

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 11 October 2026

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 84

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FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

HOLY PILGRIMAGES

It was the Lord who taught the children to plan to make pilgrimages to the Temple in Jerusalem. They were to make these special trips three times a year (Deuteronomy 1:1-17) to worship the Lord their God!

MEDITATION

⁵ Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in You,
Whose heart *is* set on pilgrimage.

⁶ *As they* pass through the Valley of Baca,
They make it a spring;
The rain also covers it with pools.

⁷ They go from strength to strength;
Each one appears before God in Zion.

Psalm 84:5-7

1. Three visits to Jerusalem each year
 - a) Passover/ Unleavened Bread
 - b) Pentecost
 - c) Tabernacles Deuteronomy 16:16
2. Some come from far away
 - a) But they are determined
 - b) They have strength of determination
 - c) They go from strength to strength
3. The Valley of Baca
 - a) Baca means "tears"
 - b) Pilgrimages are not easy to undertake
 - c) But the strong ones persevere and succeed
 - d) They consider every pilgrimage to Zion a worthy enterprise

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To find a genuine spirit of faith
2. To build a strong and vibrant faith
3. To love the Lord and His House with great steadfastness

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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 lifted up through worship and fellowship!



CHURCH SPRING CLEANING

We will be having a Church Spring Cleaning for our Church premises. Thank God for the Church building He has given to us, and for the privilege to care for it.

Details:

Monday, 9 November 2026

9:00am-12:00nn

Followed by Lunch Fellowship

If you would like to be part of the Church Spring Cleaning, please sign up with either Deacon George, Pastor Eugene or Pastor Moses.



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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:



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 13 October 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 15 October 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
2. Saturday, 17 October 2026
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.15pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.00pm
3. Sunday Ministry, 18 October 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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: Sophie & Jun; Chan Chuan Heng

Lunch: Gavin, Cherie, Jasher & Elior; Neo Ding Yue; Francis & Penny Koh



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 37:27-29

²⁷ Depart from evil, and do good;
And dwell forevermore.

²⁸ For the LORD loves justice,
And does not forsake His saints;
They are preserved forever,

But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

²⁹ The righteous shall inherit the land,
And dwell in it forever.

1. Forsaking evil

- a) This is a necessity
- b) The wicked will bring grave harm to his descendants
- c) Wisdom must teach us how we must completely depart from evil

2. Blessing of the righteous

- a) They will be greatly blessed by God
- b) They will never be forsaken by Him
- c) They will be protected and will dwell in safety

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 11 October 2026

Text: “In Your presence *is* fullness of joy” Psalm 16:11

*You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
Psalm 16:11*

1. What God would do
 - a) He will show us the path of life
 - b) He will grant joy in His presence
2. What we may revel in
 - a) Being at His right hand
 - b) Treasuring His holy pleasures forevermore

NEXT SUNDAY: 18 October 2026

Text: “May He send you help from the sanctuary”

Psalm 20:2

*May He send you help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen you out of Zion.
Psalm 20:2*

POETRY CORNER

1

FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

It was God who commanded three Pilgrimages;
All the sons of Israel must seek to be courageous.
The journey to Jerusalem is sometimes difficult;
But the true sons of faith will obey His word full tilt.

The Valley of Baca speaks of shedding tears;
There were many dangers and also some fears.
But those who are fortified with strength are not deterred;
They go from strength to strength as they persevered.

The joy of being in God's House offsets every problem;
There was no happiness greater than being in Zion.
Thousands throng the streets of the Holy City of God;
Everyone is devoted to offering worship to the Lord!

Blessed is the one who has set his heart on a pilgrimage;
He is not deterred because his heart is full of courage.
The desire to obey God and to fulfil what He has commanded;
This brings forth a deep strength that can be wonderfully developed.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 84:5-7; Deuteronomy 16:16

POETRY CORNER

2

A CALM SOUL

Feeling lost in the digital world of artificial intelligence
Anxiously wondering how to keep up with life's pace
Fearing being outdated and losing self confidence
There was a time of pride filled with seeming competence

How foolish it is to be easily haughty
To be entombed in a self centred ego
With lofty eyes professing to know things of profundity
Pretend not in matters too high with bravado

Recognise personal limitations and learn humility
Wait for God to lift us up in wisdom and timing
May our souls be weaned from self seeking and sufficiency
Hope in the Lord from now on never ending

We must choose to calm and quieten our souls
To be victorious over our feverish ambitions
Wonder at the peace and serenity of the sound of silence
Contented to walk the path as the Lord wills

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Psalm 131

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Keith Liang

Dr. Kevin Liang

PRAYER

HYMNS

VIP 79 | Holy Ground

VIP 83 | God and God Alone

MESSAGE

"LORD, who may dwell in Your Tabernacle" | Psalm 15

Rev. Benjamin Chong

CLOSING HYMN

CP 458 | The Church's One Foundation

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

VIP 79 HOLY GROUND

GERON DAVIS

1. As I walked through the door,
I sensed His presence;
And I knew this was the place where love abounds.
For this is the temple, Jehovah God abides here;
And we are standing in His presence on holy ground.

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

2. In His presence there is joy beyond all measure;
And at His feet, peace of mind can still be found.
If you have the need, I know He has the answer.
Reach out and claim it;
You are standing on holy ground.

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.
Let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.



HYMNS

VIP 83 GOD AND GOD ALONE

PHILL MCHUGH

God and God alone
Created all these things we call our own
From the mighty to the small
The glory in them all
Is God's and God's alone

God and God alone
Reveals the truth of all we call unknown
And the best and worst of man
Won't change the Master's plan
It's God's and God's alone

God and God alone
Is fit to take the universe's throne
Let everything that lives
Reserve it's truest praise
For God and God alone

God and God alone
Will be the joy of our eternal home
He will be our one desire
Our hearts will never tire
Of God's and God's alone

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Is fit to take the universe's throne
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Reserve it's truest praise
For God and God alone



HYMNS

CP 458 THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION SAMUEL J. STONE

1. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation, by water and the Word:
From Heav'n He came and sought her to be His Holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

3. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

