

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 26 October 2025

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 27

THAT WILL I SEEK

THE THINGS PEOPLE CHASE AFTER

People seek different things in life. The things most seek after would be wealth, power, success and a long life. David was king in ancient Israel and he had all of the common things in life. He wrote Psalm 27 and shared the thing he desired most in his life!

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MEDITATION

⁴ One *thing* I have desired of the LORD,
That will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD,
And to inquire in His temple.

⁵ For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle
He shall hide me;
He shall set me high upon a rock. Psalm 27:4-5

1. The one thing desired
 - a) To dwell in the house of the Lord
 - b) To behold the beauty of the Lord
 - c) To inquire in His temple
 - d) This came from a deep personal faith in the Lord

2. The confidence that may be found
 - a) The Lord's protection
 - b) His preservation
 - c) His power to lift David up in his life

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness
2. To find that the Lord would provide for all our needs in life
3. May our hearts desire a closer walk with God in prayer!

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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 refreshed through worship and fellowship!



NEXT SUNDAY (2 November 2025)

We will be observing the Lord's Supper next Sunday.

Let us prepare our hearts and mind to partake meaningfully.



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mr. James Pang and family on the demise of his father, Mr. Peter Pang Joo Teck. The late Mr. Pang passed away on Sunday, 19 October 2025. He was 80 years old.



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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:



CHRISTMAS CAROLLING 2025

Christmas remains a precious and joyous time of celebrating the advent of our Great Redeemer and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us be encouraged to declare His wondrous praise and share the Light of His Gospel to those around us!

We're glad to have our Christmas Carolling this year. If you're interested, kindly register at the Booth in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays.

DETAILS

Date: 6 December 2025, Saturday

Venue: Sanctuary

Time: 3.00pm

We will begin with a time of Worship in the Main Sanctuary (Level 2), followed by a Fellowship Tea at Level 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI-LA 2025

Our special Christmas Service and Christmas Lunch will be held on 25 December 2025.

Let us anticipate a glorious time of extolling the LORD our God!

DETAILS

Date: 25 December 2025, Thursday

Venue: Shangri-La

Time: 10.30am

Christmas Worship Service will commence at 10.30am, followed by Christmas Lunch.

Please plan to sign up early!

Kindly scan the QR below to register for Christmas Lunch. If you've any inquiries, please approach us at the booth in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays and we will assist you.



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Jessie & Glenda; Florence & KK

Lunch: Jane; Kevin; Alicia; Alvin & Shirley Lim

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 28 October 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 30 October 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am

4. Saturday, 1 November 2025
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

5. Sunday Ministry, 2 November 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



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 18:33-34

³³ He makes my feet like the *feet of deer*,
And sets me on my high places.

³⁴ He teaches my hands to make war,
So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

1. What God can do in our life
 - a) He can make our feet nimble
 - b) He can enable us to walk safely in high places

2. What God can further do in our life
 - a) He can teach us about spiritual warfare
 - b) He can strengthen us as we learn about spiritual warfare

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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

1. Basic principles of prayer

- a) Ask, and we will be given
- b) Seek, and we will find
- c) Knock, and we will find doors open

2. The challenge

- a) To learn basic lessons
- b) To advance to deeper lessons about prayer

NEXT SUNDAY: 2 November 2025

Text: A great light

*“The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,
And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death
Light has dawned.” Matthew 4:16*

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor Charles,

We are deeply grateful for the care and support shown by the Bethany family as we grieve the loss of Mdm. Tan Tah Chuan who was wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother to us.

We would like to thank Pastor Ben Quah, Pastor Ben Chong, Pastor Moses, Joanna and friends for visiting and praying for mommy, bringing her and us comfort in her last days. A special thank you to Pastor Ben Quah and Pastor Ben Chong for helping to liaise, coordinate and walk us through the details of the funerary arrangements. We would also like to thank the Pastoral team and the office staff for all the help rendered during this time. This brought great comfort to us and was a great help to the family as we processed our grief following the passing of our beloved mommy.

