

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 17 May 2026*

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## MEDITATION

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REV DR CHARLES TAN

**Text: Psalm 119**

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## BY THEM YOU HAVE GIVEN ME LIFE

### THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

Power is inherent in God's Word. It is clearly revealed in the establishment of the earth. It has to be personally experienced to be better appreciated.

<sup>89</sup> Forever, O LORD,  
Your word is settled in heaven.

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# MEDITATION

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<sup>90</sup> Your faithfulness *endures* to all generations;  
You established the earth, and it abides.

<sup>91</sup> They continue this day according to Your ordinances,  
For all *are* Your servants.

<sup>92</sup> Unless Your law *had been* my delight,  
I would then have perished in my affliction.

<sup>93</sup> I will never forget Your precepts,  
For by them You have given me life.

Psalm 119:89-93

1. The nature of God's word
  - a) It is a "settled word"
    - i. It is settled in heaven
    - ii. The mighty angels acknowledge it
  - b) It is tied in to God's faithfulness
    - i. It endures forever
    - ii. It is evidenced in the establishment of the earth
    - iii. It is God and His word that sustains the earth
2. Personal experience of God's word
  - a) The Law can be such a delight to the soul
  - b) Without the Law one would have perished in afflictions
  - c) The word of God brings Life to the individual

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

1. To know God's word better
2. To delight in it
3. To discover how God's word sustains life
4. To rejoice in the Word as our delight

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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 encouraged through worship and fellowship!



## GREETINGS

Pastor and Aunt Sally send greetings to all at Bethany. Pastor is presently recuperating at NUH. Aunt Sally has been discharged from hospital.



## GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Mitchell Yeo  
Lunch: Berlinda & Tricia Cheong; Kit Chong & Yile;  
Chung Han & Chiew Yen



## 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

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Junior Camp 2026 is open to children aged 7-12.  
Please sign up using the QR below.



## **THIS WEEK IN BETHANY**

1. Seniors Program
  - a) Tuesday, 19 May 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
  - b) Thursday, 21 May 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
2. Saturday, 23 May 2026
  - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
  - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm
3. Sunday Ministry, 24 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



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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## Psalm 25:8-9

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright *is* the LORD;  
Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup> The humble He guides in justice,  
And the humble He teaches His way.

1. Precious appreciation of God
  - a) He is good and upright
  - b) He teaches sinners to walk in His way
  
2. Personal experience of God
  - a) He guides the humble in justice
  - b) He teaches the humble how to walk in His way

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## BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 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*

1. Suffering for the Lord may abound
2. But the Lord’s consolation (comfort) will also abound
3. The Lord our Saviour would be there with us to bring us comfort

**NEXT SUNDAY: 24 May 2026**

**Text: “It is for your consolation and salvation”**

**2 Corinthians 1:6**

*Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is  
effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we  
are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.*

*2 Corinthians 1:6*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## **PRELUDE**

*Musicians*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Mr. Jerome Lai*

*Mr. Jovan Wong*

## **PRAYER**

## **HYMNS**

CP 53 | Great is Thy Faithfulness

CP 297 | Wonderful Grace of Jesus

## **SPECIAL ITEM**

"You Are Not Alone"

*One Voice Choir*

## **MESSAGE**

"That we should not trust in ourselves but in God" 2 Corinthians 1

*Rev. Mitchell Tan*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

HWC 408 | Have Faith in God

## **BENEDICTION**

## **OFFERING**

## **POSTLUDE**



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# HYMNS

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## CP 53 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

THOMAS O. CHISHOLM

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

### Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and spring time and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

### *Refrain*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

### *Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## CP 297 WONDERFUL GRACE OF JESUS

HALDOR LILLENAS

1. Wonderful grace of Jesus, Greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it, Where shall its praise begin?  
Taking away my burden, Setting my spirit free,  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,  
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;  
Wonderful grace, all sufficient for me, for even me;  
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,  
Greater far than all my sin and shame;  
O magnify the precious Name of Jesus, Praise His Name!

2. Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching to all the lost,  
By it I have been pardoned, Saved to the uttermost;  
Chains have been torn asunder, Giving me liberty,  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

*Refrain*

3. Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching the most defiled,  
By its transforming power making me God's dear child,  
Purchasing peace and Heaven for all eternity;  
And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## CP 316 HAVE FAITH IN GOD

B. B. MCKINNEY

1. Have faith in God when your pathway is lonely,  
He sees and knows all the way you have trod;  
Never alone are the least of His children;  
Have faith in God, have faith in God.

Refrain

Have faith in God, He's on His throne;  
Have faith in God, He watches o'er His own;  
He cannot fail, He must prevail;  
Have faith in God, have faith in God.

2. Have faith in God when your pray'rs are unanswered,  
Your earnest plea He will never forget;  
Wait on the Lord, trust His Word and be patient,  
Have faith in God, He'll answer yet.

