



THIS IS MY STORY

A BOOKLET OF TESTIMONIES

EASTER BAPTISMAL SERVICE II
29 MARCH 2026
PALM SUNDAY



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Testimonies of brethren who will be
received into church membership

Baptism

1. Belle Chan
2. Tan Pei Ning Natalie
3. Gloria Lim

Reaffirmation

1. Veanne Leong
2. Nicholas Fung

Transference

Chang Li Ying

To be baptized by:

Pastor Jonathan Jacob
Pastor Benjamin Quah
Pastor Charles Tan

To be prayed for by:

Pastor Charles Tan
Pastor Benjamin Chong

To be prayed for by:

Pastor Moses Kwek



THERE IS NONE LIKE YOU

BELLE CHAN

Hi everyone, my name is Belle and I am turning 21 this year. I have been exposed to Christianity since I was born and have been blessed to experience God's love through my family and people in church. In 2016, my family came to Bethany when we were finding a new church, and I thank God for leading us here. Learning about the importance of God's Word and prayer from pastors, Sunday School teachers and YPG leaders helped me to grow in my faith and walk with God.

Over the years of attending church, I learnt that God sent His son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for my sins, but I didn't find this relevant to me because I had an incomplete understanding of sin, often seeing sin from a worldly perspective. At the Youth Conference in 2018, I discovered that sin exists in subtle ways, such as in my laziness. Sin has the power to grow, and it can cause a distant relationship with God.

During the consecration night, I remembered encountering the love of Christ. How can it be that God sent His son, the Lord Jesus, to suffer on the cross for my sins? The Lord helped me to recognise that I am sinful, weak and unworthy, and it is only by His grace and love that He could save me from my sins. I confessed my sins, sought forgiveness from Him and told Him I would want to be a part of His kingdom. I could not help but be moved to tears recognising the privilege of drawing near to the Lord as my Heavenly Father, and knowing that He wants to work in my life.

Since then, I decided to take my faith more seriously. As I go through each season of life, I am learning to rely on Him and keep His Word in my heart. One verse which I find encouragement from when I am afraid is from Philipians 4:6-7.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of

God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:6-7

Through seeking Him in prayer, there is a special sense of peace He provides that is found in Him alone. When my late grandmother passed, there was peace and assurance that she went home to be with the Lord, and she was safe in His hands. I also admire her faith when she was unafraid of death and looked forward to an eternal life in Heaven. As I journey through life's challenges, the Lord remains faithful, and I am reminded that He is with me as He provides peace, wisdom and a renewed strength.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And my thoughts than your thoughts.
Isaiah 55:8-9

At times, when I see my peers around me placing their worth in worldly achievements, I tend to also chase after what the world views as success. But the Lord looks at the heart. I am reminded that if I work hard in doing something, it is not to please man but to please God. Through uncertainties, I also learn to trust that God has a plan for me, knowing that His ways are higher than my ways. Not everything will turn out the way I expect, and although I may not fully understand His plan, I am learning to continue trusting in Him.

As I look back, I am able to trace the Lord's goodness and faithfulness. He is an unchanging God, and His unconditional love never fails. I would like to take this step of faith in baptism, and my prayer is that I will continue to deepen my relationship with Him and grow my faith. While I am unable to see what lies ahead in the future, I look forward to walking with Him all the days of my life.



WALKING WITH GOD

TAN PEI NING NATALIE

Introduction

My name is Natalie Tan, and I am 23 this year. I am currently in my last semester at SMU and will soon be graduating. I came to Bethany in 2024 around Easter and am now seeking Baptism.

I was exposed to Christianity by my mum from a very young age. I first learnt about God when I was enrolled in a Christian kindergarten. For a while in primary school, I attended a Methodist church with my family. I proclaimed myself to be a believer and I would partake in church activities and church camps. However, at such a young age, I did not understand what it meant to build a relationship with God and merely just went with the flow of things as I found them fun. My family stopped attending church midway through primary school, and so did I. Although I stopped attending church and had little to no theoretical understanding of God, I still believed in God and would pray in my own ways. I knew that God was real but did not have a personal relationship with Him.

