

# BETHANY

## INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 10 May 2026*

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## MEDITATION

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REV DR CHARLES TAN

**Text: Psalm 119**

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## IN FAITHFULNESS YOU HAVE AFFLICTED ME

### SEEING GOD'S HAND IN ALL MATTERS

The Psalmist sought to see God's hand in everything that happened in his life. This included seeing the Lord's hand even in affliction.

<sup>73</sup> Your hands have made me and fashioned me;

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# MEDITATION

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Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

<sup>74</sup> Those who fear You will be glad when they see me,  
Because I have hoped in Your word.

<sup>75</sup> I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right,  
And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

<sup>76</sup> Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort,  
According to Your word to Your servant.

Psalm 119:73-76

1. God's involvement in our life
  - a) He made us
  - b) He fashioned us
  
2. What we need from the Lord
  - a) To have understanding
  - b) To learn well His commandments
  - c) To have hope in the Lord's word
  
3. Amidst affliction
  - a) God's judgments are always right
  - b) Afflictions are not outside of His faithfulness

## APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. To seek the Lord's tender mercies
2. To find comfort in the Lord
3. Therein is our hope and strength

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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 today. May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship!



## **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

Wishing all mothers the Lord's blessings! May your heart be blessed for your labour of love in raising up your children!



## **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.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
  - a) Tuesday, 12 May 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
  - b) Thursday, 14 May 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
  
2. Saturday, 16 May 2026
  - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
  - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm
  
3. Sunday Ministry, 17 May 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: Freya & Elaine Swallow  
Lunch: Joanna Yam & Pat Lim; Chung Han & Chiew Yen



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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## Psalm 25:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses,  
For they *are* from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;  
According to Your mercy remember me,  
For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

1. Asking the Lord to "remember"

- a) His tender mercies
- b) His lovingkindnesses

2. Asking the Lord to "not remember"

- a) The sins of our youth
- b) The transgressions committed

3. Pleading the Lord's goodness

- a) In faith
- b) In humility

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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## **TODAY: 10 May 2026**

**Text: “Who comforts us in all our tribulation”**

**2 Corinthians 1:4**

*Who comforts us in all our tribulation,  
that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble,  
with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

*2 Corinthians 1:4*

1. God comforts us
2. With the view that we would comfort those who are in trouble with the comfort we have been given

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 17 May 2026**

**Text: “The sufferings of Christ abound in us”**

**2 Corinthians 1:5**

*For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us,  
so our consolation also abounds through Christ.*

*2 Corinthians 1:5*

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## IN FAITHFULNESS YOU HAVE AFFLICTED ME

The Psalmist traced the Lord's faithful hand;  
He was made and fashioned in God's Plan.  
God has always been prescient in all He does;  
Even amidst affliction, we see His faithfulness.

God will never afflict us without a reason;  
He will tenderly watch over us from Heaven.  
There is no need to be worried or fretful;  
The Lord will always be loving and faithful.

The judgments of the Lord are always right;  
With the Lord there is much wisdom and light.  
He will be there with us in all our afflictions;  
We will find our comfort in prayer and meditation.

Let us find our comfort in God's lovingkindness;  
Therein will we comprehend His faithfulness.  
Some pain may be experienced in our affliction;  
In the heart of everything, we will see His affection.

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Psalm 119:73-76

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

“The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want”, says the Psalm -  
I’ve gleaned warmth, wife, and Word  
From my dear shepherd’s palm

“He makes me to lie down”  
And feed, in pastures green -  
As a kid, I huddled round  
To hear your stories, keen

“He leads me beside the still waters”  
He restores me, even my soul -  
You gladly allowed a warm shower  
A dear memory, still dearly told

“He leads me”, for His name’s sake  
In paths that righteous shine -  
You led grandma, to gently partake  
Of salvation: a wondrous design

And so, dear Pastor, I will pray -  
With thanks to God for you  
Long over us, you’ve watched and prayed  
So now - our honour - we’ll pray for you

Andrew Foo

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 3

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITH, LOVE & STRENGTH

Your faith in the Lord Jesus, sincere, sure and ever-deepening,  
Fills your every day with great joy and immense meaning.  
Your commitment to our Saviour, your faith's focus and tenacity,  
Has inspired me to cultivate my own faith with diligence and consistency!