*Refrain*

3. Have faith in God in your pain and your sorrow,  
His heart is touched with your grief and despair;  
Cast all your cares and your burdens upon Him,  
And leave them there, oh, leave them there.

*Refrain*

4. Have faith in God though all else fail about you;  
Have faith in God, He provides for His own;  
He cannot fail though all kingdoms shall perish,  
He rules, He reigns upon His throne.

*Refrain*



# You Are Not Alone


*Molly Ijames / Lyrics by Eileen Berry  
Presented by the One Voice Choir*

When the sun spills glory on the road ahead  
Or when looming rainclouds in the sky are spread,  
Ev'ry path is charted, ev'ry step is known,  
I am walking with you;  
You are not alone.

Do not be afraid,  
My beloved child,  
Do not be dismayed.  
I am still your God,  
I will never leave you;  
Trust the truth you know.  
I will journey with you  
Ev'rywhere you go.

When the shadows deepen in the moonless night,  
And the mist surrounds you, hiding stars from sight,  
With the dark descending, dimming all you see,  
Look up, My beloved,  
Lift your eyes to Me.

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When the winds of summer freshen youthful days,  
When the autumn splendors fill midlife with praise.  
When the snows of winter burden age with care,  
Through each turning season,  
You will find Me there.

Do not be afraid,  
My beloved child,  
Do not be dismayed.  
I am still your God,  
I will never leave you;  
Trust the truth you know.  
I will journey with you  
Ev'rywhere you go.



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# POETRY CORNER

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#1

## YOU HAVE GIVEN ME LIFE

The Word of God is settled in heaven always;  
The angels of God recognise its righteousness.  
They obey and the Word of God is honoured;  
Each and every word of God is treasured.

The Word of God is also established in creation;  
Its power sustains the earth in every generation.  
The Word of God is the source of every blessing;  
How precious to read it and on it be meditating!

The Word of God brings hope amidst affliction;  
His Word brings Hope and deepens affection.  
Affliction without the Word can be hard to bear;  
The Word of God reminds us that God truly cares.

Amidst affliction and pain, the Word brings God near;  
The Presence of God becomes most precious and dear.  
Revival of the soul takes place through the Scriptures;  
The Word of God can become life's great treasures!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Psalm 119:89-93

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# POETRY CORNER

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#2

## We hold you

The heart weeps to hear of your tribulation,  
Longing to bear the weight beside your name.  
To walk with you in quiet consolation,  
To share your pain, your sorrow, and your flame.

The heart is stilled as the Word awakens,  
Reminding us our God is ever near.  
His power stands though every ground be shaken,  
And drives out doubt, restores what's lost to fear.

The heart finds peace in every promise spoken,  
For hope abides where faith in Him is found.  
Though human strength be weak, frail and broken,  
His steadfast love is firm, His grace abounds.

The heart longs to see you strong and thriving,  
Home in Bethany, where you belong.  
We will be here, faithful and abiding,  
Holding you close in prayer and song.

Angela Teng

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# POETRY CORNER

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#3

## Comfort and consolation in the Lord

Fear not for the Lord is with Pastor and Aunty Sally  
As the storm arises He will quieten it with His command  
Make our plea known to God for protection and safety  
May He keep them in the Hollow of His Hand

Apostle Paul faced a lifetime of sufferings  
There were perils of stoning, beating often in hunger and thirst  
As he suffered for the Lord Jesus consolation also abounded through Him  
The apostle knew his sufferings had a higher purpose

When inner turmoil churns relentlessly in us  
God promises peace and comfort  
Believers are put through the fire to remove dross and impurities  
The Lord's greater plan is to toughen us to serve His intent  
With comfort from God we can give the same comfort to others

May the God of hope sustain us through life's struggles  
Seek His presence in our prayers for His mercy  
Ask for the Holy Spirit to help us express our needs and concerns  
Thank you Lord for your lovingkindness and tender mercies

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 1:5-7;  
Isaiah 1:25; 40:12; 41:10; Romans 15:13

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# POETRY CORNER

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#4

## Blessing of A Cherished Spring 2026 (Tulipmania)

Vibrant spring tulips with rich green leaves,  
Yellow, pink and red dazzle my sight.  
Crystals of moisture signal a special freshness,  
Life in abundance, these tulips show their brilliance.

The sun's ray reminds me of your dance in the breeze,  
Your enchanting singing was truly much delight.  
My dear blooming flower, you were ever so precious,  
But now, only deep within me will you exhibit your presence.

These bright spring colours are mine to perceive,  
Yet for that moment only black, grey and white.  
For spring colours remind me of your tenderness,  
Without you, colour in my life sometimes non-existent.

But faith tells me, and this I truly believe,  
In the shadow of the Almighty, there you abide.  
His shelter protects you from any bitterness,  
God's comfort and warmth ever for you in its essence.

Poem by Tan Kok Yang

Deeply missing my late daughter Chloe on her birthday on 17 May.  
Thinking of 4 fathers who had similarly lost their young daughters.

Inspiration: Psalm 91:1-6



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