

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN 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: John 21

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IT IS THE LORD

A DISCOURAGED GROUP OF DISCIPLES

John 21 carried a special story of how the Risen Saviour reached out to His very discouraged Disciples. We can understand their discouragement:

1. They had shamefully abandoned the Lord
2. Peter denied the Lord three times vehemently

MEDITATION

3. Their words of commitment to follow the Lord proved empty

A LOVING SAVIOUR REACHED OUT TO THEM

1. He knew the behaviour of His Disciples
2. He knew that they were going to return to their old fishing job
3. He wanted to restore them fully

AT THE SEA OF GALILEE

1. The Disciples had gone back to fishing
2. But they had caught nothing
3. The Lord called them to cast their net to the right side
4. They then caught a great shoal of fish
5. This was reminiscent of the time when the Lord called them to follow Him (Luke 5)

RECOGNITION OF THE LORD

1. John immediately recognised that this was their Risen Teacher
2. Peter jumped into the water and swam to the shore
3. The other fishermen brought the boat back

REMEMBERING THE PAST

1. The scene was so familiar
2. The Lord Jesus having a meal with His Disciples in the past
3. He was cooking for all of them seeking to restore them fully

OUR CHALLENGE

1. Sometimes we are discouraged because we fail so many times
2. The Lord wants to restore our relationship and fellowship with Him
3. Let us recognise the need to return to the Lord and seek to be fully restored!

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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 the Joy of Easter continue to fill our hearts!



JUNIOR CAMP 2026

“GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES”

We are glad to announce that Junior Camp 2026 will be held in the first week of the School Holidays!

This year, our Theme is “Great and Precious Promises”.

We are excited to help the children come to know the great and precious promises that God has given us in His Word.

Details:

Dates: 1 - 4 June 2026 (Monday - Thursday)

Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm daily (Lunch will be provided)

Venue: Bethany IPC

Junior Camp 2026 is open to children aged 7-12.

Please sign up using the QR below.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Heartfelt congratulations to Shawn and Charlene on the gift of another baby girl. Baby Deborah was born on 4 April 2026.



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Blossom Quah and family on the demise of her daughter-in-law, Mdm. Daisy Leong Kwai Ying. The late Mdm. Leong was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, 6 April 2026. She was 73 years old.



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 14 April 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 16 April 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 18 April 2026
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

3. Sunday Ministry, 19 April 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Wee Nee, Daniel, Jayden & Ethan, 2007 Boys

Lunch: Mr. & Mrs. Liang & Hwee Ming; Sherlyn Ho;

Lum Chih Foong & Family



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 24:5-7

⁵ He shall receive blessing from the LORD,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶ This *is* Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him,
Who seek Your face.

⁷ Lift up your heads, O you gates!
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.

1. The generation of Jacob

- a) This is a veiled reference to the time when Jacob sought the Lord
- b) It was the major turning point in his life
- c) Jacob became Israel!

2. Blessings from the Lord

- a) Blessings were promised
- b) Righteousness would be imputed by God

3. A Call to open the gates

- a) City Gates were of great significance
- b) They must open for the King of glory to come in

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 12 April 2026

Text: “That Christ may dwell in your hearts”

Ephesians 3:17

That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love. Ephesians 3:17

1. The Person of Lord Jesus

- a) May He dwell in our hearts
- b) Faith must be exercised for this to happen

2. The Love of the Lord Jesus

- a) Our challenge is to have a deeply-rooted love for the Lord
- b) Let us seek a Love that is deeply grounded!

NEXT SUNDAY: 19 April 2026

Text: “Filled with all the fullness of God”

Ephesians 3:19

¹⁸ May be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—

¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:18-19

POETRY CORNER

1

IT IS THE LORD

The discouraged Disciples returned to fishing;
They knew that their faith and courage were appalling.
They had been loved and taught by the Lord Jesus;
He was their great Teacher and Giver of righteousness.

The Disciples had all pledged allegiance to the Lord;
They declared that they had a strong faith in God.
But all had failed to live up to the expectations;
They deserve nothing but scorn and condemnation.

The Disciples toiled all night to catch some fish;
They worked hard but caught nothing to relish.
By the seashore a Man called out to the fishermen;
Who was He? He looked familiar, this Gentleman!

John recognised the Lord Jesus immediately;
He cried out, "It is the Lord" excitedly.
Peter swam to the seashore to see their Master;
The Lord had come in love as their Risen Saviour!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: John 21; Luke 5

POETRY CORNER

2

BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY

We are privileged to have faith in the Lord Jesus;
This gift has eternal ramifications and is priceless.
Having an appropriate response is important;
It would reflect faith that is genuine and vibrant.

