

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 9 August 2026 ... Happy National Day

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: 2 Corinthians 4

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THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH

THE PATRIARCHS, PROPHETS AND APOSTLES

What is the common thread that seems to tie the servants of God together? That one special thread could well be that they "possessed the same spirit of faith!"

⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

MEDITATION

⁸ *We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair;

⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—

¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

¹¹ For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

¹² So then death is working in us, but life in you.

¹³ And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak.

2 Corinthians 4:7-13

LET US PONDER THE FOLLOWING TRUTHS

1. We share the same great Treasure of faith
2. In this Treasure, we find the Power of God
3. The Treasure is the Life of the Lord Jesus in us
4. All of these make up "the spirit of faith!"

LET US RESPOND POSITIVELY

1. Let us build up our Faith
2. Let us live in the Power of God
3. Let us manifest the life of the Lord Jesus in our mortal body!

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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 you find great encouragement to live joyously!



HAPPY 61ST NATIONAL DAY

Thank God for His grace and mercy bestowed on our nation! Thank God for our leaders! May the Lord continue to bless in a world that is fraught with uncertainty.



CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+3 ANNIVERSARY

Theme: Give me this Mountain

Date: 30 August 2026, Sunday

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel

Time: 10.30am Anniversary

Lunch: 12.15pm

Do register as early as possible.

If there are any queries, please approach us at the Booth in the Fellowship Hall during Lunch.

To sign up for Anniversary Lunch, please scan the QR code.

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CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+3 ANNIVERSARY: CHILDREN'S SPECIAL LUNCH PROGRAM

We will be having a special Lunch Program for our children as part of this year's 50+3 Anniversary celebrations.

Our children will have their own lunch menu and program in a separate room, taken care by our staff and volunteers.

Details:

Date: 30 August 2026, Sunday

Venue: Shangri-La Hotel, Azalea Rooms (2nd Floor)

Time: 12.15pm – 2.00pm

This is open to children **aged 5 to 12.**

Please contact Pastor Benjamin Quah (9752 3036) if you have any queries.

To register for your child(ren), scan the QR code for the **Children's Special Lunch Program.**

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YOUTH CONFERENCE 2026

"Hold fast what you have" - Revelation 3:11

We start looking forward to the Youth Conference even as we enter the second half of 2026! As we learn about our faith in God, may we seek to hold fast to what we have, ensuring that no one takes away the crown of victory that we can have!

Details

Dates: 30 November 2026 - 3 December 2026 (Monday - Thursday)

Venue: Bethany IPC

Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm daily

Age

Open to youths aged 13 and above.

Fellowship Lunch

Lunch will be provided every day. It would be an opportunity for us to relate to and fellowship with one another.

Fees

\$25.00

Do sign up early to assist in the planning of the programme.

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If there are any queries, please feel free to contact Joshua Phang at 8028 6194.

You can register online by scanning the QR Code:



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mr. Rocky Wong and family on the demise of his wife, Mdm. Jenny Quek. The late Mdm. Quek was called home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, 5 August 2026. She was 91 years old.



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 11 August 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
- b) Thursday, 13 August 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 15 August 2026

- a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
- b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

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3. Sunday Ministry, 16 August 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: Sam & Su-An Tham; Huai Zher & Sarah; Eugene & Michelle Tan
Lunch: Andrew & Yan-Yi Foo; Tan You Cai & Alvina



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 27:4-5

⁴ One *thing* I have desired of the LORD,
That will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD,
And to inquire in His temple.
⁵ For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle
He shall hide me;
He shall set me high upon a rock.

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

1. A wonderful personal desire
 - a) To dwell in the house of the Lord always
 - b) To behold the beauty of the Lord
 - c) To inquire in His temple
2. A wonderful faith and hope
 - a) That God would protect
 - b) That He would preserve
 - c) That He would set the believer high on a rock

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 9 August 2026

Text: “Give me this mountain” Joshua 14:12

Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said.”

Joshua 14:12

1. Caleb recalled what the Lord had said Numbers 14
2. His confidence remained in the Hope of God’s presence and promise given to him
3. Ability to achieve would be the result of God’s blessing

NEXT SUNDAY: 16 August 2026

Text: “And Joshua blessed him” Joshua 14:13

And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance Joshua 14:13

POETRY CORNER

1

THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH

What a privilege to have faith in God;
May we treasure this gift from the Lord!
Patriarchs, Prophets and Apostles had one thing in common.
They had a strong spirit of faith that was given from God in heaven.

We too can speak of having the same spirit of faith in God;
With the great servants of old, we worship the same Lord.
There is such potential power in the Faith given to us;
Therein is the great promise of having a life of righteousness!

We need not fear the problems and perplexities of life;
There is power through faith in God to overcome strife.
The challenge is to grow our faith in the Lord;
This faith would help us draw strength from God!

The Life of the Lord Jesus would be manifested in us;
We would be able to reflect His glorious righteousness.
The life of faith in God must become our Treasure;
The fulness of God's blessings is truly without measure!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 4:7-13

POETRY CORNER

2

A SPIRIT OF FAITH

With economic austerity and the advent of artificial intelligence;
People are finding their livelihoods to be hanging in the balance.
It is daunting to begin new careers or ventures in one's forties or fifties;
It takes courage and a strong spirit to face life's uncertainties.