Discovering a personal relationship with God

When I was in secondary school, I faced struggles, and slowly I became impatient, anxious and would often overthink. I did not like the person I became and struggled with feeling empty and lonely. I recognised how broken and sinful I was, and would pray to God for help. One day before starting JC at 17, I felt a desire to start attending church again. I followed a close friend to a Charismatic church where I first felt and understood God's love for me. It was God's love that opened me up as a person and changed me within.

For the next 2 years, I enjoyed attending that church for the friends I made within my cell group. However, this changed when my cell group changed as

I entered university and I no longer had a community to anchor me in church. I started reflecting on my faith during my first year of University and realised that I had a superficial faith that was feelings driven. The messages in the Charismatic church spoke to me, not because I understood God's Word, but because it left me feeling good about myself. The style of worship would also often place me on an emotional "high". But these feelings were always temporal. I had not grown much in my knowledge of God's Word and did not know what it meant to cultivate a personal faith. Soon I felt a disconnect with the church and stopped attending altogether. Although I thought I had a personal relationship with God, it was never consistent.

Deepening my relationship with God

After I stopped attending the Charismatic church, I was lost and left with a longing to find a place where I could grow in my walk with the Lord. Shortly after, I was invited to Bethany by Ryan Quek in 2024.

When I first attended Bethany, the Sunday School lessons on the book of Romans taught me what it meant to develop a personal faith in the Lord. I really appreciated Bethany's Word-centered teachings that helped me grow in my knowledge of God's Word and my understanding of who the Lord is. In particular, it was Romans 3:23-26 that helped me have a better understanding of faith and salvation. It reads:

'For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by his blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.'

Before coming to Bethany, I never understood the depth of my salvation and what it truly meant for the Lord Jesus Christ to die for my sins. It was through learning from the book of Romans that I understood that God, in His love for us, sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as an atonement for our sins and so that we may be justified by His grace and reconciled with Him. God in His righteousness could not be one with sin, but He so greatly loves

us that He allowed for us to be redeemed. I was greatly moved by the depth of God's love in how He sent the Lord Jesus to die for me.

It was through this deeper understanding of God's Word that I now have a deeper desire to love Him and develop a consistent relationship with Him. I am deeply challenged by Deuteronomy 10:12, which reads:

'And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul'

This verse we learnt at Youth Worship impacted me greatly as it taught me what it means to be a follower and servant of God. This drove me to make this verse my personal goal in my faith going forward.

Desire to be identified with the Lord Jesus Christ and the church

I cannot help but recognise God's faithfulness to me. I always thought I was in control, not knowing what God had in plan for me. Although there were moments I turned away from Him, His hand was always in my life directing me and gently shaping me through difficulties and blessings, drawing me back to Him.

As I seek baptism this year, I have been reflecting over Psalm 27:4. It reads:

'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.'

God has shown me His love for me through His faithfulness towards me, constantly reaching out to me. This Easter, I am seeking baptism as a response to the Lord's faithfulness, dedicating my life to always seeking Him and committing to continue growing in Bethany as my church.



LET HIM WHO GLORIES, GLORY IN THIS

GLORIA LIM

Hello everyone! My name is Gloria and I am 19 this year, currently waiting to start university.

“Thus says the LORD: ‘Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches;’”
Jeremiah 9:23

If you’d known me personally and were asked to describe me with one word, I can almost be sure the word ‘mugger’ would be mentioned. I probably wouldn’t be able to deny it because studying, and anything related to academics was a big part of, or even the entirety of my personality. Academic awards often felt within my reach as long as I set my mind on them. But why the word ‘was’? It is not because I’ve lost my intellect or lost interest in my studies. It’s because I have now found something that means far more to me than what I have achieved in these 19 years.

Looking back, I didn’t start off as a hardworking child, nor did I excel from a young age. I recall pretending to be asleep as my grandmother tried to get me to study. Even on the day of PSLE, I negotiated with my parents to let me off to the playground in the evening after grudgingly finishing what I was told to revise. I was an unmotivated child with no drive, who disliked anything related to studies. As I grew older, I became increasingly aware that others saw me as lazy and incompetent. Passing remarks initially did not bother the old carefree me, but soon built up to make me feel upset and disturbed. It made me want to prove to others my ability to excel. When I got my first awards for topping the cohort in two subjects in Secondary 3, I felt so accomplished. But these achievements only further fuelled a desire for more. With every year, I studied harder and achieved greater. Superficially, studying was an excuse to prove to others my worth. Because deep down, I knew that the desire had evolved into not simply wanting to be recognised, but glory and pride in having achievements as part of my identity.

