

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 22 February 2026*

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## MEDITATION

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**Text: Psalm 116**

## WHAT SHALL I RENDER TO THE LORD?

### THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

The blessings of God are numerous. The word "benefits" was also used to describe the Lord's blessings as we read in Psalm 103:2. The response of the Psalmist extends to serving the Lord!

<sup>12</sup> What shall I render to the LORD  
*For all His benefits toward me?*

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# MEDITATION

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<sup>13</sup> I will take up the cup of salvation,  
And call upon the name of the LORD.

<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
Now in the presence of all His people.

<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD  
Is the death of His saints.

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I *am* Your servant;  
I *am* Your servant, the son of Your maidservant;

You have loosed my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
And will call upon the name of the LORD.

Psalm 116:12-17

1. Two appropriate responses

- a) The response of love for God                      Psalm 116:1
- b) The response of service                              Psalm 116:16

2. How does one practise "faithful servanthood?"

- a) To appreciate the deliverance (salvation) given
- b) To call upon the Lord in prayer
- c) To pay our vow made to God
- d) To offer oneself as "a servant" of God
- e) To offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving to God

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

1. May we always bless the name of the Lord!
2. May we learn to love the Lord more with each passing year!
3. Let us seek to serve the Lord faithfully and fruitfully

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **WELCOME TO BETHANY**

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus with us today. May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship!



## **HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR**

The Pastoral Team and Session Members wish all worshippers the Lord's blessing this Lunar New Year!



## **NEXT SUNDAY**

We will be having Holy Communion. Let us come prepared to partake of the Lord's Supper.



## **NEW PULPIT SERIES (March-April 2026)**

"Walk worthy of the Lord" Colossians 1:10



## **CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECIAL 2026**

The details of our Chinese New Year Special Programme this year are as follows:

Date: 28 February 2026, Saturday

Time: 3.00pm

Location: Sanctuary (Level 2)

Followed by Fellowship Tea in the Fellowship Hall (Level 1)

Please sign up at the Booth at the Fellowship Hall.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

Theme: Perfecting Holiness

Date: 15-20 March 2026

Registration is now closed



## EASTER AT SHANGRI-LA 2026

Easter is one of the most significant events in our Church calendar. Let us take this opportunity to renew our faith in our Risen Saviour!

### Details:

Date: 5 April 2026, Sunday

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

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

We warmly invite you to sign up for the Easter Lunch by scanning the QR code:



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: Angela Teng; Ernest Goh

Lunch: Liangzhou & Weihui; Susanna Lam; David & Carol Chu

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

### 1. Seniors Program

There will be no Seniors Program this week

### 2. Saturday, 28 January 2026

- a) Chinese New Year Special | 3.00pm
- b) No YPG/ YAG
- c) No Youth Worship

### 3. Sunday Ministry, 1 March 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) No Catechism Class



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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## Psalm 22:22-24

<sup>22</sup> I will declare Your name to My brethren;  
In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise Him!  
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,  
And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;  
Nor has He hidden His face from Him;  
But when He cried to Him, He heard.

### 1. Declaration of the name of God

- a) We are to offer praise to the Lord
- b) We are to glorify Him
- c) We are to fear the Lord

### 2. Reasons why we offer praise

- a) He has not despised our affliction
- b) He has not hidden His face from us
- c) He has heard and answered our prayers!

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 22 February 2026**

**Text: Oh, give thanks to the LORD**

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD!*

*Call upon His name;*

*Make known His deeds among the peoples! Psalm 105:1*

1. A call to give thanks to the Lord
2. A challenge to make known His deeds among the peoples

Let us seek to fulfil these challenges faithfully.

