

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 18 January 2026*

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## MEDITATION

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REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 113

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## SPECIAL ACTS OF MERCY

### THE ACTS OF MERCY OF GOD

The acts of mercy reflect His awesome grace and compassion. The Psalmist noted some of these acts.

<sup>7</sup> He raises the poor out of the dust,  
*And* lifts the needy out of the ash heap,

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# MEDITATION

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<sup>8</sup> That He may seat *him* with princes—  
With the princes of His people.

<sup>9</sup> He grants the barren woman a home,  
Like a joyful mother of children.  
Praise the LORD!

Psalm 113:7-9

## 1. The Poor and Needy

- a) They are often despised by the world
- b) They are consigned to the ash heap
- c) Few would ever give them a leg up

## 2. God shows His mercy

- a) He cares for the poor and needy
- b) He seats the poor among the princes
- c) He grants mercy to the barren
  - i. He gives them a home
  - ii. They have as much joy as those who have children
- d) Those who have experienced the Lord's mercy rejoice in Him

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

- 1. To rejoice in the Lord
- 2. To offer praise to God
- 3. To give thanks to God for His many acts of mercy!

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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. May your heart find much gladness through worship and fellowship!



## **FAMILY CAMP 2026**

Theme: “Perfecting holiness

Dates: 15-20 March 2026

Overseas pastors will be planning to attend the Family Camp. Let us get to know them better at the Family Camp!

### Registering for Camp:

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



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!



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS**

**Breakfast: Kevin, Alyssa & Charis Liang; Pastor Mark & Chen Kee**

**Lunch: Jerry & Alina Chan; Paul & Sihui; Pastor Mark & Chen Kee**



## **THIS WEEK IN BETHANY**

### 1. Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 20 January 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
- b) Thursday, 22 January 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am

### 2. Saturday, 24 January 2026

- a) No YPG/ YAG
- b) No Youth Worship

### 3. Sunday Ministry, 25 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



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# LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

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**Dear Pastor Charlie & Bethany,**

My mum and the family would like to thank the Pastoral Team for ministering to us during this period of bereavement. In spite of the busy schedules and this being the 3rd funeral in the same week, we appreciated the swift response from Pastor Ben Quah when I reached out to him on Wednesday morning that my dad, the late Mr. Wang Swee Seng, had passed away in his sleep. Many thanks also to Gabby and the AVA team for being there for the memorial and funeral services.

We didn't have to worry at all throughout the process as everything was planned and executed smoothly. There was minimal stress with the strong support provided.

We also appreciate the time taken by the brethren and friends from Bethany who visited and messaged us, offering words of comfort.

Thank you for being with us!

**Love,**

**Mrs. Wang, Eric & Maureen, Nancy, Seng Hock, Nicholas & Natalie.**

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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## Psalm 21:3-5

<sup>3</sup> For You meet him with the blessings of goodness;

You set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

<sup>4</sup> He asked life from You, *and* You gave *it* to him—

Length of days forever and ever.

<sup>5</sup> His glory *is* great in Your salvation;

Honor and majesty You have placed upon him.

1. The blessings of God

a) The goodness of God was bestowed

b) A crown of gold was given

2. Prayers answered

a) Long life given

b) Glory also

c) Honour and majesty given as well

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## BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 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*

1. Gladness of heart

2. This leads to rejoicing in the Lord

3. Singing of praise to God is the most natural of expressions

**NEXT SUNDAY: 25 January 2026**

Text: I will love You, O LORD

*I will love You, O LORD, my strength.*      *Psalm 18:1*

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# POETRY CORNER

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#1

## HE RAISES THE POOR

The poor suffer so much in life;  
They are often victims of strife.  
There are few who would show mercy;  
But the Lord cares for the poor and needy.

God helps the poor to rise up significantly;  
The needy would benefit from His mercy.  
He raises them from the heaps of ashes;  
The Mercy of God reflects His goodness.

The barren women are often slighted;  
Some are cast aside, despised and rejected,  
But the Lord cares for the barren women too;  
God's Mercy brings blessings that are true!

Great are the practical Mercies of the Lord;  
It takes discernment to see the work of God.  
May there be wisdom and understanding!  
In the Lord, may there be great rejoicing.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 113:7-9

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# POETRY CORNER

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#2

## Unsealed prophecy

Make known to everyone the words of the prophecy  
To impute a sense of urgency to be ready for the Lord's return  
A day is coming for judgment when change is no longer possible  
To each is his responsibility to choose righteousness with wisdom

The unsealed prophecy is a stark warning to unbelievers  
He who is unjust and corrupt let him be unjust and corrupt still  
No more opportunities will be given to reform what has been amiss  
The time is at hand when the Lord will confront and judge evil

The Lord will give to each according to his works  
He who is righteous and holy shall be found so on judgment day  
Waiting expectantly for fulfilment of the prophecy are believers  
Looking forward to rejoice on a victorious and jubilant day

According to Scriptures the end times began when the Lord ascended into heaven  
The time of the Lord's return is unknown but it draws near  
As our response to the gift of salvation be ready with good works for judgment  
Bless our Saviour who delivers us from sins through His blood without fear

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Revelation 22:10-12; Hebrews 1:2

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Mr. Tang Hong Wee*

## PRAYER

## HYMNS

CP 321 | Blessed Assurance

CP 8 | Holy, Holy, Holy

## MESSAGE

“The LORD is merciful and gracious”

Text : Psalm 103:8-10

*Rev. Dr. Charles Tan*

## CLOSING HYMN

HWC 289 There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

## BENEDICTION

## OFFERING

## POSTLUDE



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# HYMNS

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## CP 321 BLESSED ASSURANCE

FANNY CROSBY

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

### Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour, all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour, all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

### *Refrain*

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

### *Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## CP 8 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

JAMES MONTGOMERY

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!



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# HYMNS

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## HWC 289 THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSING

DANIEL W. WHITTLE

1. "There shall be showers of blessing" –  
This is the promise of love;  
There shall be seasons refreshing,  
Sent from the Saviour above.

Refrain

Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need;  
Mercy-drops round us are falling,  
But for the showers we plead.

2. "There shall be showers of blessing" –  
Precious reviving again;  
Over the hills and the valleys,  
Sound of abundance of rain.

*Refrain*

3. "There shall be showers of blessing" –  
Send them upon us, O Lord;  
Grant to us now a refreshing,  
Come and now honour Your Word.

*Refrain*

4. "There shall be showers of blessing" –  
O that today they might fall,  
Now as to God we're confessing,  
Now as on Jesus we call!

*Refrain*



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