‘But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,’ says the LORD.” Jeremiah 9:24

During Family Camp in 2025, a practical question came to my mind. “What is life all about? Do I live just to do well in school, hopefully get a prestigious job and...?” The life I lived for the past 18 years spent chasing after earthly achievements suddenly felt futile. I wouldn’t be able to bring my achievements with me to heaven, but the necessary question to ask first is, would I even end up there? These thoughts lingered in my mind for a long time...

I had always applied the same approach as how I studied in school to the Scriptures; lessons came in as head knowledge but lacked true understanding and application. However, a truth that I had been taught since young came to mind, this time no longer as mere knowledge, but as lived reality: There is a God who promises everlasting life in heaven as long as I believe in Him. A God who loves me just the way I am, unlike what the world expects. He doesn’t require of me good grades, wealth or a successful career. He wants me to know Him, believe in Him and love Him, first in my heart. Timely enough, a lesson about seeking God first was taught. I realised that I may still be young and may have a lifetime ahead of me, but what could happen tomorrow? The fear of one day being filled with regret for having not sought God properly was real. I knew that there was no time to wait. Something had to change.

Despite 2025 being the most crucial year in the 18 years of my academic life due to A-levels, I made a commitment to put God first, beyond a desire to do well. I made an effort to take time to read the Bible and pray, even setting aside time off from studying to spend more time in church learning - even in the midst of A-level preparation. If I were to go back and tell others that this would be me in the future, no one would have believed it to be true, not even myself. Yet, it was God who never gave up on me, mercifully forgave and worked in my life.

This Easter, I wish to seek Baptism because I desire to be identified with our Lord Jesus Christ, the One who has suffered and died to give me a new everlasting life. This life that I now live has become more than earthly successes, and what defines me has become more than my achievements. Because God has first loved me, I want to centre my life, not around myself, but on Him. The faith that I have found is precious and something I would not exchange anything on this earth with. This is also my commitment to remain steadfast to Bethany and continue serving in this loving community God has graciously provided me with.



ANCHORED IN CHRIST

VEANNE LEONG

Hello everyone! My name is Veanne, and I will be turning 18 this year. I am currently studying at Republic Polytechnic and will soon be starting my second year. This Easter, I am seeking reaffirmation as a response to all that the Lord has done in my life and as a declaration of my commitment to live wholeheartedly for Him. Please allow me to share my journey of faith and how I have chosen to take this step of reaffirmation.

Growing up in Bethany

Since birth, I was raised in Bethany, so going to Kindy for school on weekdays and coming to church every weekend had always been part of my weekly routine. It was a big part of my life, having had the privilege of growing up surrounded by loving teachers and pastors who would teach me Bible stories and Sunday School classes. Many lessons have been taught to me over the years, and from a young age, I had glimpses of what a Christian life was like and this faith that I could have in God.

A Distant Faith

Yet, for most of my childhood and teenage years, faith felt like something external and something that I could observe but was not able to experience firsthand. Despite having surface-level “knowledge” of the Bible and growing up in church, Christianity became a far and distant concept to me. On the outside, I seemed like a good and faithful Christian, serving in the different ministries in church, asking questions about the Scriptures in Sunday School to my teachers, and showing up to church each week. But deep down, inside, I felt like I was living a double life, and how I acted in church did not reflect how I acted outside of church. I felt ashamed that my life did not reflect one of a true Christian.

Whenever challenges arose, my immediate instinct was always to rely solely upon myself, but over time, that self-reliance left me weary and empty. In truth, God was absent from the way I lived and thought. It felt like I did not really know who He was to me and I was unable to see His Hand in my life.