**NEXT SUNDAY: 1 March 2026**

**Text: Filled with the knowledge of His will**

**Colossians 1:9**

*For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Colossians 1:9*

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# ACM AGENDA

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## AGENDA (BIPC)

1. Ascertaining of Quorum
2. A Word of Exhortation

Text: *Revelation 1:12-20*

*<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,*

*<sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.*

*<sup>14</sup> His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;*

*<sup>15</sup> His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;*

*<sup>16</sup> He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.*

*<sup>17</sup> And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.*

*<sup>18</sup> I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.*

*<sup>19</sup> Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.*

*<sup>20</sup> The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.*

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# ACM AGENDA

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- a) A Vision of the Lord Jesus standing amidst the 7 Churches
- b) The Church as “a Golden Lampstand”
- c) The servant of God described as an “Aggelos” (an angel/ a messenger)

## 3. Minutes of last year’s ACM

## 4. Matters Arising Therefrom

## 5. Approval of Minutes

- a) Proposer
- b) Secunder
- c) Approval

## 6. Pastoral Report 2025

- a) Growth in all our Churches
- b) Over 20 churches in the Bethany IPC Family
- c) BTS Yangon
  - 28<sup>th</sup> Graduation Services (1997-2026)
- d) Appointments of 2 Senior Pastors:
  - i. Pastor Stephen James (South India)
  - ii. Pastor Tomas Zatel (Myanmar)
- e) Building Projects
  - i. Bethany Hope Centre
  - ii. House of Hope

## 7. Treasurer’s Report

Deaconess Tan Li Hong

- a) Statement of Cash Flow 2025
  - i. Proposer
  - ii. Secunder
  - iii. Approval

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# ACM AGENDA

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- b) Budget 2026
  - i. Bethany 5 (Building Fund)
  - ii. Pastoral Care Fund
  - iii. Proposer
  - iv. Secunder
  - v. Approval

## 8. Election of New Session 2026-2029

- a) Out-going Session Members
  - i. Pastor Mark Tan
  - ii. Pastor Mitchell Tan
  - iii. Rotation of Pastors to sit in the Session
  
- b) New Session Members
  - i. Pastor Charles Tan
  - ii. Pastor Benjamin Chong
  - iii. Pastor Benjamin Quah
  - iv. Deaconess Ng Lay Eng
  - v. Deaconess Tan Li Hong
  - vi. Deaconess Jane Tan
  - vii. Deaconess Tan Hong Suen
  - viii. Deacon George Thomas
  - ix. Deacon Daniel Chia
  - x. Deacon Milton Ong
  - xi. Deacon Tang Kong Choong
  - xii. Deacon Quek Li Wei
  - xiii. Deacon Tang Hong Wee
  - xiv. Deacon Joshua Phang

- c) Announcement of Results

## 9. Any Other Business

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# ACM AGENDA

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## AGENDA (BTS) SINGAPORE

1. Ascertaining of Quorum
2. Minutes of ACM 2025
3. Matters Arising Therefrom
4. Approval of Minutes
  - a) Proposer
  - b) Seconder
  - c) Approval
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Office Bearers
  - a) President of BTS
  - b) Vice-President of BTS
  - c) Honorary Treasurer
  - d) Honorary Secretary
  - e) Committee Member
  - f) Committee Member
7. Any Other Business

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# POETRY CORNER

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#1

## WHAT SHALL I RENDER TO THE LORD?

The Psalmist reflected on God's blessings;  
His heart was filled with thanksgiving!  
He expressed deep love for the Lord;  
He offered heartfelt praise to God!

He thought about how he should respond further;  
He determined he would seek God in prayer.  
He would call upon the glorious name of God;  
He would fulfil what he had vowed to the Lord.

He would serve the Lord with all his heart;  
From the Lord, he would never depart.  
He would remember to be a humble servant;  
He would seek to obey God's commandments.

The blessings of God are many and precious;  
The grateful believer must seek to be righteous.  
May the blessings of God never be taken for granted!  
May these gracious benefits cause us to be inspired!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Psalm 116:12-17

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# POETRY CORNER

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#2

## I Will Bless the Lord

I will bless the Lord!  
Not because He has taken my fears away.  
For I still harbour insecurities that gnaw at me,  
And the uncertainties ahead trouble me.

But I will bless the Lord!  
And it is not that I have found complete peace.  
Resentments buried deep still take their place,  
While I learn to allow gratitude more space.

But I will bless the Lord!  
Not because I think He will send me only good things,  
And that He will heal me of my ailments.  
Nor sustain my strength whenever I wish.

