

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 19 October 2025

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 25

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INTEGRITY AND UPRIGHTNESS

CHALLENGES IN LIFE

The challenges David faced as a king were numerous. There were enemies of the state and there were also personal foes. How did he cope with such challenges?

MEDITATION

¹⁹ Consider my enemies, for they are many;

And they hate me with cruel hatred.

²⁰ Keep my soul, and deliver me;

Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.

²¹ Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,

For I wait for You.

²² Redeem Israel, O God,

Out of all their troubles!

Psalm 25:19-22

1. Bringing everything to God in prayer
 - a) The enemies at hand
 - b) Their fierce hatred

2. Praying over all things
 - a) Praying for deliverance
 - b) Praying for protection
 - c) Praying for redemption

3. Manner of praying
 - a) This is of vital importance
 - b) Trust in the Lord must be exercised
 - c) Waiting upon God is also just as vital

A FURTHER STEP TO TAKE

1. To practise integrity
2. To cultivate righteousness
3. These are the things that require our attention

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mr. Chia Lain Heng, Mdm. Fiona Chia and families on the demise of their mother, Mdm. Tan Tah Chuan. The late Mdm. Tan was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, 16 October 2025. She was 89 years old.



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.



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Baoling, Edwin & Titus Koh

Lunch: Timon & Charissa; Glen & Li Ping



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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:



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Church Spring Cleaning
Monday, 20 October 2025 | 8.30am- 12.30pm

2. Seniors Program
 - a) There will be no Seniors Program on Tuesday, 21 October 2025
 - b) Thursday, 23 October 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am

3. Sunday School Teacher's Retreat
 - a) Friday, 24 October 2025 | 8.00pm
 - b) Saturday, 25 October 2025 | 9.00am

4. Saturday, 26 October 2025
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

5. Sunday Ministry, 27 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



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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

1. The Disciples were not given to praying much
2. The Lord taught them to pray
 - a) God will receive prayers
 - b) He will grant fulness of joy

NEXT SUNDAY: 26 October 2025

Text: Ask and it will be given to you

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 18:31-32

³¹ For who *is* God, except the LORD?

And who *is* a rock, except our God?

³² *It is* God who arms me with strength,

And makes my way perfect.

1. Who is God?

- a) He is the Lord
- b) He is also our Rock

2. What can God do?

- a) He can strengthen us
- b) He can make our way "perfect"

POETRY CORNER

1

I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU

There are many challenges in life;
Because of enemies, we will see strife.
The wisest thing to do is to pray;
We must seek God without delay.

Trust in the Lord must be exercised;
It must be supported by heeding advice.
We must wait on the Lord for His protection;
The Lord will preserve us from destruction.

Integrity must be our way of life;
Uprightness will enable us to thrive.
The prayers of the saints would be answered;
The faith we have in God must be treasured.

The prayer for redemption is of importance;
Our manner of prayer is also of significance.
Let us seek to deepen our faith in the Lord;
May we ever be kept by the power of God.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 25:19-22

POETRY CORNER

#2

Let Us Pray

We know that prayer is a privilege and gain;
Yet praying can sometimes devolve into the mundane.
Prayers ought to be offered with reverence and sincerity;
Yet we are guilty of cursory prayers uttered perfunctorily.

We know that prayer means coming before the presence of God;
Yet we struggle in being still before the Lord.
Prayer ought to be our response to His presence and His word;
In which we plead for our most dire needs to be heard.

The more we realize the need to pray, the more earnest will be our prayers;
Our secret sins we will confess, our vulnerabilities we will lay bare.
Prayer will prepare us to claim God's promises and His power;
To gather strength and receive peace from the Heavenly Father.

There will be demands from life and challenges we cannot shun;
Prayer will afford us the readiness to get our tasks done.
Let us persist in prayer and supplication like the early church did;
And pray the Lord will bless and help us to succeed.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Acts 1:14

POETRY CORNER

#3

Devotion to pray

Bewilderment must have struck the apostles
after they witnessed the Lord's ascension
The divinity of the Lord Jesus and His mission had begun to dawn on them
Upon return to Jerusalem they continued with one accord
in prayer and supplication
And waited for the Holy Spirit to come upon and power them

To pray in one accord is to unite with one another in mind and purpose
Such harmony creates a powerful bond generating a oneness of the heart
Let us try hard to set aside our egos and differing opinions
A strengthened community with a unified spirit can bring great results

We must also pray to be in one accord with the Holy Spirit
For He knows God's will and how and what we ought to pray for
Plead our supplications to the Lord in humility with no limits
God in His mercy spared Lot and his family upon Abraham's supplication
when implored

Like the early church prioritize and devote time to prayers
It is a compelling way for believers to commune with the Lord
Let prayers be the driving force in the lives of Christians
It is through devoted prayers that His will is manifested by Him our God

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Acts 1:14

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jonathan Jacob

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 89 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
VIP 387 | Teach Me to Pray

MESSAGE

“They raised their voice to God with one accord”

Text : Acts 4

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 477 | Stand up, Stand up for Jesus

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 89 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

JOACHIM NEANDER

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly forever adore Him.



HYMNS

VIP 387 TEACH ME TO PRAY

ALBERT S. REITZ

1. Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray;
This is my heart-cry day unto day;
I long to know Thy will and Thy way;
Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray.

Refrain

Living in Thee, Lord, and Thou in me;
Constant abiding, this is my plea;
Grant me Thy power, boundless and free:
Power with men and power with Thee.

2. Power in prayer, Lord, power in prayer!
Here 'mid earth's sin and sorrow and care;
Men lost and dying, souls in despair –
O give me power, power in prayer!

Refrain

3. My weakened will, Lord, Thou canst renew;
My sinful nature Thou canst subdue;
Fill me just now with power anew,
Power to pray and power to do!

Refrain

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HYMNS

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4. Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray,
Thou art my pattern day unto day;
Thou art my surety, now and for aye,
Teach me to pray, Lord, teach me to pray.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 477 STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

GEORGE DUFFIELD, JR.

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the Cross;
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss:
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this His glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve Him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.
3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you; ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour, each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.
4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long.
This day the noise of battle, the next, the victor's song.
To him who overcometh, a crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.



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