

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 27 September 2026

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 66

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I WILL OFFER YOU BURNT SACRIFICES

MAKING VOWS TO GOD

Vows made to God must be taken seriously. They must be honoured for this is the right thing to do.

¹³ I will go into Your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay You my vows,

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¹⁴ Which my lips have uttered
And my mouth has spoken when I was in trouble.
¹⁵ I will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat animals,
With the sweet aroma of rams;
I will offer bulls with goats.
¹⁶ Come *and* hear, all you who fear God,
And I will declare what He has done for my soul.
¹⁷ I cried to Him with my mouth,
And He was extolled with my tongue.
¹⁸ If I regard iniquity in my heart,
The Lord will not hear.
¹⁹ *But* certainly God has heard *me*;
He has attended to the voice of my prayer.
²⁰ Blessed *be* God,
Who has not turned away my prayer,
Nor His mercy from me!

Psalm 66:13-20

1. The Psalmist's experience
 - a) Tribulation
 - b) Trouble
2. The Psalmist's plea
 - a) He prayed
 - b) God answered
3. The Keeping of vows made to God
 - a) To present burnt offerings
 - b) The Psalmist kept his vows to God

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To remember our vows made to God
2. To honour our vows made to Him!

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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 enlightened and uplifted through worship and fellowship!



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:

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Timon and Charissa on the gift of another baby girl. Baby Avie was born on 21 September 2026.



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 29 September 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
- b) Thursday, 1 October 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 3 October 2026

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

3. Sunday Ministry, 4 October 2026

- a) Sunday School | 8.30am
- b) Morning Worship Service | 10.30am
- c) Chinese Worship Service | 10.30am

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- 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: Samuel Mok; Noah Chong

Lunch: 2001 Boys; Mr. & Mrs. Ho; Kimie Tan



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 37:23-24

²³ The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD,
And He delights in his way.

²⁴ Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;
For the LORD upholds *him with* His hand.

1. The good and righteous man

- a) His steps are graciously ordered by the Lord
- b) God takes personal delight in his way

2. The Stumbles in Life

- a) The good man may fall but he will not be utterly cast down
- b) The Lord will personally uphold him with His right hand!

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

Today: 27 September 2026

Text: “The LORD is in His holy temple” Psalm 11:4

*The LORD is in His holy temple,
The LORD’s throne is in heaven;
His eyes behold,
His eyelids test the sons of men.
Psalm 11:4*

1. The profound truth of God’s Temple
2. There is a heavenly aspect
3. The Temple and Throne represent and reflect
 - a) God’s Holiness
 - b) His Sovereignty
4. From the heavenly perspective He watches the sons of men

NEXT SUNDAY: 4 October 2026

Text: “Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle?”

Psalm 15:1

Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle?
Who may dwell in Your holy hill? Psalm 15:1

LETTERS THAT MOVE THE HEART

Dear Pastor Charlie,

The family and I would like to thank all the Pastors and the Pastoral Team for standing by and supporting us when Mom was called home to be with the Lord on 15th September 2026. We are truly grateful that Mom was given a dignified send-off.

Many Bethany brethren came by to support our family and to pay their last respects. The funerary logistics were all well-taken care of from the guest reception to meals and drinks to AVA sound and video recordings at both the Memorial and Funeral Services.

We are grateful to all who extended help during this difficult time of sudden bereavement.

Truly Bethany embodies the spirit of God's kind of Church where God is touching lives and people care for people.

With deep appreciation and gratefulness,
Kai Lam, Kalen, Olivia, Leon and Jerome

POETRY CORNER

1

I WILL OFFER YOU BURNT SACRIFICES

The Psalmist remembered the Scriptures gratefully;
He recalled the mighty deeds of God reverentially.
The children of Israel experienced the works of God;
They were miraculously protected by the Lord!

The Lord's eyes were on His people all the time;
They were His treasure, the object of Love Divine.
God's safe-keeping and provision were deeply moving;
The heart and soul should be filled with thanksgiving!

The Psalmist was deeply moved by what he had read;
He traced the paths of affliction that they had tread.
The Lord had tested them and refined them as silver;
The Divine plan was to see them as priceless treasure.

