

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
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CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 7 October 2018 ... Holy Communion Sunday!*

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## MEDITATION

☞ REV DR CHARLES TAN ☞

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Text: Hosea 5

## **“THEN THEY WILL SEEK MY FACE”**

### SOLEMN WORDS

Many were the times when ancient Israel went away from the Lord, seeking the counsels of idols. The words of admonition fell on deaf ears till the Lord declared these solemn words!

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# MEDITATION

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*I will return again to My place  
Till they acknowledge their offense.  
Then they will seek My face;  
In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me. Hosea 5:15*

1. I will return to My place
  - a) The Lord had come from heaven to be with His people
  - b) But Israel had not appreciated His presence much
  - c) His blessings were taken for granted
  - d) Worse, His blessings were attributed to idols!
  - e) The Lord then declared that He would return to His place
    - i) He would withdraw His Presence
    - ii) He would withdraw His blessings
    - iii) He would withdraw His protection!
  - f) That seemed the only way for ancient Israel to learn how to appreciate the Lord
2. Till they acknowledge their offense
  - a) The children of Israel had rejected the Lord
  - b) But they did not see that as a sin... and offense!
  - c) God would remain far away till they acknowledged their offense!

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3. Then they will seek My face

- a) Israel would realise the danger they were in without the Lord's protection
- b) They would not be able to withstand their enemies' powers
- c) They would be in great peril!

4. In their affliction, they will earnestly seek Me

- a) How true these words proved to be
- b) In the midst of affliction Israel would realise the following
  - i) The idols they worshipped would be unable to offer help
  - ii) They would have to return to the Lord earnestly to seek His forgiveness

## OUR CHALLENGE TODAY

We must learn from the mistakes ancient Israel made. Let us determine never to leave the side of the Lord! Let us seek the Lord's face always! †

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We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus with us today! May your heart be encouraged and blessed through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome  
to Bethany IV*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## HOLY COMMUNION

We will be partaking of Holy Communion today. Those who have been baptized/ confirmed may partake of The Lord's Supper.

### *The Bread*

*And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."  
Matthew 26:26*

### *The Cup*

*Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant."  
Matthew 26:27 †*

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## CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 4.07 †

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## PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 8 October 2018

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: TUR

## PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 8 October 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **BIBLE STUDY**

Monday, 9 October 2018

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sanctuary †

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## **MY SONG IN THE NIGHT BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

*Date: 27 October 2018*

*Time: 8.30am*

*Venue: Church Fellowship Hall*

*Host: SSS 4*

Plan to sign up for this MSITN Breakfast. This is a special program planned for all our senior readers.

Good reasons to come for this MSITN Breakfast:

1. For fellowship
2. To get to know each other better as senior readers
3. To share your suggestions as to how we can improve MSITN ministry

Sign up today! †

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## ***YOUTH CONFERENCE***

*2-6 December 2018*

*Theme: "A Wise Master Builder"*

1. The Ministry of the Youth Conference

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- a) It is vital
- b) It is life-changing
- c) It is uplifting

2. Why the YC has been such a blessing

- a) Because of all who have prayed
- b) Because of all who have laboured hard for Him
- c) Because of the special ministry of the Lord in the hearts of all coming for the Youth Conference

Let us not take the ministry of the Youth Conference for granted though! May the Lord bless this year's Youth Conference! †

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO BENJAMIN AND SHU YI**

Heartfelt congratulations to Intern-Pastor Benjamin Chong and Shu Yi on the gift of a baby boy, Noah Christopher Chong on 29 September 2018! Both mother and Baby are well. †

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## **MINISTRY IN MYANMAR**

Thank God for grace to minister in Myanmar (1-5 October 2018). Thank God for every opportunity to teach the Lord's word, especially the training of seminarians who seek to prepare themselves for the full-time ministry. †

# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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## Psalm 93:3-5

*The floods have lifted up, O LORD,  
The floods have lifted up their voice;  
The floods lift up their waves.*

*The LORD on high is mightier  
Than the noise of many waters,  
Than the mighty waves of the sea.*

*Your testimonies are very sure;  
Holiness adorns Your house,  
O LORD, forever.*

1. Floods and mighty waves
  - a) These remind us of the power of tsunamis
  - b) The power of nature is humbling indeed
2. The power of the Lord
  - a) To be found in the Word of the Lord (testimonies)
  - b) To be found in the Person of the LORD (His holiness)
3. The greater power
  - a) The greater power is the Lord's
  - b) May we be humble before the Presence of God! †

# POETRY CORNER

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(For Communion Meditation)

## REMEMBERING THE WAY JESUS MINISTERED

It was the Lord Himself who said, "Do this in remembrance of Me;"  
What else comes to mind, besides the way Jesus faced death bravely?  
The heart remembers how the Lord Jesus Christ would fill each day;  
There was always something to do, someone to help along the way.

There were so many with urgent needs to be met in their life;  
Illnesses, demons, loneliness... besides deep personal strife.  
The Lord would reach out to all and sundry with His power;  
There seemed no end to work, day after day, hour after hour!

The heart remembers how He would begin each day in prayer;  
He would arise early in the morning to seek His Father's love and care.  
The communion He had with His Father gave blessed assurance;  
Unhurried time with God was to Jesus of utmost importance!

The heart is challenged to take time to remember Jesus the Lord;  
And in remembering the heart finds renewal from our great God!  
There may be days when life's problems seem overwhelming;  
We must remember God's grace will be given to all who are seeking.

Inspiration: Mark 1:32-39

Charles Tan



## The Secret of the Lord

The world offers many victory stories for all of us to read;  
Sometimes they make winning seem all too easy!

"Surely diligence and experience should suffice;  
For a lucky break and chance of success", we surmise.