Your love for the Lord Jesus, evidently tender and true,  
This love is seen in all you say and everything you do.  
Your strong and steady love for me spans so many years,  
Pastor, I love you too, and you are very dear!

Your strength in the Lord Jesus has been, by His grace, sustained -  
As in His Word and Will, you have chosen to always remain.  
With the strength you've been given, you serve and minister tirelessly,  
Thank you for your example, teaching us to face life courageously!

Camille George  
3 May 2026

*Written specially for Pastor as he goes for his kidney transplant  
on 13 May 2026*

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 4

## GOD OF ALL MERCIES AND COMFORT

Through the Lord, Pastor has comforted many  
Afflicted but strengthened by His grace through trials and tribulations  
May we in turn be of comfort to Pastor assuringly  
While he is confronted with life's challenges

The Lord is our Shepherd who leads us through difficult times  
As we walk through the darkest valley He comforts our troubled hearts  
Glorify the Lord Father of the Lord Christ Jesus  
Who is compassionate and consoles us in our distress

We are not alone in our hardships and struggles  
Trust in the Lord for He keeps us in perfect peace  
Seek the Holy Spirit to intercede for us in our prayers  
Let our hope sustain us giving strength and endurance

A greater purpose exists in our sufferings  
We may never know the specific reason  
Learn to deepen our faith as He orchestrates our lives  
Praise be to God Father of all mercies and all comfort

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Psalm 23:1-4; Isaiah 26:3

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 5

## AND PRAY FOR YOU WITH HOPE AND LOVE

No more could words express the love,  
That Bethany holds dear for you.  
To love and teach God's Word above,  
To show us light in ways so blue.

And though you face uncertainty,  
Your faith in God holds strong and true.  
Your trust in the Lord Jesus, many see,  
And will not cease to pray for you.

Your thoughtful works of poetry,  
With gentle care, with me, you shared.  
You never once had doubted me,  
When doubt in myself I often had.

In love you built this from the start,  
Brought many hearts to God above.  
We'll always hold you in our hearts,  
And pray for you with hope and love.

Joseph Chew

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## **PRELUDE**

Musicians

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Deacon Tang Hong Wee*

## **PRAYER**

## **HYMNS**

CP 310 | Count Your Blessings

HWC 354 | Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

## **MESSAGE**

"Our consolation also abounds through Christ" | 2 Corinthians 1:5-7

*Rev. Benjamin Quah*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

CP 453 | 'Till The Storm Passes By

## **BENEDICTION**

## **OFFERING**

## **POSTLUDE**



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# HYMNS

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## CP 310 COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

JOHNSON OATMAN JR.

1. When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain

Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;  
Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

2. Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,  
And you will be singing as the days go by.

*Refrain*

3. So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,  
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## HWC 354 LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS ELISHA A. HOFFMAN

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain*

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## VIP 453 'TILL THE STORM PASSES BY MOSIE LISTER

1. In the dark of the midnight have I oft hid my face,  
While the storm howls above me and there's no hiding place;  
'Mid the crash of the thunder, precious Lord, hear my cry:  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

### Refrain

'Til the storm passes over,  
'Til the thunder sounds no more,  
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,  
Hold me fast, let me stand in the hollow of Thy hand  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

2. Many times Satan whispered, "There is no need to try,  
For there's no end of sorrow, there's no hope by and by!"  
But I know Thou art with me, and tomorrow I'll rise  
Where the storms never darken the skies.

### *Refrain*

3. When the long night has ended and the storms come no more,  
Let me stand in Thy presence on that bright, peaceful shore;  
In that land where the tempest never comes, Lord, may I  
Dwell with Thee when the storm passes by.

### *Refrain*



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