I could not understand what walking with God was, and I found it really hard to believe that there was truly such a God in my life. Time and time again, I would fall short and back to my sinful and foolish ways. I was very disappointed and angry at myself for returning to sin each time, and I did not see how such a God would accept and love a sinner like me. How could anyone, let alone God, forgive me of my sins and wrongdoings each time if I kept sinning?

Discovery of God's Grace

Slowly, there came a turning point. After the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions eased, church activities started to resume. During Youth Conference 2022, the theme of camp was "My Strength and My Shield". After attending camp and honestly reflecting on my walk with Him, that was the first time I felt like the Word of God had really impacted me. Those messages spoke to me and uplifted my heart, where I learnt how to really take my faith and spiritual state seriously, to seek the Lord first above all things. I started to have an interest in God's Word again, having a new and refreshed desire to grow in my faith and seeking to respond to the call of God.

His Love Demonstrated

I slowly discovered that He is a God who already knows my every struggle, fear, and weakness, and yet still chooses to love me despite all my imperfections. I realised that it did not matter if I had drifted from God or sinned countless times, He is One who is always extending that call to have faith in Him, and I am honoured and privileged to call Him my Father. He sent down His beloved Son to die on the cross for our sins even though we do not deserve to be saved, and He still did it out of His great love for us.

Romans 5:6-8

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

This verse became real to me. God's love is not distant or conditional, but steadfast, undeserved, and yet freely given to each and every one of us. How

could I have not seen and understood this truth earlier? Slowly, my heart was opened to the Word of God. The Easter message is a reminder of His wondrous grace and love! Despite how insignificant I am, He saved me so I could be forgiven of my sins.

Developing A Real Faith

Last January, I made the decision to attend Catechism Class, seeking to further grow in my faith. Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to learn and discover more about the Word of God, and it has truly been so enlightening and refreshing. As I saw the many great examples of faith displayed by those around me, the conviction in my heart only grew stronger, and through hearing people's testimonies of how God changed their lives, that desire to know the Lord more became greater.

As I began earnestly seeking the Lord, I saw how my perspective on things shifted. In moments when my heart is troubled, I turn to Him in prayer, and time after time, He faithfully responds. When doubts arise, He gently reassures me through His Word and through the encouragement of others around me. In every season of my life, I have experienced His presence which is constant, near, and wonderfully tangible. God is no longer distant but is alive in my life.

My Personal Response

Mark 1:17-18

"¹⁷Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸They immediately left their nets and followed Him."

When I reflect on Mark 1:17-18, I see how the disciples immediately left their nets to follow the Lord Jesus. My priorities in faith used to be focused more on having knowledge than a living relationship with the Lord, but over time, God's grace started to slowly become real to me.

2 Timothy 1:12

"For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day."

I have truly experienced God's grace in my life, and I have come to be persuaded that Christ is able to keep what I have committed to Him. This assurance has given me strength to let go of my self-reliance and place my confidence in Him.

This is my personal response: I want to live a life anchored in Christ, following Him wholeheartedly, and trusting that He will continue to guide and keep me constantly throughout. My reaffirmation is a declaration of my faith and gratitude for His boundless grace, and a commitment to walk with Him in every season of my life.

Looking Ahead

As I seek reaffirmation, I am reminded that I have a God who goes before me and is by my side through every circumstance, and I need not fear anything. True faith is not weakened by hardship, but as sufferings and testings come, it refines and strengthens. I can draw great encouragement from these truths to continue cultivating and growing in my faith, keeping my heart fixed onto Him. My prayer is that my life will bear a living testimony to the Lord's boundless grace, love, and mercy, and that I may glorify Him in all that I do.



FROM STRIVING TO SURRENDERING

NICHOLAS FUNG

Hello everyone, my name is Nicholas. I am 24 years old this year and currently a Year 3 student at NUS. It is truly a privilege to be given the chance today to share my testimony with you, and to share how I came to faith and to believe in the Lord Jesus.

Growing up in Bethany

I have been attending Bethany since birth, and the Lord has blessed me with a wonderful family. My parents are Barry and Pauline, and I have two siblings, Mason and Annabel. Like others, I had the opportunity to grow up in Bethany and to learn from the Lord's Word through the Pastors and Sunday School teachers. I also had the chance to attend various camps like Junior Camp, Youth Conference and Family Camp which I thoroughly enjoyed. As a child, I really enjoyed going to church because I could learn and play with my friends at the same time. But to me, the Word was not real or impactful. It felt like they were just stories or another "good" lesson that would make me a better person to face life.

