

BETHANY

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Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

☪ REV DR CHARLES TAN ☪

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Text: Psalm 34

“I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES”

BLESSING OF THE LORD

There is so much to learn from King David, who gave to us so many beautifully written Psalms. May we desire to learn well so that we can emulate his example.

I will bless the LORD at all times;

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His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

*My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;
The humble shall hear of it and be glad.*

*Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt His name together. Psalm 34:1-3*

1. I will bless the LORD at all times
 - a) To bless the Lord should be the most natural thing to do every day!
 - b) There are so many things to be grateful for
2. His praise shall continually be in my mouth
Let us recall what we have learned about how we may respond to the Lord appropriately:
 - a) To give thanks Psalm 105:1
 - b) To give praise Psalm 138:1
 - c) To bless the Lord Psalm 103:1-2
 - d) To extol the Lord Psalm 145
 - e) To exalt the Lord Psalm 34:3
3. Oh, magnify the LORD with me
And let us exalt His name together
 - a) This was a strong call to honour and praise the Lord
 - b) The words "magnify" and "exalt" complement each other
 - c) The Lord deserves the highest place of honour

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- d) When we exalt or magnify Him, we are merely declaring what is true

THE HUMBLE SHALL HEAR AND BE GLAD

When we praise the Lord's name with faith and fervour, we may yet touch and encourage hearts!

1. The humble
 - a) The meek
 - b) The faithful
 - c) The wise

Their hearts would always be open and they would rejoice in hearing about the Lord.

2. They shall rejoice
 - a) The heart that has been touched by the Lord cannot help but rejoice
 - b) The words of praise we give to the Lord have such potential to lift up hearts

Let us keep learning how we may practise giving praise to God at all times! †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

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

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

We will not be having Catechism Class today. †

COMBINED WORSHIP

1. Today, 10 February 2019
Lunar New Year celebration.

2. Last Sunday, 24 February 2019
ACM
All members are reminded to attend.
1.00pm at the Sanctuary. †

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

17-22 MARCH 2019 | "WELLS OF SALVATION"

Instructions from Deacons George and Jacob:

For all who are driving. Please take note of what you need to bring, just in case there are queries at the Customs.

Print and carry along

1. Road Tax
2. Insurance Policy

To check

1. Cash Card
 2. Touch & Go Cards †
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MISSIONS MINISTRY

Pastor Charles Tan will be ministering with Pastors Mark and Mitch and Deacon Terence Teng in Myanmar (11-15 February 2019). This is the BTS graduation week. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 11 February 2019 | Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 12 February 2019 | Time: 8.00pm †

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Joseph Loh and family. Joseph's mother Mdm Koh Hood Khee passed away on 20 Jan 2019 at age 85 years old.

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

1. Mr. Joseph Loh

Joseph writes to express deep appreciation to all at Bethany who turned out to express sympathy for the family's bereavement.

2. Mr. Ho Saw Keng

Dear Pastor,

We would like to express our appreciation to the Pastoral team, session members and brethren from Bethany for ministering to us and our extended family at the recent demise of my father.

Thank you for being with us during this difficult time.

With deep appreciation,
Ho Saw Keng and family

POEM #1

I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES

Is it not natural to bless the Lord at all times, O my soul?
The Lord has blessed so abundantly and has made you whole!
The hand of the Lord is obvious for all to see;
He deserves all praise now and eternally.

The soul must learn how to exalt His name;
Not to magnify Him would be our loss and shame.
No one deserves to be praised more than our Lord;
He has proven Himself so wonderfully as our God.

The words of our praise to God may touch hearts hardened;
So many do not know the Lord and are out of touch with heaven.
Let us desire to give to the Lord heartfelt praise each day;
We will find fresh strength and joy along life's pathway.

It is more than possible to praise God every day of our life;
We can rise above the world's turbulence and noisy strife.
Let us cultivate hearts that are filled with thanksgiving;
We will find that it is truly natural to sing glorious hymns.

Psalm 34:1-3
Charles Tan

POEM #2

A POEM FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR

As Chinese New Year comes around;
Many dread the questions that abound.

Conversations center around grades or performance in your job;
And if you're married, they even ask if you've been visited by the stork!

We live in a world where success is measured by good grades and financial prosperity;
Happiness means marital bliss and an ideal family.
For the many of us who do not live in such a utopia;
We wonder if God has abandoned us to struggle in abject failure.

We forget that trials and afflictions are part and parcel of our lives;
And that we ought not be mortified by such strifes.
God strips us of our worldly supports which give a false sense of security;
So that we learn to rely on Him for true surety.

God has promised to uphold all those who fall;
Our current adversities are not the be-all and end-all.
He will raise up all those who are bowed down;
We can have hope that solutions to our problems will eventually be found.

