

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 16 August 2026

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

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Text: 1 Thessalonians 2

THE WORD OF GOD

DEEP COMMITMENT TO PREACH THE WORD OF GOD

The Apostle Paul was deeply committed to preach the Word of God! He faithfully proclaimed the Gospel that had been entrusted to him.

Paul ministered in Thessalonica and founded another church there. The brethren in Thessalonica were enamoured of the Word of God!

MEDITATION

¹³ For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

¹⁴ For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they *did* from the Judeans
1 Thessalonians 2:13-14

1. Inspired preaching of the Word of God

- a) The Thessalonians welcomed the Word of God preached to them
- b) They received it not as the word of men
- c) They received the messages as "the word of God"

2. The Impact of the Word of God

- a) The word of God impacted the lives of the believers
- b) The word of God is alive and powerful and made a tremendous impact on the Thessalonian brethren
- c) This is the natural work of the Word of God in genuine believers

3. The Inspirational Thessalonian Church

- a) The young Church was inspired by the Judean Churches
- b) They imitated these churches
- c) They were unafraid of suffering for the Lord

OUR CHALLENGE

1. Receiving God's word

How do we receive the word of God?

2. Responding to God's word

How are we responding to His word?

3. Revival

Let us seek a revival from the Lord!

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us! May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship!



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Magdaline, Audrey, Aaron & Thomas

Lunch: Ping Khuan & Swee Lan; Alicia Foo



CONDOLENCES

1. Heartfelt condolences to Mr. Lim Chin Hu and family on the home-calling of his father, Mr. Lim Swee Keng. The late Mr. Lim was called home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, 12 August 2026. He was 101 years old.

2. Heartfelt condolences to Mr. Jacob Chacko and family on the demise of his mother, Mrs. Annamma Chacko. The late Mrs. Chacko was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, 13 August 2026. She was 94 years old.



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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 below for the **Children's Special Lunch Program.**



MID-AUTUMN CELEBRATION 2026

We will be having our Mid-Autumn Celebration
in the month of September.

If you wish to attend, kindly sign up at the booth in the Fellowship Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Details:

Date: 19 September 2026, Saturday | Time: 3.00pm

Venue: Bethany IPC Main Sanctuary

Followed by Fellowship High Tea



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

You can register online by scanning the QR Code:



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 18 August 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 20 August 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
2. Saturday, 22 August 2026
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm
3. Sunday Ministry, 23 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



LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor Charlie, Pastoral Team, and Bethany family,

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for your love and support in our time of bereavement.

Many of you have spent much time praying for Grandma and caring for her in many ways. We appreciate your special love for her.

Thank you also for taking the time to rally around us and minister to us with comforting words from the word of God.

We are so thankful to the Lord for each of you.

Rocky, Veronica, Daniel, Rachel and Sylvia

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 27:6-7

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me;
Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.
⁷ Hear, O Lord, *when* I cry with my voice!
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

1. Response to God for His help
 - a) To offer sacrifices of joy
 - b) To sing praises to the Lord
2. Relating to God
 - a) This must be maintained
 - b) Seeking the Lord's mercy must be done humbly

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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

1. Hebron was given to Caleb
2. It was given with Joshua's blessings
3. It was now his inheritance

NEXT SUNDAY: 23 August 2026

Text: “Because he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel” Joshua 14:14

*Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.
Joshua 14:14*

POETRY CORNER

#1

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

The Word of God was faithfully preached in Thessalonica;
He was fully convicted to preach God's word with power.
He had seen how the Word of God had great authority;
He faithfully preached the Word most faithfully!

The Thessalonians worshipped idols in the past;
They turned from idolatry to a faith that was steadfast.
The messages were believed to be the Word of God;
Their hearts were responding to the Spirit of the Lord!

The young church began to imitate the churches of Judea;
The brethren noted how the Judean believers held their faith dear.
They learned how to suffer affliction for the sake of the Lord;
The Thessalonian Church was deeply impacted by the Word of God.

How we receive the Word of God matters greatly;
If we do not regard it well, it will not work effectively.
But if we treasure Word of God as a gift divine;
We will see the impact it makes by God's design!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-14

POETRY CORNER

#2

The Spirit of Caleb

What made Joshua and Caleb different from the ten spies
All twelve chosen to spy were revered leaders of their tribes
Ten spies succumbed in their fear of giant Canaanites
Their lack of faith resulted in death due to God's judgement in the
wilderness

Joshua and Caleb were not fazed by the insurmountable physical barriers
Their faith teaches us to stand for God when others do not
Caleb was commended for his different spirit and full obedience
God brought him into the Promised Land and his descendants inherited it

Caleb leaves a legacy of what it means to be loyal to the Lord
His role as God's servant inspires and motivates us to choose
To aim to emulate his spirit to focus fully on God
In our world of plenty distractions, a faith we must not lose

Let us learn to trust God and never ever doubt Him
Faith is the only weapon when we are facing spiritual giants
With patience persevere and wait for the Lord's timing
Be not ashamed to stand firm in the Lord whenever surrounded by skeptics

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Numbers 14:26-38

POETRY CORNER

#3

In My 25th Hour

Awake at 3am, on the bed I am stirring,
Uneasiness persisting from morning to morning.
The ache within a longing heart undeniable,
An end to this sorrow incomprehensible.