We thank you very much, Pastor, for giving us the Word of God from Psalm 90 and Psalm 121. These passages help us reflect deeply on life and death, and on living the meaningful life that God has designed for each of us. Psalm 121 reminds us that God is our help and our keeper; He preserves our lives and our souls forevermore. We know that our mommy is now forever with God.

We would also like to thank the Bilingual Brethren who befriended mommy and made her feel so warmly welcomed in church.

Many, many thanks to all the Brethren who rallied around us through their condolences, love gifts, time and help in so many ways.

We are truly grateful for each and every one of you for:

- Cooking or providing the meals at breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper for the family
- Setting up the AVA in church and at Mandai

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- The Music, the translation, and for the beautifully printed bulletin
- The cleaning and washing up
- Other areas of support that have helped us experience a peaceful and meaningful time.

We are deeply grateful for all that you have done. You have shown us that Bethany is truly

“God’s kind of church... Where God is touching lives... And people care for people.”

We thank God for each one of you in Bethany.

**With deep gratitude and appreciation,
Lain Heng and Poh Choo**

**On behalf of
Chia See Choon (husband),
Lian Seng (brother) & May Ling (wife),
Fiona (sister), and all the grandchildren**

POETRY CORNER

1

ONE THING I HAVE DESIRED

David was made king over Israel;
He was a king without parallel.
God had given him many blessings;
But he found something missing.

He knew the basic truths about the Lord;
But he desired to learn more about God.
There were many more things to discover;
The knowledge of God was his treasure.

He expressed his desire in a prayer to God;
He wished to be in the House of the Lord.
He wanted to inquire in His holy temple;
This became a precious Biblical principle.

He desired the Lord's protection;
He knew he faced much opposition.
He would place his whole trust in God;
He determined to walk closely with the Lord.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 27:4-5

POETRY CORNER

#2

Pray for boldness

Apostles Peter and John were held in custody
for preaching the Lord's resurrection

The captain of the temple, priests and Sadducees were greatly disturbed
At the rate of success of converting more and more people into Christians
After warning them not to speak in the name of the Lord Jesus
they were released

Despite intimidation the apostles and their companions
prayed for boldness in one accord

In one voice they prayed to speak the Word without fear
Then filled with the Holy Spirit they were given strength
to fearlessly serve the Lord

May we pray for spiritual boldness to loudly
proclaim the gospel in good cheer

To pray in light of the Scriptures is to reflect the Word of the Lord
Using Biblical verses help us to form specific prayers to align with God's way
Allow Scriptures to guide our prayers with full counsel of God
Practise praying through Scriptures and do not from its meaning stray

In our present turbulent world let us be bold in our prayers
Focus on the power and sovereignty of God to stand firm against anxieties
Ask to be given boldness and confidence to approach the throne of grace
Boldness will give us courage to share His Word and inspire others

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Acts 4:24-30

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Benjamin Chong

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 374 | Sweet Hour of Prayer

CP 278 | Search Me, O God

MESSAGE

“I bow my knees to the Father”

Text : Ephesians 3:14-21

Rev. Moses Kwek

CLOSING HYMN

VIP 717 | The Power of Your Love

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 374 SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

WILLIAM W. WALFORD

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's Throne,
Make all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!



HYMNS

CP 278 SEARCH ME, O GOD

J. EDWIN ORR

1. Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Saviour, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.
2. I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Thy Word, and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify Thy Name.
3. Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love Divine.
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender; Lord, in me abide.
4. O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, start the work in me.
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.



HYMNS

VIP 717 THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE

GEOFF BULLOCK

1. Lord, I come to You,
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You
And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me,
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love.

Refrain

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with you, Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.

2. Lord, unveil my eyes,
Let me see You face to face.
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day in the power of Your love.

Refrain



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