

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 12 October 2025*

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## MEDITATION

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REV DR CHARLES TAN

**Text: Psalm 25**

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## DESOLATE AND AFFLICTED

### THE TROUBLES OF LIFE

David found himself in many distressing situations in his life. Being an anointed king of Israel did not mean that he would be spared from problems.

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# MEDITATION

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<sup>16</sup> Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me,  
For I *am* desolate and afflicted.

<sup>17</sup> The troubles of my heart have enlarged;  
Bring me out of my distresses!

<sup>18</sup> Look on my affliction and my pain,  
And forgive all my sins. Psalm 25:16-18

1. Problems faced as a king
  - a) Court problems
  - b) Political challenges
  - c) Economic challenges to the country
  - d) Enemies that threatened war
  
2. Personal problems
  - a) Feeling desolated
  - b) Feeling afflicted
  - c) Feeling distress
  - d) Increment of troubles
  - e) Sin that brought sorrow and pain

## **THE CHALLENGE TO PRAY**

1. The wisest thing to do was to seek God in prayer
2. Seeking God earnestly was the right thing to do
3. Finding rest and reassurance from 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 Christ with us today. May your heart be encouraged through worship and fellowship!



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Heartfelt congratulations to Glen and Li Ping on the occasion of their wedding on 11 October 2025. Every blessing on your marriage!



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

Heartfelt congratulations to Samuel and Su-An on the gift of another baby boy. Baby Elliot was born on 9 October 2025. Both mother and baby are doing well.



## **CHURCH SPRING CLEANING**

We will be organizing a Spring Cleaning for our Church premises. Thank God for the Church building He has given to us.

### **Details**

Date: Monday, 20 October 2025

Time: 8:30am-12:30pm

Lunch will be provided.

If you would like to be part of the Church Spring Cleaning, please sign up with either Deacon George, Pastor Eugene or Pastor Moses.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS**

**Breakfast: Shannie Tay**

**Lunch: Gavin, Cherie, Jasher & Elior**



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S RETREAT**

**24-25 October 2025**

Studies: Lessons from the prophets of God  
Theme: "Readied for Greater Works" (1 Kings 18)

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 18). 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, 24 October, 8:00-9:15pm

Session 2: Saturday, 25 October, 9:00-10:00am

Session 3: Saturday, 25 October, 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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# 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) Tuesday, 14 October 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
  - b) Thursday, 16 October 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
  
2. Saturday, 18 October 2025
  - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
  - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm
  
3. Sunday Ministry, 12 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



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## BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 12 October 2025**

Text: Whatever you ask in My name

*And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may  
be glorified in the Son. John 14:13*

1. Prayers are to be made to God the Father
2. We are to pray through the Lord Jesus
  - a) He is our High Priest
  - b) He is our Mediator

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**NEXT SUNDAY: 19 October 2025**

Text: Ask and you will receive John 16:24

*Until now you have asked nothing in My name.*

*Ask, and you will receive that your joy may be full. John 16:24*

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## WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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### Psalm 18:28-30

<sup>28</sup> For You will light my lamp;

The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

<sup>29</sup> For by You I can run against a troop,

By my God I can leap over a wall.

<sup>30</sup> *As for God, His way is perfect;*

The word of the LORD is proven;

He *is* a shield to all who trust in Him.

1. God can give Light
  - a) He gives light
  - b) He will enlighten our darkness
  
2. God can give strength
  - a) We can overcome enemies
  - b) We can battle and be victorious
  
3. God's ways
  - a) They are perfect
  - b) His word is proven
  - c) God protects all who trust Him

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## DESOLATE AND AFFLICTED

Life can be stressful and challenging;  
One may even feel it's not worth living.  
Desolation and affliction hurt deeply;  
The heart and mind are affected badly.

Nobody is spared from life's troubles;  
Trials and tribulation can be terrible.  
The heart finds no rest in the night;  
The mind is numbed through fright.

Praying to God is the wisest thing to do;  
The petitioner will find respite that is true.  
The mercy of the Lord is what we need;  
It is the grace of God that we must seek.