Success without Fulfilment

Growing up, I worked hard for the things I wanted, whether in sports, academics, or leadership. I often attributed my achievements to my own effort, believing they were well deserved because of the time and energy I had put in. Being naturally systematic, I preferred following clear steps to reach my goals, and because of that I was generally able to accomplish what I set out to do. However, this mindset led me to constantly focus on the next goal. I would achieve it, move on, and repeat the process. This approach carried me through secondary school, junior college, the army, and university. On the outside, I appeared confident and happy, as though I knew exactly what I wanted in life. But inside, I lacked a sense of purpose and did not have a personal relationship with the Lord.

A question that changed everything

This all changed when I spoke to Pastor Ben Chong, who once asked me: “What do you stand and live for?” That question struck me deeply. I knew how to answer it “correctly,” but whether it was real to me was another matter. This led me to try to “attain” a relationship with God. True to my nature, I thought this was something I could achieve by myself. I told myself I needed to take steps to do enough, to be “good enough” or “worthy” to be reaffirmed. That was how I approached everything in life. But even though I read and prayed more seriously, I felt like nothing was changing. I knew the kind of life I wanted to lead, yet I grew frustrated and annoyed at myself because I felt like I kept failing over and over again.

This is where Ephesians 2:8-9 spoke to me as it says:

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

It hit me that salvation is a gift. It is not something to be worked for or earned. It is not about what I can do, but about what the Lord has already done for me. The Lord Jesus lovingly died for me so that I could have this relationship with God. This truth changed my whole mindset toward salvation and faith. I humbly went to the Lord and told Him that I genuinely believed, and a sense of joy, peace and love filled my heart. From then on, the way I viewed life changed. I now have a stronger sense of purpose, not one rooted in the world, but one that desires to live for the Lord. The things I do may remain the same, but now I feel a deeper sense of love for the people around me and a genuine desire to live for Him. This also reflected what Pastor Mitch told me once during a Youth Conference where he said that I should learn to focus less on the outcome (reaffirmation) but to just enjoy the process. And so I did. This brought me more peace even as I continued with what I did.

Running the race of Faith

Hebrews 12:1-2 says:

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before

Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

I have decided to take the step to follow the Lord, and He is now my first love. I do not know what life will bring, but it does not matter, because I know I have a great God I can turn to. As I seek reaffirmation, I want to practice what Hebrews 12:1-2 says and to place my trust in Him and look to Him even as I run this race. Therefore, it is really my joy today to publicly declare my faith in the Lord in front of everyone and to find my place in Bethany. I have decided to follow the Lord Jesus and I will not turn back. The journey ahead looks exciting, filled with hope, joy, and potential and I look forward to seeing how the Lord will work in my life in the future. I thank God for the gift of salvation He has given me, and it is my earnest desire to learn how to be a good and faithful servant for Him!



TRUSTING THE LORD IN EVERY SEASON

CHANG LI YING

Joe first invited me to Bethany in 2022/2023 when we were still dating, and I have been attending YAG regularly since then. I came to know Christ at the age of 15, and have been attending my previous church for the past 15 years. Throughout those years, the hand of the Lord has been upon my life, and I was truly blessed with a strong community and supportive leaders who played an important role in my formative years.

I took some time to carefully consider this decision to transfer, and I am grateful to those who reached out to me, addressed my concerns, and patiently answered my doctrinal questions. I would like to share some of the reasons that led me to decide to join Bethany.

During our marriage preparation and pre-marital counselling, Pastor shared many valuable lessons about marriage and life. These teachings have been a great help as I take the next steps in my Christian walk. I have also come to appreciate how every sermon and decision here is deeply rooted in the Word of God. Over the past few years, participating in the YAG sessions through the teachings of Pastor Mark and Teacher Chen Kee has also been very impactful. The weekly lessons have helped me navigate many of life's challenges.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NKJV) says:
"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
And whose hope is the LORD.
For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,
Which spreads out its roots by the river,
And will not fear when heat comes;
But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the year of drought,
Nor will cease from yielding fruit."