Life's challenges can seem like formidable and unyielding mountains;
Yet the Lord will provide and protect to ensure we are not beaten.
We can take comfort that He has seen us through all manner of difficulty;
If it had not been for Him, our lives would have been very different stories.

Caleb had a different spirit from the others deployed to spy out Canaan;
His faith in God enabled him to be unafraid and unshaken.
It inspired him to say "Now therefore, give me this mountain";
Even after forty-five years had passed from the initial reconnaissance.

Caleb's spirit of faith is that which we must aspire to obtain;
So strong it was that for forty-five years it did not wane.
May God approve of our faith too when He makes His assessment;
May He find us to be His faithful and obedient servants.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Numbers 13-14; Joshua 14:12

POETRY CORNER

3

MY SERVANT CALEB

God pledged to deliver Israel to the Promised Land
Sadly the children of Israel lacked the faith to trust in His commitment
They feared the natives of Canaan believing in their inability to overcome
them
How the Lord protected and led them out of mightier Egypt was forgotten

Unbelief prevented the Israelites from receiving God's promises
They would die in the wilderness never making it to the Promised Land
Complaining and grumbling at the Lord is an act of rebelliousness
It is an outright rejection of God and His plan

In times of suffering have we been guilty of discrediting the Almighty
 Let us stop our murmurings and quit griping against God
 Be like Caleb and humbly follow the Lord whole heartedly
 He was thus affirmed as "My Servant" by the Lord

What a shining example for us to emulate
Examine our faith to see if it meets the approval of God
Imperative to take heed of His Voice and dictates
May we learn the lesson of unbelief of the Israelites in the Lord

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Numbers 14

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Milton Ong
Mrs. Ong Shiao Yee*

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 57 | Worthy of Worship
Before You I Kneel

ITEM

VIP 571 | "I Go to the Rock"
Youth Choir

MESSAGE

"Joshua and Caleb remained alive" | Numbers 14:26-38
Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 494 | Like a River Glorious

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 57 WORTHY OF WORSHIP

TERRY W. YORK

1. Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,
Worthy of honour and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,
Worthy of all of the off'rings we bring.

Refrain

You are worthy, Father, Creator,
You are worthy, Saviour, Sustainer,
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;
Worthy of worship and praise.

2. Worthy of rev'rence, worthy of fear,
Worthy of love and devotion;
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,
Worthy of all this and added to these...

Refrain

3. Almighty Father, Master and Lord,
King of all kings and Redeemer,
Wonderful Counsellor, Comforter, Friend,
Saviour and Source of our life without end.

Refrain



HYMNS

BEFORE YOU I KNEEL

STUART TOWNEND, KEITH & KRISTYN GETTY,
JEFF TAYLOR

Before You I kneel, my Master and Maker
To offer the work of my hands.
For this is the day You've given Your servant;
I will rejoice and be glad.

For the strength I have to live and breathe;
For each skill Your grace has given me;
For the needs and opportunities
That will glorify Your great Name.

Before You I kneel and ask for Your goodness
To cover the work of my hands.
For patience and peace to shape all my labour,
Your grace for thorns in my path.

Flow within me like a living stream,
Wear away the stones of pride and greed
'Till Your ways are dwelling deep in me
And a harvest of life is grown.

Before You we kneel, Our Master and Maker
Establish the work of our hands.
And order our steps to seek first Your Kingdom
In every small and great task.

May we live the Gospel of Your grace,
Serve Your purpose in our fleeting days,
Then our lives will bring eternal praise
and all glory to Your Name;
And all glory to Your great Name.



HYMNS

HWC 494 LIKE A RIVER GLORIOUS

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL

1. Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,
Perfect, yet it growth deeper all the way.

Refrain

Stayed upon Jehovah,
Hearts are fully blest –
Finding as He promised,
Perfect peace and rest.

2. Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

Refrain

3. Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the sun of love;
We may trust Him fully all for us to do –
They who trust him wholly find Him wholly true.

Refrain



VIP 571 “I Go to the Rock”

Performed by: Youth Choir

Where do I go when there's no one else to turn to?
Who do I talk to when no one wants to listen?
Who do I lean on when there's no foundation stable?
I go to the Rock I know that's able, I go to the Rock.

I go to the Rock of my salvation,
Go to the Stone that the builders rejected,
Run to the Mountain
And the Mountain stands by me.
The earth all around me is sinking sand;
On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand.
When I need a shelter, when I need a friend,
I go to the Rock.

Where do I hide till the storms have all passed over?
Where do I run to when winds of sorrow threaten?
Is there a refuge, in the time of tribulation?
When my soul needs consolation I go to the Rock.

I go to the Rock of my salvation,
Go to the Stone that the builders rejected,
Run to the Mountain
And the Mountain stands by me.
The earth all around me is sinking sand;
On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand.
When I need a shelter, when I need a friend,
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