

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: Psalm 119

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LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD

A DEEP AFFECTION FOR THE SCRIPTURES

All of us have different reasons why we love the Scriptures. The Psalmist shares why he loved the Lord's word.

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love Your law!
It *is* my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸ You, through Your commandments,
make me wiser than my enemies;

MEDITATION

For they *are* ever with me.

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers,
For Your testimonies *are* my meditation.

¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the ancients,
Because I keep Your precepts.

Psalm 119:97-100

1. A declaration of love for God's word
 - a) This was boldly declared
 - b) The context of undergoing affliction is to be borne in mind
 - c) Through afflictions caused by enemies, the Psalmist gained a deeper love for the law of God

2. Three reasons highlighted:
 - a) More wisdom gained
 - i) More wisdom than possessed by enemies
 - ii) Enemies used their wits to persecute the Psalmist
 - iii) But the Psalmist was never outwitted by his enemies because of the wisdom gained from the Word of God
 - b) More understanding than his teachers
 - i) He was grateful for his teachers
 - ii) But the Word of God gave him more understanding than his teachers
 - c) More understanding than the ancient wise men
 - i) This is certainly possible
 - ii) The wisdom that God gives in His word is far superior to man's wisdom

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. To know God's word better
2. To love His word
3. To meditate on it diligently

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus with us today. May your faith be further strengthened and your wisdom increased through worship and fellowship!



GREETINGS FROM PASTOR AND AUNTY SALLY

Greetings to all worshipping at Bethany!
May the Lord grant grace and joy as you worship and fellowship today!



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign up using the QR below.



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Combined Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 26 May 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) There will be no Seniors Program on Thursday, 28 May 2026

2. Saturday, 30 May 2026
 - a) No YPG/ YAG
 - b) No Youth Worship

3. Sunday Ministry, 31 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) No Catechism Class



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Albert, Minli & John
Lunch: KC & Elaine; Philip & Mary Soh



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 25:10-11

¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth,
To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

¹¹ For Your name's sake, O LORD,
Pardon my iniquity, for it *is* great.

1. To those who keep God's covenant and testimonies
 - a) God blesses with mercy
 - b) He will reveal His truth to them

2. To those who are humble and repentant
 - a) They may ask for pardon for their iniquity
 - b) God will grant mercy for His own name's sake

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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

1. Three special blessings that may result from affliction
2. These are:
 - a) Consolation (comfort)
 - b) Salvation (deliverance)
 - c) Endurance

NEXT SUNDAY: 31 May 2026

Text: “You will partake of the consolation”

2 Corinthians 1:7

And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.

2 Corinthians 1:7

POETRY CORNER

1

OH, HOW I LOVE YOUR LAW

The Psalmist faced hard persecution;
The trials were called his "affliction."
Enemies used their wits to persecute him;
Wisdom from God enabled him to avoid sin.

The Psalmist was grateful for his teachers;
They had shared knowledge as treasures.
But his understanding increased deeply;
He was wiser than his teachers eventually.

The ancients were revered for their understanding;
The Psalmist found his study of God's word rewarding.
He discovered truths that God Himself revealed;
The profound wisdom from God was no longer concealed.

The Psalmist was grateful for the Lord's law;
It showed him many common human flaws.
Meditation on God's word became precious;
Wisdom was a gift from God that is glorious!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 119:97-100

POETRY CORNER

2

RELY WHOLLY ON GOD

The Apostle Paul was overwhelmed by his suffering feeling a death sentence
He learnt to place his trust wholly in the Almighty who raises the dead
As he realised that mankind is limited in power and self reliance
Let us deepen our faith in God to stand us in good stead

Rely wholly on God now and wait not to be burdened beyond strength
Get rid of feelings of despair and seek the Lord for deliverance
He has delivered, delivers and will deliver is our hope and faith
When our minds are steadfast trusting the Lord He will keep us in peace

The Apostle Paul believed in the power of collective prayer
He attributed his deliverance by God to the intercessory prayers of the
Corinthians
May the community of many outpour thanks to the Lord for answering their
prayers
Unite in communal prayers for fellow Christians facing severe trials

Our relationship with God is one of total dependence
Cultivate humility and surrender to His leading
Acknowledge our limitations and seek His daily guidance
Ask for the Holy Spirit to teach and counsel us in His filling

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 1:8-11; Isaiah 26:3

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Andrew Foo
Mrs. Cheryl Phang

PRAYER

HYMNS

VIP 725 | Find Us Faithful
HWC 271 | Standing On The Promises

MESSAGE

"In simplicity and godly sincerity" | 2 Corinthians 1:11-14
Rev. Benjamin Chong

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 293 | Rise Up, O Church of God

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

VIP 725 FIND US FAITHFUL

STEVE GREEN

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road
And those who've gone before us line the way
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary
Their lives, a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses
Let us run the race, not only for the prize
But as those who've gone before us
Let us leave to those behind us the heritage of faithfulness
Passed on through godly lives

Refrain

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion light their way
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe
And the lives we live inspire them to obey
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone
And our children sift through all we've left behind
May the clues that they discover and the memories they uncover
Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find

Refrain

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion light their way
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe
And the lives we live inspire them to obey
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful



HYMNS

HWC 271 STANDING ON THE PROMISES R. KELSO CARTER

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the Highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Saviour;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Saviour as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain



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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