The Psalmist was moved by what he had read and learned;
His vow was to offer burnt sacrifices to the God of Heaven.
He determined that he would fulfil what he had vowed to God;
He would never trifle with He whose name was the LORD!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 66

POETRY CORNER

2

WORSHIP THE KING OF KINGS

In Your sanctuary so glorious and holy,
O Lord, You deserve our worship wholly.
In awe and reverence, we adore You,
Draw us near, our faith to renew.

With grateful hearts, we praise Your Holy Name,
By Your blood, we stand before You unashamed.
To worship the King of kings,
With endless praises, let us sing!

In Your holy presence,
You teach us Your ways,
To walk in Your righteousness all our days.
To set our hearts on things above,
And rest secure in Your unfailing love.

May we walk worthy in sunshine or rain,
Trusting You in suffering or pain;
With faith and love, let us hold fast,
Our refuge until life's trials have passed.

Lord, praise and worship we'll raise,
For Your endless mercy and grace.
In You we walk, in You we stand,
Safe and secure under Your Mighty Hand.

Raymond Tham

Inspiration: Psalm 27:4-6; Isaiah 37:16; Psalm 61:1-4 and Psalm 91:1-4

POETRY CORNER

3

CONSCIOUS WORSHIP

Let us avoid leaning towards being casual Christians
Do we obey the Lord only when convenient or in distress
Be still and in the quiet of night meditate on His goodness
Develop our relationship with Him to a deeper consciousness

Awareness of casual Christianity triggers us to examine our faith in God
Has it morphed into routine Sunday church attendance and social activity
Transcend human limitations to cultivate spiritual consciousness in the Lord
“Know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly”

Believers are chosen by God to be a people for Himself
Chosen not due to merit but because of His love for us
A holy people and a special treasure of the Lord as beheld
Be fully conscious that we belong to Him worshiping in His house

God has set King David apart for he worships in righteousness
He answers the prayers of the godly who calls out to Him
Blessings rain on worshipers practising righteousness through offers of
sacrifices
The Lord puts gladness in our hearts far greater than bumper harvesting

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Psalm 4; Deuteronomy 7:6

POETRY CORNER

4

IN ITS SEASON

A stunning display of purple ushers in transition,
Overwhelming beauty radiates from this lone tree.
Dear Jacaranda, character you bring to spring season,
To your beholder, you bring much joy and glee!

And I know you have weathered the cold season,
In the cold you stand tall and look to the sun waiting.
The ability to be upright, firmly planted roots the reason,
Waters that run deep beneath sustains you through testing.

In your season you now burst out with much vibrancy,
A reminder that what is good and beautiful has its season.
Keeping faith and meditating on His law, I will keep agency,
Like you, Jacaranda, looking to the light, it will be my beacon.

In these words, 'in its season' I will find my rest.
Work to bear fruit in its season and pray to be blessed.

Dr. Tan Kok Yang

Inspiration: Psalm 1, Pastor's special message to me,
a special Jacaranda tree I remembered.

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Andrew Foo

Mrs. Foo Yan-Yi

PRAYER

HYMNS

Hear the Call of the Kingdom
HWC 280 | I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

MESSAGE

"I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy" | Psalm 5
Rev. Mark Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 483 | Lead On, O King Eternal

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

HEAR THE CALL OF THE KINGDOM

WALTER C. SMITH

Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King,
Let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering,
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light,
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ.
Walking justly before Him, loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through us.

King of Heaven, we will answer the call,
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.

Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost,
With the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross,
Bringing peace and forgiveness, and a hope yet to come;
Let the nations put their trust in Him.

King of Heaven, we will answer the call,
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.



HYMNS

HWC 280 I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD TIMOTHY DWIGHT

1. I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

2. I love Thy Church, O God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.

3. For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,
Till toils and cares shall end.

4. Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

5. Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heav'n.



HYMNS

HWC 483 LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL

ERNEST W. SHURTLEFF

1. Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation Your grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal, we lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er Your face appears;
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