The mind must be girded and prepared for action;
It ought to be ready and able to endure tribulation.
One must remain sober and seek to exercise hope;
God's grace is sufficient and can help us to cope.

As children of God, we have received a vital calling;
He wants us to be obedient, even amidst suffering.
From our former sinful self, we ought to turn away;
Instead, we want to follow God's word and ways.

God is holy and Him, we are meant to take after;
This is what truly pleases our Heavenly Father.
Let us seek Him to cleanse us from old sinful ways;
It may be hard but we are to seek holiness always!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: 1 Peter 1:13-16

POETRY CORNER

3

KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL

Pray persistently to be filled with the knowledge of God's Will for our lives
May the Holy Spirit remove our blindness and grant us an understanding of
His plan

Together with spiritual wisdom we can discern His Will for us
And make choices to walk in the Spirit in our life span

Let the Word of God dwell in our hearts and minds
Humbly seek to be acquainted with His desires
Study and meditate on Scriptures to live a life that pleases
Glorify and honour the Lord bearing fruit in good works

Knowledge of God's Will does not come all at once
It is a painstaking step by step process especially during suffering
Be strong in the Lord Jesus to endure pain and helplessness
The Lord will reveal His Will to His children who do the asking

Our spiritual maturity is deepened as we grow to know God better
Endeavour to walk worthily of the Lord by obeying His Will with delight
When we bear our trials with perseverance we experience His mighty power
Give thanks to the Lord for our share in the inheritance of the saints in the
light

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Colossians 1:9-13

POETRY CORNER

4

“WHEN WILL YOU COMFORT ME?”

Life is full of unpredictability;
Apparent bliss can be cruelly interrupted by catastrophe.
Sudden departures of loved ones we cannot imagine to lose;
Challenges thrust upon us which we did not choose.

Our first response may be denial or to become angry;
Only to relent and turn to God for His mercy.
We ask for strength to endure the arduous journey;
We are impatient and ask “When will You comfort me?”

Yet our comfort is in God and His salvation;
The sacrifice and resurrection of the Lord Jesus for our redemption.
The pain and sufferings on earth are grievous but temporal;
There is hope for us in heaven beyond the secular.

We will experience patience amidst afflictions;
Possess resilience in long suffering and tribulation.
There will be a quiet strength which can only come from God;
Which still enables us to give thanks and glory to the Lord.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Psalm 119:81-82; Colossians 1:11-12

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mitchell Tan

PRAYER

HYMNS

HWC 512 | My Saviour's Love

HWC 415 | He Giveth More Grace

MESSAGE

"For all patience and longsuffering with joy"

Colossians 1

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

VIP 458 | Never Give Up

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

HWC 512 MY SAVIOUR'S LOVE

CHARLES H. GABRIEL

1. I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain

How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! How wonderful
Is my Saviour's love for me!

2. For me it was in the garden
He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine"
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine.

Refrain

3. In pity angels beheld Him,
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night.

Refrain

4. He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calv'ry,
And suffered and died alone.

Refrain

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HYMNS

5. When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 415 HE GIVETH MORE GRACE ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT

1. He giveth more grace when the burden grows greater:
He sendeth more strength when the labours increase.
 To added affliction He addeth His mercy;
 To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

Refrain

His love has no limit; His grace has no measure;
His pow'r has no boundary known unto men.
 For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,
 He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again!

2. When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
 Our Father's full giving is only begun.

Refrain



HYMNS

VIP 458 NEVER GIVE UP FANNY J. CROSBY

1. Never be sad or desponding,
If thou hast faith to believe;
Grace, for the duties before thee,
Ask of thy God and receive.

Refrain

Never give up, never give up,
Never give up to thy sorrows,
Jesus will bid them depart;
Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord,
Sing when your trials are greatest,
Trust in the Lord and take heart.

2. What if thy burdens oppress thee;
What though thy life may be drear;
Look on the side that is brightest,
Pray, and thy path will be clear.

Refrain

3. Never be sad or desponding,
There is a morrow for thee;
Soon thou shalt dwell in its brightness,
There with the Lord thou shalt be.

Refrain

4. Never be sad or desponding,
Lean on the arm of thy Lord;
Dwell in the depths of His mercy,
Thou shalt receive thy reward.

Refrain



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