If Life were mere wealth and riches which we seek;  
Wouldn't its meaning be too frivolous and cheap?  
Some invest in human relationships which while they lasted were great;  
But mortals fail us and often we get hurt instead.

The Lord promises Eternal Life to those who believe;  
To those who suffer and are struggling, this should bring such relief.  
But much prayer and soul-searching still await us;  
If God's promise and assurance, we are to comprehend and trust.

Let us pray and wait upon the Master;  
For Him to show His mercy and bestow on us His favour.

"The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him";  
Have faith! It is possible to fathom it although so elusive it may seem.

Inspiration: Psalm 25:12-15; Psalm 123:1-3

Dr. Sng Li Wah



# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 7 OCTOBER 2018**

PSALM 25:12

**WHO IS THE MAN WHO FEARS THE LORD?**

*Who is the man that fears the LORD?  
Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.*

1. Fear of the Lord
  - a) A sense of reverence
  - b) An important high regard for the Lord
2. The Lord's teaching
  - a) Of the one who is humble
  - b) Of the Lord who fears Him too

**NEXT SUNDAY: 14 OCTOBER 2018**

PSALM 34:15

**THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE ON THE RIGHTEOUS**

*The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,  
And His ears are open to their cry. †*

SHOW ME YOUR WAYS, O LORD

# THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY**  
"Seek My Face"  
Psalm 27

Chairman

Deacon  
George Thomas

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Chairman

Mr Jerry Chan

Pianist

Ms Ho Lianya

Speaker

Mr Quek Li Yen

Usher

Miss Lydia Wong  
Miss Laura Chan

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —  
**10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8**  
"Lord, who may abide in  
Your tabernacle?" Psalm 15

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
**10.30 AM**

"Blessed Are The Merciful"  
Matthew 5:7

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor  
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor  
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Mrs Joanne Tan

Speaker

Miss Camille George

Chairman

Mr Charles George

Speaker

Rev Mark Tan

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng  
Mr Kevin Low

**EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7,8**  
"My soul silently waits for God"  
Psalm 62

Breakfast : Ai Meei  
Fellowship Lunch : Gavin, Cherie & Jasher  
Evening Tea : Mr & Mrs Tan

# Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b>				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School II			Main Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-7	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>CHOIRS</b>				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Home Bible Study	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	7.30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>CATECHISM CLASS</b>				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>PRAYER MEETING</b>				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
<b>FELLOWSHIP GROUPS</b>				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-8	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 <sup>th</sup> floor

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**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**7 October 2018**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang*  
*Organist : Mrs Sally Tan*

VIP No. 578

His Strength Is Perfect

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Deacon George Thomas*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 218

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Century Praise 270

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Century Praise 278

Search Me, O God

**PRAYER**

Pastoral Prayer

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “Seek My Face”

Text : Psalm 27

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Hymn

Century Praise 319

He Hideth My Soul

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 451

It Is Well With My Soul

Partaking of the Cup

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 387

All The Way My Saviour Leads Me

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

**EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**7 October 2018**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION 预备**

Pre-Worship Singing      *Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou*  
    Century Praise No. 295      I Will Sing Of My Redeemer  
    Prelude 前奏      歌颂救赎主  
Call to Worship 齐来称颂      *Mr Charles George*  
    Invocation 祈祷      *Interpreter : Mr Kevin Low*

**PRAISE 赞美诗**

Hymns  
    Century Praise No. 89      Praise To The Lord, The Almighty 赞美全能神  
    Century Praise No. 68      The Love Of God 真神之爱  
    Century Praise No. 331      Be Thou My Vision 成为我异象

**PRAYER 祈祷**

**“PREACH THE WORD” 证道**

Message:      “My soul silently waits for God.” 我的心哪，你当默默无声，专等候神  
Text:      Psalm 62 诗篇 62  
Speaker:      *Rev Mark Tan*  
    *Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui*

**THE LORD’S SUPPER 圣餐**

Hymn  
    Century Praise No. 323      ‘Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus (Stanzas 1 & 2)  
    信靠耶稣真是甜美  
Partaking of the Bread  
Hymn  
    Century Praise No. 323      ‘Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus (Stanzas 3 & 4)  
    信靠耶稣真是甜美  
Partaking of the Cup

**RESPONSE**

Offering 奉献

Hymn

HWC No. 347

Be Still, My Soul 我灵镇静

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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## PASTORAL LETTER

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7 OCTOBER 2018

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

*Dear Brethren,*

### SHOW ME YOUR WAY, O LORD

As we read Psalm 25 in the light of 1 and 2 Samuel, we become even more conscious of why David offered this prayer from his soul!

#### 1. Too many bad decisions in life

- a) David made many bad decisions in his younger days
- b) There were many reasons why this was the case
  - i) His relative youth also meant that he lacked wisdom
  - ii) He made decisions on the spur of the moment
  - iii) He made decisions based on his wits
  - iv) The circumstances of his life determined how he would decide

#### 2. Too many severe setbacks and consequences

- a) He placed his life in danger
  - i) When he decided that he would flee to Philistia
  - ii) When he decided that he would lead a band of malcontents
- b) People lost their lives because of his bad and foolish decisions
  - i) The priests of Nob were killed
  - ii) 85 priests lost their lives because of David's consultation with the priests

### SEEKING THE LORD CONSCIOUSLY

David learned the hard way! He determined that he would seek the Lord even more consciously and carefully henceforth.

1. O God of my salvation Psalm 25:5  
David returned to his roots. He needed to discover afresh the God of his salvation.

2. Learning to wait Psalm 25:5  
Let us learn the wisdom of waiting upon the Lord before making any move in life.

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*