

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: Isaiah 8

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HE WILL BE A SANCTUARY

THE TIMES OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

We have a glimpse of the time Isaiah lived in. That was a dark and dreary time indeed.

¹¹ For the LORD spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me

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that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying:

¹² "Do not say, 'A conspiracy,'
Concerning all that this people call a conspiracy,
Nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.

¹³ The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow;
Let Him be your fear,
And *let Him be* your dread.

¹⁴ He will be as a sanctuary,
But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense
To both the houses of Israel,
As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

¹⁵ And many among them shall stumble;
They shall fall and be broken,
Be snared and taken."

Isaiah 8:11-15

1. Conspiracy theory people
 - a) They have been around for hundreds of years
 - b) They were highly influential
2. God had to speak to Isaiah with a strong hand
 - a) He must not go with the flow of these people
 - b) He must learn to practise the fear of God instead

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To find in God our Sanctuary
2. To hallow Him always
3. To reject the way of those who follow wicked ways!

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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 lifted up through worship and fellowship!



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Marianne Hong and family on the demise of her mother, Mdm. Lim Sia Leng. The late Mdm. Lim passed away on Saturday, 1 November 2025. She was 94 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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Chiam Dao Hua & Shi Yun; Steven & Sharon Heng;
Hwee Cheng & Mdm. Koh Kah Kee**

Lunch: Allister & Davina; Pastor Jonathan & Michelle



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 11 November 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 13 November 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am

4. Saturday, 15 November 2025
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

5. Sunday Ministry, 16 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 18:46, 49-50

⁴⁶ The LORD lives!

Blessed *be* my Rock!

Let the God of my salvation be exalted.

⁴⁹ Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles,
And sing praises to Your name.

⁵⁰ Great deliverance He gives to His king,
And shows mercy to His anointed,
To David and his descendants forevermore.

1. Great praise given to the Lord
 - a) As the Rock
 - b) As the God of salvation

2. Great deliverance given by the Lord
 - a) Deliverance again and again
 - b) Mercy to David and his descendants

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 9 November 2025

Text: The light of life

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

1. A true revelation

- a) The Lord Jesus is indeed the Light of the world
- b) His life and the truth He proclaims bring light indeed

2. A true promise to all who believe

- a) They will not walk in darkness
- b) They will have the light of life

NEXT SUNDAY: 16 November 2025

Text: Your light has come

Arise, shine;

For your light has come!

*And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1
walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12*

POETRY CORNER

#1

HE WILL BE A SANCTUARY

Conspiracy theorists existed way back;
Their theories caused many to be sad.
They rejected the ways of the Lord;
They offered foreign idols as gods.

The Lord instructed Isaiah strongly;
He must reject false teachers firmly.
He must not follow their foolish ways;
They would end up in total disarray.

The Lord God would be the true sanctuary;
He has always been there with great mercy.
The people were living in great darkness;
They must seek the Lord in faithfulness.

Conspiracy theorists abound today too;
We need the Light from God that is true.
The Lord Jesus is that Light shining bright;
To follow Him is to do something right!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Isaiah 8:11-15

POETRY CORNER

#2

A Darkness In Need of Light

There was a period in ancient times;
When Israel was under Roman rule.
Darkness had prevailed in a people turned away from God;
When loyalty to the Scriptures would be subject to ridicule.

Yet today, we continue to live in a world of darkness;
A darkness badly in need of light.
Atrocities abound with race, religion, and ideology as bases;
Woe to the excuses humanity uses to fight.

Darkness also exists personally;
Where violence against individuals looms.
Young children and servants have been abused;
The vulnerable in society are often helpless with doom.

The Lord Jesus is the Light which will battle darkness;
It is He whom Isaiah and Zacharias had prophesied.
May we be the first to welcome the Dayspring from on high;
And be the conduit through which His Light will shine.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspired by Luke 1:67-79; Isaiah 8:19-20; 9:2

POETRY CORNER

#3

The Light of the world

The sorry state of the world in spiritual darkness cannot be denied
Through the Lord's mercy His Light has visited us
The Lord Jesus Christ is the Dayspring from on high
To shine light in all who live in deep darkness

The Lord Jesus said that He is the Light of the world
A divine Light unto man's feet and a lamp to his path
Whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness upon His Word
May His Light reconcile us with God the Father extinguishing His wrath

Zacharias doubted the Lord that he would have a son
Believers too often struggle with doubt over God's response to prayers
Study the Scriptures to understand the past and what He had done
In confidence we know that He keeps His promises as our faith deepens

Be sure to strive hard towards and be illuminated by the Light
Be not like cockroaches which love and scurry into dark corners
Believers are all children of the day and of the Light
Let us go forward and shine forth God's Light in full radiance

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Luke 1:78; John 8:12; 1 Thessalonians 15:5

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Glen Goh
Mrs. Goh Li Ping

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 308 | Thanks to God for My Redeemer
CP 477 | Shine, Jesus, Shine

MESSAGE

“Because you did not believe my words”
Text : Luke 1:19-25
Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 408 | Have Faith in God

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

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.



HYMNS

CP 477 SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

GRAHAM KENDRICK

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word,
Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story;
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain



HYMNS

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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