed are the poor;  
Blessed are the scorned;  
Blessed are those who mourn.”  
And in this room, You’ll teach me that  
This time is not in vain.  
There’s purpose for the pain,  
And beauty still remains.

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Jesus, You are with me  
In this unexpected place.

So may we find the fulness  
That comes from empty spaces.  
Jesus waits for us  
In these unexpected places.  
Jesus waits for us  
In these unexpected places.

If you find yourself in an unexpected place,  
A place you did not ask for,  
But oh, friend, there is grace.  
If you find yourself in a room of emptiness,  
Jesus is there,  
Jesus is grace,  
Jesus is with you  
In this unexpected place,  
In this unexpected place.



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