This passage paints a beautiful picture of how the Lord faithfully provides. Because my trust is in Him, I can choose not to be anxious. Life is not always smooth and even when seasons of difficulty come, but I seek to continually trust the Lord for His guidance, wisdom, and provision in every season.

Last November, while preparing for our wedding, I was deeply touched by the support from the people in Bethany. I witnessed firsthand the oneness in the church, a beautiful example of what it means to be God's kind of church, where people genuinely care for one another. Even during the long period when I was unemployed, many showed great concern and prayed for me. I am thankful that God has been faithful throughout my life and that He has led me to Bethany. It is truly a joy and honour to be part of this family.

In the years ahead, I look forward to deepening my knowledge of the Bible and serving alongside fellow brethren here at Bethany. My prayer is that we will continue to grow spiritually together, remaining rooted in a Christ-centred and Word-focused church.

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 29 March 2026 ... Palm Sunday

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Ephesians 4

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BE RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Family Camp 2026 was a great time of spiritual Renewal for all who were sanctified by the Word of God! This is a special work of the Holy Spirit!

MEDITATION

²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ,
²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as
the truth is in Jesus:
²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man
which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,
²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according
to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:20-24

1. The work of Sanctification

- a) It is through learning about the Lord Jesus
- b) It is centred on understanding of the Truth as the Lord had taught
- c) It is the invisible work of the Spirit of God

2. The Necessity of putting away the following things:

- a) Our former conduct
- b) The "old man" (the sinful human nature)
- c) It grows corrupt according to deceitful lusts
- d) Sins would just keep growing unless they are totally discarded

3. The Challenge to be Renewed

- a) The renewal involves the spirit of the mind
- b) The New Man that God has given to us must be cultivated
 - i. In Righteousness
 - ii. In Holiness

OUR CHALLENGE

1. Let us seek Revival this Easter
2. Let us seek "perfection of holiness!"

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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 uplifted through worship and fellowship!



EASTER BAPTISMAL COMBINED SERVICE

List of Baptismal Candidates this week

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER AT SHANGRI-LA 2026

Date: 5 April 2026, Sunday

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

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

To register for Easter Lunch, please scan the QR code below.



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Gabrielle Wan; Daohua, Shiyun, Christabel & Ellie Chiam

Lunch: June Au; Ann Wong; Yvonne Kwek



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

There will be no Seniors Program this week

2. Maundy Thursday, 2 April 2025

Communion Service | 8.00pm

3. Holy Saturday, 4 April 2025

a) No YPG/ YAG

b) No Youth Worship

4. Easter Sunday, 5 April 2026

Easter Worship Service | Shangri La | 10.30am



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 29 March 2026

Text: “Conveyed us into the kingdom of His beloved Son” Colossians 1:13

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love Colossians 1:13

1. Deliverance from darkness
 - a) Delivered from the power of sin
 - b) Delivered from the grasp of Satan
2. Conveyance into the Kingdom of God
 - a) A genuine spiritual reality
 - b) It will be fully realised one day!

NEXT SUNDAY: 5 April 2026

Text: “Strengthened with might” Ephesians 3:16

*That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man.
Ephesians 3:16*

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 23:4-6

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You *are* with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD
Forever.

1. Through the dark valley of the shadow of death
 - a) We are not alone
 - b) The Lord's Presence is felt
2. The Threat of Enemies
 - a) The Lord's protection will be given
 - b) God will provide all we need and more
3. The End of the Road
 - a) We will see the Lord
 - b) We have a Heaven-bound Hope

POETRY CORNER

#1

RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND

Living in a sinful world makes us weary;
It is difficult to practise being holy!
Tiredness weighs in and we become weak;
Spiritual Renewal is what we must seek!

Renewal is to be found in the teachings of the Lord;
Mere human reasoning will not lead us to a holy God!
The Spirit of God must do this work of sanctification;
Only He can bring about a true and deep transformation.

The human nature needs to be dealt with effectively;
It will grow more and more corrupt, progressively.
The Lord has already given us a regenerated nature;
The word of Truth must do its part to nurture.