But I will bless the Lord!  
Not confident to fully forgive my transgressors,  
And that my eyes are open to see kindness,  
Nor keep His testimonies the way I want to.

I will bless the Lord!  
Yet my faith is still a work in progress.  
Because I have tasted His loving grace,  
A walk closer with Him, I hope to embrace.

Dr. Tan Kok Yang  
Inspiration: Psalms 103 and 119

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# POETRY CORNER

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#3

## Consciousness of God

Learn to recognise the divine presence of God in our daily lives  
Cultivate a deeper consciousness of Him just considering what surrounds us  
A joy to be greeted in the morning by the cheerful chirping of birds  
Marvel at His creation of the many species beautifully coloured  
with unique sounds

As I am looking at the falling rain through the window pane  
I wonder in amazement at His work in recycling water in His plan  
Causing water vapour to rise from the earth to form clouds bringing forth rain  
His loving care to provide for mankind and vegetation of the land

Praise the Lord who makes the sun rise to give us each new day  
He orders the moon and stars to shine by night  
Bless God for His wisdom in separating night from day  
Meditate on what He does with His power and might

May we be acutely conscious of the greatness of God revealed in His creation  
All existence is not random but made with minutest detail for a purpose  
Give thanks to the Lord for all His works with great elation  
For our total dependence on Him to see to our needs

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 104; Jeremiah 31:35

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## **PRELUDE**

Musicians

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dr. Tan Huay Cheem

## **PRAYER**

## **HYMNS**

CP 321 | Blessed Assurance

CP 399 | Make Me a Blessing

## **MESSAGE**

"I will sing praise to my God while I have my being "

Psalm 104:24-35

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

## **CLOSING HYMN**

HWC 106 | Praise Him! Praise Him!

## **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 399 MAKE ME A BLESSING

IRA. B. WILSON

1. Out in the highways and byways of life  
Many are weary and sad:  
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,  
Making the sorrowing glad.

Refrain

Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,  
Out of my life, may Jesus shine;  
Make me a blessing, O Saviour I pray,  
Make me a blessing to someone today.

2. Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love  
Tell of His pow'r to forgive:  
Others will trust Him if only you prove true,  
Every moment you live.

*Refrain*

3. Give as 'twas given to you in your need,  
Love as the Master loved you;  
Be to the helpless a helper indeed,  
Unto your mission be true.

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## HWC 106 PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

FANNY J. CROSBY

1. Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jesus, our Blessed Redeemer!

Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!

Hail Him! Hail Him!

Highest arch-angels in glory;

Strength and honour give to His Holy Name!

Like a Shepherd Jesus will guard His children,

In His arms He carries them all day long:

### Refrain

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Tell of His excellent greatness;

Praise Him! Praise Him ever in joyful song!

2. Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jesus, our Blessed Redeemer!

For our sins He suffered, and bled and died;

He our Rock, our Hope of eternal salvation,

Hail Him! Hail Him!

Jesus the Crucified.

Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;

Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:

*Refrain*

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# HYMNS

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3. Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Jesus, our Blessed Redeemer!  
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth forever and ever;  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!  
Christ is coming! Over the world victorious,  
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong:

*Refrain*



# Evidence of Grace

*Words & Music by: Gwyn Williams*

*Arranged by: Mary McDonald*

*Performed by: The Evergreens*

So many lives are empty, so many walk alone;  
Weary, sad and longing for home.  
Reaching out for something they cannot seem to find.  
Lord, let Your love illuminate the pathway to my side.

This is My command: that you take your brother's hand  
And love him as I have first loved you.  
Let the warmth of your embrace give him strength to run the race;  
May your love's work be the evidence of grace.

Children cry in hunger as parents strive for bread;  
Still, their hearts are lost and unfed.  
Broken people wonder: "O God, where can You be?"  
Share My heart with those who weep, and bring them back to Me.

Give the hungry food to eat.  
Give them more than tears to drink.  
Give the broken ones a place at Jesus' feet!

This is My command: that you take your brother's hand  
And love him as I have first loved you.  
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