

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 11 January 2026

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 113

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THE GREATNESS OF GOD

A CORRECT BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

What is our personal perspective of God? Many struggle with their perspective of the Lord. We have a good Biblical description of God in this text.

⁴The LORD *is* high above all nations,
His glory above the heavens.

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⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
Who dwells on high,

⁶Who humbles Himself to behold
The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?
Psalm 113:4-6

1. The mighty nations of the world
 - a) There are not too many mighty nations in the world
 - b) These nations boast of:
 - i) Economic wealth
 - ii) Military might
 - iii) Ancient cultures

2. God in comparison
 - a) He is high above all nations!
 - b) All the mighty nations put together cannot be compared to God
 - c) His glory is higher than the heavens
 - d) The majesty of God cannot be disputed

3. When God looks at the world
 - a) God has to humble Himself to look at the heavens
 - b) Imagine what He has to do to look at the affairs on earth!

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To appreciate God afresh
2. Let us ponder His majesty and glory!
3. May we learn to fear the Lord!

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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 with Joy from the Lord through worship and fellowship!



NOTICE OF BETHANY'S ACM

Date: 22 February 2026

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

1. Election of New Session
2026-2029
2. Some changes to take note
 - a) Rotation of Pastors to be set in motion
 - b) Pastors Mark and Mitchell Tan would step out of the Session for the next round of Elections
 - c) Pastors Benjamin Quah and Benjamin Chong would be up for election for the next round
 - d) Subsequently, they would step down for another set of pastors to become Session Members
3. Additional names to the Session
 - a) Mr. Joshua Phang
 - b) Mr. Tang Hong Wee
4. The full list of Session Members (2023-2026)
 - a) Mr. George Thomas

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- b) Dr. Daniel Chia
- c) Mr. Milton Ong
- d) Dr. Quek Li Wei
- e) Dr. Tang Kong Choong
- f) Mrs. Ng Lay Eng
- g) Mrs. Tan Li Hong
- h) Dr. Jane Tan
- i) Mrs. Tan Hong Suen

They would be seeking to serve for another term as Session Members.



FAMILY CAMP 2026

Theme: "Perfecting Holiness" 2 Corinthians 7:1

Date: 15-20 March 2026

1. Wrong ideas about "Holiness" exist
2. In the past, many thought they must become monks/ nuns to practise holiness
3. But was this the holiness that God wants to see us practise?

The Family Camp this year will focus on what Biblical Holiness really is

Sign up for the Family Camp today!

Registering for Camp:

Please sign up for camp through the online registration form (scan the QR code below).

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If you need further assistance, please go to the registration booth at the Fellowship Hall.

Do ensure that your passport expiry date is after 20 September 2026 before you begin registration.

Let us look forward to a wonderful time of learning what it means to perfect holiness in the fear of God!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Dennis and Patience on the gift of another child. Baby Theo was born on 5 January 2026.



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Wang Cheok Kwee and family on the demise of her husband, Mr. Wang Swee Seng. The late Mr. Wang was called home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, 7 January 2026. He was 86 years old.



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THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 13 January 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 15 January 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 17 January 2026
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

3. Sunday Ministry, 18 January 2026
 - 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



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

BREAKFAST: TEACHER CAROL'S SS CLASS

LUNCH: JOSHUA & CHERYL PHANG



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 21:1-2

¹ The king shall have joy in Your strength, O LORD;
And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

² You have given him his heart's desire,
And have not withheld the request of his lips. *Selah*

1. The strength of the Lord brings much joy
 - a) Strength is needed to rule a kingdom well
 - b) God grants salvation (deliverance) in times of need
2. The response of God to prayers offered
 - a) Joy is to be found in God's graciousness shown
 - b) The requests of the heart have been answered

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 11 January 2026

Text: I will praise You, O LORD

I will praise You, O LORD with my whole heart;

I will tell of all Your marvelous works.

Psalm 9:1

1. The offering of praise

It must always be offered with the whole heart

2. Praise for God's marvelous works

Let us remember God's works and praise Him for all He is doing!

NEXT SUNDAY: 18 January 2026

Text: I will be glad and rejoice in You

I will be glad and rejoice in You;

I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High

Psalm 9:2

POETRY CORNER

1

THE LORD IS HIGH ABOVE ALL NATIONS

The Greatness of God is the theme of this Psalm;
God had blessed David, meeting needs and wants.
In reflection David wrote this Psalm of adoration;
He pondered over the Greatness of God in meditation.

