

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 31 May 2026

MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 119

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REVIVE ME, O LORD

GREAT AFFLICTION

The Psalmist shared candidly that he had to endure much affliction. Amidst the pain and suffering, he was determined to be faithful and true to God.

¹⁰⁵ Your word *is* a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

MEDITATION

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn and confirmed
That I will keep Your righteous judgments.

¹⁰⁷ I am afflicted very much;
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,
And teach me Your judgments.

Psalm 119:105-108

1. When afflictions abound
 - a) Light is needed
 - b) A lamp that lights the way is a precious gift
2. Personal commitment
 - a) The Psalmist swore that he would stay faithful
 - b) He confirmed that he would keep God's judgments
3. Amidst affliction
 - a) The Psalmist prays for revival
 - b) God can keep his spirit strong and fresh
4. Freewill offerings of the mouth
 - a) This is a reference to praise
 - b) The Psalmist will remain strong in his faith

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To have this steadfastness of spirit
2. To pray for spiritual revival
3. To remain deeply committed to our faith in God

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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!



GREETINGS

Pastor and Aunty Sally send greeting to all worshippers. May your heart continue to be steadfast in faith and prayer!



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

There will be no Seniors Program for the month of June

2. Junior Camp 2026 | Monday - Thursday | 1 - 4 June 2026

3. Saturday, 6 June 2026

- a) No YPG/ YAG
- b) No Youth Worship

4. Sunday Ministry, 7 June 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: Jedd Pang

Lunch: Andy & Lydia Goh, Ernest Goh; Yong Jin & Shufang

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 25:12-13

¹² Who *is* the man that fears the LORD?
Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

¹³ He himself shall dwell in prosperity,
And his descendants shall inherit the earth.

1. The person who fears the Lord
 - a) God will be his Teacher
 - b) He will teach the God-fearer divine ways

2. The blessings of God
 - a) These would be given to those who fear God
 - b) The blessings would be extended to the descendants

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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

1. A steadfast hope is expressed
2. If one partakes of suffering
3. One will also partake of the consolation

NEXT SUNDAY: 7 June 2026

Text: “A thorn in the flesh” 2 Corinthians 12:7

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 2 Corinthians 12:7

POETRY CORNER

#1

I AM AFFLICTED VERY MUCH

Afflictions can weary a soul;
The need is to remain whole.
The Word of God provides Light;
Faith provides spiritual sight.

The Word of God is like a Lamp;
It provides light when we are in a jam.
The light the Scriptures give is spectacular;
The Word gives wisdom that is not secular.

The heart and soul need spiritual revival;
Only God can do this work, for it is spiritual.
God can bring fresh strength and hope;
With a revived soul, we will be able to cope.

The heart of the revived believer is strong again;
He will be able to sing to God, despite the strain.
He remains deeply committed to be faithful to the Lord;
Afflictions need not be feared if we know the Word of God!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 119:105-108

POETRY CORNER

#2

A life of integrity

The conscience of the Apostle Paul was clear
By God's grace his conduct was one of simplicity and godly sincerity
How do we measure up and is our conscience crystal clear
Can we honestly say we conduct ourselves with full integrity

A history of transparent interactions boded well for the Apostle Paul
It built a foundation of trust over the years with the Corinthians
Thus he was confident of their belief in him to the end of it all
Relationships with our brethren are deepened when we do not obscure our
motivations

Have we been guilty in hiding truth on occasions
Be guided by God's wisdom for openness with our neighbours
Steer away from worldly influence which deceives
May our conduct be a reflection of God's work in our lives

Seek the Lord for a heart of purity and candour
Self promotion, hidden agendas are former things that have come to pass
Let our integrity bear testimony of God's grace in our character
Glory to the Lord for His faithfulness in continually working in us

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 1:12-14

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Janelle Tan

Ms. Audrey Chia

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 488 | I Love to Tell the Story

Song No. 2 | By Our Love

MESSAGE

"All the promises of God" 2 Corinthians 1:20

Rev. Eugene Seow

CLOSING HYMN

VIP 467 | God Hath Not Promised

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 488 I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

DAVID DUNCAN

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

2. I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own Holy Word.

Refrain

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain



HYMNS

BY OUR LOVE

CHRISTY NOCKELS

Brothers, let us come together
Walking in the Spirit, there's much to be done
We will come reaching, out from our comforts
And they will know us by our love

Sisters, we were made for kindness
We can pierce the darkness as He shines through us
We will come reaching, with a song of healing
And they will know us by our love

The time is now
Come Church arise
Love with His hands
See with His eyes
Bind it around you,
Let it never leave you,
And they will know us by our love

Children, you are hope for justice,
Stand firm in the truth now, set your hearts above
You will be reaching, long after we're gone,
And they will know you by your love

The time is now
Come Church arise
Love with His hands
See with His eyes
Bind it around you,
Let it never leave you,
And they will know us by our love



HYMNS

VIP 467 GOD HATH NOT PROMISED

ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT

1. God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through;
God had not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

Refrain

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labour, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing kindness, undying love.

2. God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.

Refrain

3. God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;
Never a mountain, rocky and steep,
Never a river turbid and deep.

Refrain



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