God can deal with our sins that bring torment;  
He will forgive even as He provides atonement.  
Let the distresses of life see us turn to the Lord;  
Mercy will be tenderly given by our gracious God.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 25:16-18

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# POETRY CORNER

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#2

## Watch and Pray

The Lord Jesus instructed the disciples to watch with Him and pray  
They woefully failed to do so as they were found asleep  
To watch is to stay vigilant and not into temptations stray  
The spirit is willing but sadly the flesh is weak

Impose self-discipline to not be caught unaware of distractions  
Sleepiness overpowered the disciples causing grief to the Lord  
For He knew what laid ahead and was in store for the disciples  
They must be spiritually strong to overcome the evil one or be floored

We need to also watch and pray especially in the troubled world of today  
Engage with the Holy Spirit to intercede for the suffering of the oppressed  
Humbly align our prayers to the Lord's will and ways  
And wait patiently for His answers to be delivered

Satan's attacks are so subtle that we are often unsuspecting and ignorant  
With the Word and Power of God resist sins through watching and praying  
Imperative to watch and pray to maintain readiness for the Lord's return  
Since we know neither the day nor hour in which the Son of Man is coming

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Matthew 26:36-46; 25:13

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# POETRY CORNER

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#3

## Watch and Pray

Excuses abound to explain why we do not pray;  
We have no time, and are tired by the end of a long day.  
Ubiquitous distractions persist to creep into our way;  
Yet truth be told, it is the lack of faith, I would say.

When things go wrong and we are driven into crisis prayers;  
Still, we fight shy of confronting our innermost emotions and cares.  
Prayers seem futile as denial and inner turmoil continue to fester;  
Conflict exists between our will and that of our Heavenly Father's.

Only full submission to God can cause calmness to return;  
A lesson which man finds much difficulty to learn.  
Only when our aspirations align with the Lord's plan for our lives;  
Can blissfulness be heartfelt and inner peace be derived.

So let us cultivate the desire to continuously pray;  
And make steadfast prayer lives our mainstay.  
Be it by night or at break of day;  
Let us always be diligent to watch and to pray.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Matthew 26:41; Isaiah 26:9

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. Mitchell Tan*

## PRAYER

## HYMNS

HWC 556 | Now Thank We All Our God

HWC 261 | Fill Me Now

## MESSAGE

“Continued with one accord in prayer and supplication”

Text : Acts 1

*Rev. Benjamin Quah*

## CLOSING HYMN

VIP 458 | Never Give Up

## BENEDICTION

## OFFERING

## POSTLUDE



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# HYMNS

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## HWC 556 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

MARTIN RINKART

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done in whom His world rejoices;  
Who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God, through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.



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# HYMNS

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## HWC 261 FILL ME NOW

ELWOOD H. STOKES

1. Hover o'er me, Holy Spirit,  
Bathe my trembling heart and brow;  
Fill me with Thy hallow'd presence,  
Come, O come and fill me now.

Refrain

Fill me now, fill me now,  
Jesus, come and fill me now;  
Fill me with Thy hallowed presence –  
Come, O come and fill me now.

2. Thou canst fill me, gracious Spirit,  
Though I cannot tell Thee how;  
But I need Thee, greatly need Thee,  
Come, O come and fill me now.

*Refrain*

3. I am weakness, full of weakness,  
At Thy sacred feet I bow;  
Blest, divine, eternal Spirit,  
Fill with pow'r, and fill me now.

*Refrain*

4. Cleanse and comfort, bless and save me,  
Bathe, O bathe my heart and brow;  
Thou are comforting and saving,  
Thou art sweetly filling now.

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## VIP 458 NEVER GIVE UP

FANNY J. CROSBY

1. Never be sad or desponding, if thou hast faith to believe;  
Grace, for the duties before thee,  
Ask of thy God and receive.

Refrain

Never give up, never give up,  
Never give up to thy sorrows, Jesus will bid them depart;  
Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord,  
Sing when your trials are greatest,  
Trust in the Lord and take heart.

2. What if thy burdens oppress thee;  
What though thy life may be drear;  
Look on the side that is brightest, pray, and thy path will be clear.

*Refrain*

3. Never be sad or desponding, there is a morrow for thee;  
Soon thou shalt dwell in its brightness,  
There with the Lord thou shalt be.

*Refrain*

4. Never be sad or desponding, lean on the arm of thy Lord;  
Dwell in the depths of His mercy,  
Thou shalt receive thy reward.

*Refrain*



# When We Pray

*Words & Music by: Cindy Berry*

*Performed by: One Voice*


What a blessing, what a privilege,  
Just to talk to God in prayer,  
Seeking forgiveness, asking for wisdom,  
Giving Him our every care.  
Your Father waits for you;  
Come to Him today.  
You are welcome in His presence as you pray.

When we pray,  
We turn our heart t'ward heaven and seek the Father's face.  
When we pray,  
We find His wondrous love, and the miracle of grace.  
His arms are open, His ears are list'ning  
To every word we say.  
All things are possible when we pray.

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Mountains can be moved, victories can be won  
As we pray in the name of Jesus.  
Our Father in heaven,  
Thy will be done.

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