And I miss you; I miss you, I miss you!
24 hours a day, I miss you, my love!
But O Lord! I trust You, I trust You, I trust You!
24 hours a day, I trust in Your faithfulness!

For it is written that You will wipe away every tear.
There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying!
And I trust that there shall be no more pain.
O Lord! You will make all things new!

If I were to have a 25th hour, this pain and sorrow I will still feel.
But I will trust You more, O Lord! I will trust You even more in my 25th hour!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang

Inspiration: Psalm 34, Revelation 21:4-5

Missing our Chloe in August 2026.

Dedicated to those missing a loved one dearly 24 hours a day.

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Dr. Tang Kong Choong
Dr. Elaine Tan*

PRAYER

HYMNS

Come People of the Risen King
Forward by Faith

SPECIAL ITEM

*"Gratitude"
Crossroads*

MESSAGE

*"I wholly followed the LORD my God"
Joshua 14:1-9
Rev. Dr. Charles Tan*

CLOSING HYMN

VIP 589 | Work, for the Night is Coming

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

BY KEITH GETTY, KRISTYN GETTY AND STUART TOWNEND

1. Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain

Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Refrain

3. Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing, sShore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!"

Refrain



HYMNS

FORWARD BY FAITH

1. Lord, You are the Potter and we are the clay.
Mould our lives into vessels for Your service, we pray.
And when we go through the fire, may You find us strong and true,
As by faith we follow onward, placing our trust in You.

Refrain

Forward by faith, led by Your hand,
Willing to follow Your every command,
United in spirit, together we stand.
We will go forward by faith.

2. Help us, Heavenly Father, to walk by faith and not by sight.
Living each day in vict'ry by the power of Your might.
Lord, work within us, according to Your will,
As we yield our lives in service, Your plans to fulfil.

Refrain

Majestic'lly, in victory we'll follow on,
Pressing t'ward the heavenly prize
That is ours in the name of Jesus,
The name of Jesus Christ.

We'll go forward by faith, led by Your hand,
Willing to follow Your every command,
United in spirit, together we stand.
We will go forward by faith.

We will go forward by faith.



HYMNS

VIP 589 WORK FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING

ANNA L. COGHILL

1. Work, for the night is coming,
Work through the morning hours;
Work while the dew is sparkling,
Work 'mid springing flowers;
Work while the day grows brighter,
Under the glowing sun;
Work, for the night is coming,
When man's work is done.

2. Work, for the night is coming,
Work through the sunny noon;
Fill brightest hours with labour,
Rest comes sure and soon:
Give every flying minute
Something to keep in store;
Work, for the night is coming,
When man works no more.

3. Work, for the night is coming,
Under the sunset skies;
While their bright tints are glowing,
Work, for the daylight flies;
Work, till the last beam fadeth,
Fadeth to shine no more;
Work, while night is dark'ning,
When man's work is o'er.



GRATITUDE

Words & Music by: Nichole Nordeman / Arranged by: Heather Sorenson

Send some rain. Would You send some rain?
'Cause the earth is dry and needs to drink again;
And the sun is high, and we are sinking in the shade.
Would You send a cloud, thunder long and loud?
Let the sky grow black and send some mercy down.
Surely You can see that we are thirsty and afraid.
But maybe not, not today,
Maybe You'll provide in other ways;
And if that's the case,
We'll give thanks to You with gratitude,
For lessons learned in how to thirst for You,
How to bless the very sun that warms our face,
If You never send us rain.

Daily bread, give us daily bread.
Bless our bodies. Keep our children fed.
Fill our cups, then fill them up again tonight.
Wrap us up and warm us through,
Tucked away beneath our sturdy roofs.
Let us slumber safe from danger's view tonight.
Or maybe not, not today,
Maybe You'll provide in other ways;
And if that's the case,
We'll give thanks to You with gratitude,
A lesson learned to hunger after You,
That a starry sky offers a better view
If no roof is overhead;
And if we never taste that bread.

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Oh, the differences so often are between
Ev'rything we want and what we really need.
So grant us peace, Jesus, grant us peace.
Move our hearts to hear a single beat
Between alibis and enemies tonight.
Or maybe not, not today,
Peace might be another world away;
And if that's the case,
We'll give thanks to You with gratitude
For lessons learned in how to trust in You.
We are blessed beyond what we could ever dream
In abundance or in need;
And if You never grant us peace.
But Jesus, would You please?

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