The Lord will supply our needs in due course;
We will be amazed how help can arrive from the most unlikely source.
He will satisfy our hearts' desires in His timing;
We just need to be faithful and sensitive to His leading.

Let this Chinese New Year be a time to give praise to God;
To speak of His bounteous blessings no matter our lots.
May all who hear us learn of God's mercies and grace;
So that they too will be inspired to seek the Lord's face.

Inspiration: Psalm 145
Dr. Sng Li Wah

POEM #3

“The Lord is Near to All Who Call Upon Him”

To those who've not known the Lord Christ Jesus;
They lament fate when their lives fall to pieces.
But for us who believe and, in His footsteps, follow;
Afflictions in life can be even harder to swallow.

It's easy to give praise when life is a bed of roses;
Little effort is needed to extol the Lord for all intent and purposes.
Except when unexpected battles we suddenly have to fight;
When dreams turn into nightmares overnight.

But it's times like these we ought to call upon the Lord;
For He knows precisely how much tolerance we can afford.
He has promised to be near to all who call upon Him in truth;
He will deliver and save us, if only our faith were true.

God's designs for our lives we may never comprehend;
Until such time He chooses to make us understand.
May we never begrudge God's pedagogy;
Until He opens our eyes to behold His wondrous glory.

Inspiration: Psalm 145:18
Dr. Sng Li Wah

POEM #4

I Will Meditate on Your Glorious Splendor

In life God gives us blessings,
“Thank God!” – we often say.
But is this full extolling?
Is this all we can display?

Giving thanks is well and good,
We too can bless God’s name.
But before we extol the Lord,
One thing must be our aim.

To see the glorious splendor,
To see God’s majesty,
We must spend time just to reflect,
And meditate must we.

To ponder the significance,
To see things much deeper,
To contemplate God’s wondrous works,
Great deeds far from meager!

And if we do, we’ll realize:
There’s much more we can praise!
God’s works reveal the God He is:
Great mercies, pow’r, and grace!

A God whose greatness can’t be searched,
Whose Love just knows no bounds;
This is the God we worship,
Crown Him with many crowns!

Inspiration: Psalm 145:5
Will Leong

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 10 FEBRUARY 2019

TEXT: PSALM 145:1 I WILL EXTOL YOU, MY GOD, O KING
I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever.

1. To extol is to give high praise
2. It is a heightened sense of praise given to the Lord
3. Example of King David's practise of extolling God
 - a) As his God and King
 - b) Extolling the Lord would be a practice he would attempt to maintain

NEXT SUNDAY: 17 FEBRUARY 2019

TEXT: PSALM 145:2 EVERY DAY I WILL BLESS YOU
Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 94:17-18

*Unless the LORD had been my help,
My soul would soon have settled in silence.*

*If I say, "My foot slips,"
Your mercy, O LORD, will hold me up.*

1. The Lord's help
 - a) This is often an expression of the Lord's mercy
 - b) He will give us the help we need
 - c) His mercy is matchless and measureless
2. Our soul
 - a) Let us guard our souls carefully
 - b) Let us not to sink into the silence of oblivion
 - c) Let us seek to deepen our faith in God †

THEME : GREAT IS THE LORD AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

“My mouth shall speak the praise of
the LORD” Psalm 145:19-21

Chairmen

Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist

Dr Daniel Chia

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter

Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
10.30 AM

“The Broad Way Or The Narrow
Way” Matthew 7:13-14

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

**EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Juliana Teo
No Fellowship Lunch Today
Blessed Lunar New Year to All!

Bethany Church Activities

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

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
10 February 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 57

Worthy Of Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 51

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Century Praise 8

Holy, Holy, Holy

Century Praise 29

My Tribute

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD”

Text : Psalm 145:19-21

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 508

I Will Sing The Wondrous Story

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

10 FEBRUARY 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR

How wonderful to be able to celebrate a New Year again. Happy thoughts are always associated with the beginning of a New Year.

1. Rejoicing in the past
 - a) The old year is remembered
 - b) Many happy moments are recalled and the heart rejoices
2. Hoping for a better New year
 - a) Even if the past year had not been great, there is always hope for the New Year
 - b) This hope in itself will bring much encouragement to the heart
3. Focusing on the Lord
 - a) It is wise to have a strong focus on the Lord
 - b) Let us recognize the Lord as the Source of all blessings!
4. Exercising faith
 - a) Thank God for the gift of faith
 - b) Our part is to employ it effectively and meaningfully
5. Looking forward to a great new year
 - a) Let us look forward to a year where we will see the Lord's hand even more
 - b) Let us seek further growth of faith and love for the Lord

LUNAR NEW YEAR SPECIAL

Let us look forward to celebrating the Lunar New Year with our older brethren especially. Let us ask the Lord to bless this gathering. Let us pray that hearts may be open to the Lord as we share our faith in Him.

16 February 2019
4.00pm

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*