

September 2012 Theme: **"I Will Sing to the LORD" Psalm 13:6**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

**2 September 2012**

Title: **"I WILL SING TO THE LORD BECAUSE HE HAS DEALT BOUNTIFULLY WITH ME"**

Text: **Psalm 13**

**(I) A SONG ON OUR LIPS**

- 1. A great challenge for Bethany's 40<sup>th</sup> year of ministry**
- 2. An appropriate determination for the year ahead**

**(II) CAN WE REALLY ALWAYS HAVE A SONG ON OUR LIPS?**

- 1. It will be challenging**
- 2. But it is not impossible**
- 3. It is worth attempting**

**(III) THINGS THAT CAN THWART OUR ATTEMPTS TO SING**

*"How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever?  
How long would You hide Your face from me?"*

*How long shall I take counsel in my soul,  
Having sorrow in my heart daily?  
How long will my enemy be exalted over me?" **Psalm 13:1-2***

- 1. When God seems to have forgotten us**
- 2. When God seems to have hidden His face from us**
- 3. When sorrow seems to fill the heart daily**
- 4. When the troubles of life (enemies) seem to have the upper hand.**

**(IV) THINGS THAT WE CAN DO TO BATTLE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS**

- 1. We can and must pray (Psalm 13:3a)**
- 2. We must pray for enlightenment (Psalm 12:3b)**
- 3. We must exercise great trust in God's mercy (Psalm 13:5a)**
- 4. We must hope in God's salvation (deliverance) (Psalm 13:5b)**

## **(V) A GREAT CHALLENGE**

*"I will sing to the LORD,  
Because He has dealt bountifully with me." Psalm 13:6*

### **1. An exercise of faith**

*"I will sing to the LORD" Psalm 13:6a*

### **2. A reason for this faith**

*"Because He has dealt bountifully with me" Psalm 13:6b*