Renewal is much more than an emotional feeling;
It is a special work of God and a precious blessing.
Let us seek spiritual renewal again and again;
Let our renewed spirit express itself in joyous refrains!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Ephesians 4:20-24

POETRY CORNER

#2

Whispers in the breeze

I wandered through the lightless depths of sin.
Afar, the breeze caressed my soulless bones.
The darkness held my heart with what I'd win
If all my soul I let the darkness own.

I offered up my empty soul to dust,
For darkened ways I could not bear to leave.
The far breeze blew my broken soul of rust;
A web of ash was all I had to weave.

But in my dark despair I heard it then,
A whisper carried through the distant breeze,
The breeze I'd felt throughout, from start to end.
Its whisper had me falling to my knees.

"My son, my love for you will never die;
No storm would tear your broken heart from Me.
I've loved you when the dark so yearned to pry
Your heart away from my eternity."

Too long I wandered in the darkened land,
Yet never did His silent whispers cease.
My heart needs nowhere but His gentle hand,
For I have heard the whispers in the breeze.

Joseph Chew
Inspiration: Hosea 11:1-4

POETRY CORNER

#3

“In Faithfulness You Have Afflicted Me”

There are times when we witness Christians suffer afflictions;
And wonder why God allows them to happen on those occasions.
Worse still if the pain and suffering were on us or our relations;
Our faith begins to falter and God's love for us, we question.

Yet, we are reminded we are made and fashioned by God Himself;
He knows our innermost workings and our fears and anxieties, He will quell.
The Lord's mercies are forever and His faithfulness does not fail;
If we trusted in Him, of His deliverance, we can freely avail.

Pray the Lord will grant His wisdom and spiritual understanding;
Which are far different from our earthly experience and comprehending.
We need to learn to pray unceasingly;
To strive to seek God and His ways with fervency.

Lord, help us understand that only in Your faithfulness You have afflicted us;
But Your love brings much needed comfort and never departs us.
Fill us with the knowledge of You and Your plan for us;
That we may be able to submit fully to You and in Your will, place our trust.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Psalm 119:73-80; Colossians 1:9

POETRY CORNER

#4

He has made us

Three score years and sixteen still counting
His Hands have made you and fashioned you
You understand the divine Will of His calling
Striving with passion in building the church you pursue

The Lord is the Potter and we are the clay
We are the work of His wisdom and power of His Hands
Each vessel is designed with a purpose in a specific way
Fill us up and give us an understanding of His Will and plan

Mould and sustain us to learn His statutes
Without understanding His commandments we are useless
His love is manifested in the workmanship of our existence
He is our Maker from whom we seek mercy and grace

May we stand steadfast in our afflictions
They are given in His faithfulness and His judgment is right
For our comfort and peace we humbly ask for His kindness
Let us live for His law in great delight

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 119:73-80; Psalm 90:10; Isaiah 64:8

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CP 96 | All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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Colossians 1
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HWC 293 | Rise up, O Church of God

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HWC 312 TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

CHARLES F. BROWN

1. Almighty Father give us a vision
Of a dying world that needs Your love and care.
We see the need, the yearning for a Saviour,
In Jesus' name, grant this our prayer.

Refrain

To be God's people in this place,
Live His goodness, share His grace,
Proclaim God's mercy through His Son,
Be His love to ev'ryone.

2. And when we falter be Thou our comfort;
Guide us as Your children that our lives may be
A beacon in this darkness that surrounds us,
A light that others then may see.

Refrain

To be God's people in this place,
Live His goodness, share His grace,
Proclaim God's mercy through His Son,
Be His love to ev'ryone.



HYMNS

CP 96 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME EDWARD PERRONET

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all.

2. Let every kindred, ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
On this terrestrial ball;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all.

3. O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall,
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
And crown Him Lord of all.



HYMNS

HWC 293 RISE UP O CHURCH OF GOD

WILLIAM P. MERRILL

1. Rise up, O Church of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
To serve the King of kings.

2. Rise up, O Church of God!
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

3. Rise up, O sons of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task,
Rise up, and make her great!

4. Lift high the Cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As foll'wers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O Church of God!



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