David was a king and he was conscious of other nations;
Some of them were far stronger than Israel by comparison.
But no one, no nation can compare with God in majesty;
The Lord dwells on high and He is full of grace and mercy.

The Lord is the One who created all things;
To have such power is beyond human thinking.
God has to humble Himself to look at the heavens;
Let alone attend to the prayers of mortal humans.

The Greatness of God must cause us to be humble;
To possess pride will cause Man to stumble!
In all his success, David offered praise to God;
There was no one to compare with the Lord!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 21:1-3; Psalm 113:4-6

POETRY CORNER

2

BEHOLD, THE EYE OF THE LORD IS ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

Though a brand new year has only just begun,
Setbacks threaten the heart to feel undone,
Indeed, an intact faith cannot be assumed,
In the face of storms that batter and consume.

Psalm 33 reveals that we need not be battered,
Faith through challenges can emerge bettered!
For the Word of the Lord is true and right,
We can instead focus on God's glory and might!

Humbly, we realise a deeper faith is needed;
One that no matter the outcome stays grounded.
Placing our trust in the sovereignty of the Lord,
There comes joy knowing we are dear to God.

What better way when faced with worry or fear,
Than to affirm our faith in God in the new year!
Knowing that we are under God's watchful eye,
Let our soul rejoice and lift His name on high!

Jonas Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 33

POETRY CORNER

3

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL

The start of a new year often calls for new resolutions;
But perhaps not before we consider the past year in reflections.
For it is only in recalling and remembering;
That the heart is moved to offer thanksgiving.

From birthdays, reunions, to the baptism of members of the family;
They are God's loving kindness bestowed most graciously.
He has delivered us from the dangers we faced, sickness and suffering;
His mercies are abundant and kind, new every morning.

Thank God too, for times of trials, disappointments, and failures;
For they are opportunities to grow in faith, and to mature.
Most of all, thank God for His forgiveness of sins;
For whatever change in man must begin from within.

May we begin this new year by blessing God;
Remembering His benefits and His answers to prayers we sought.
Let us echo "Bless the Lord, O my soul" just as in the hymn;
And let us persevere to live in grateful obedience to Him.

Dr Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Psalm 103:1-5

POETRY CORNER

4

REMEMBER THE LORD

Remember the Lord for He is our Creator
He only had to speak and the universe was formed
You cannot find anyone who is kinder and greater
To grasp the vast dimensions of His love I am challenged

Remember the Lord not only in times of suffering
Complacency sets in amidst periods of joyful abundance
Lulled into a sense of self sufficiency at one's own workings
Forgetting that the Lord's power is the true source

Remember the Lord for what He has done for you
In humility acknowledge our complete dependence on Him
For the bountiful blessings give Him the glory due
Know what is in our heart for the Lord is watching

Remember the Lord and not forget our first love
May we not abandon it but continue with fervent devotion
Maintain a relationship with God with passion and love
Let us be alive in the Lord Jesus as one chosen

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 8:11; Genesis 1; Revelation 2:4

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon George Thomas

PRAYER

HYMNS

HWC 4 | How Great Thou Art

HWC 228 | Rejoice, the Lord is King

MESSAGE

“The Lord executes righteousness and justice” | Text: Psalm 103:6-7

Rev. Mitchell Tan

CLOSING HYMN

VIP 504 | O Rejoice in the Lord

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

HWC 4 HOW GREAT THOU ART

STUART K. HINE & EUGENE THOMAS

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain

3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 228 REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING CHARLES WESLEY

1. Rejoice! The Lord is King. Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

2. Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

3. He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command and fall beneath His feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal Home;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice; again I say, rejoice!



HYMNS

VIP 504 O REJOICE IN THE LORD

1. God never moves without purpose or plan
When trying His servant and moulding a man.
Give thanks to the Lord though your testing seems long;
In darkness He giveth a song.

Refrain

O rejoice in the Lord, He makes no mistake.
He knoweth the end of each path that I take.
For when I am tried and purified,
I shall come forth as gold.

2. I could not see through the shadows ahead;
So I looked at the Cross of my Saviour instead.
I bowed to the will of the Master that day;
Then peace came and tears fled away.

Refrain

3. Now I can see testing comes from above;
God strengthens His children and purges in love.
My Father knows best, and I trust in His care;
Through purging more fruit I will bear.

Refrain

