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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 10 March 2019 ... 1 week to Family Camp!

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MEDITATION

☪ REV DR CHARLES TAN ☪

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Text: Deuteronomy 6

“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD”

THE CHALLENGE TO “PERFECTING SERVICE”

The desire to serve the Lord our God should be the most natural thing for every believer. The great challenge is really how we may “perfect our service” to the Lord!

MEDITATION

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A VITAL SECRET

Why do some serve the Lord better than others? Is there a secret that we need to discover?

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, and with all your strength.*

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

1. The LORD our God

This must be made personal

- a) A personal faith
- b) A personal relationship
- c) A personal love

2. The LORD is one

- a) There cannot be idols in our heart
- b) There is but One LORD whom we worship
- c) This must be established

3. You shall love the LORD

- a) It seems to be such an obvious statement
- b) Yet it must be stated and established
- c) There must be a genuine love for the LORD

4. Cultivating a deep love for God

Having a genuine love is not sufficient! This love must be cultivated more diligently and wisely.

- a) With all your heart
 - i) With deep emotion

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- ii) With strong feelings
- b) With all your mind
 - i) With knowledge
 - ii) With understanding
 - iii) With wisdom
- c) With all your strength
 - i) Strength is best expressed in external works
 - ii) Loving the Lord should naturally result in service given to Him
 - iii) Love for the Lord needs to be strong

The secret of perfecting service lies in the way we cultivate our love for the Lord. The more we are able to cultivate this love for Him, the better we will be able to serve Him! †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

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

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

*Time: 1.00pm
Venue: Auditorium 4.07 †*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 11 March 2019

Time: 7.00pm

PRAAYER MEETING

Monday, 11 March 2019

Time: 8.00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Monday, 12 March 2019

Time: 8.00pm †

EASTER PROGRAM 2019

Palm Sunday

14 April 2019

Baptismal Service

Maundy Thursday

18 April 2019

Time: 8.00pm

(Communion Service)

Easter Concert

Friday and Saturday

19 and 20 April 2019

Easter Sunday at Shangri La

21 April 2019 †

EASTER AT SHANGRJ LA

21 April 2019

1. Amidst all the excitement about the Family Camp, let us not forget Easter
2. Easter Sunday is sometimes not given enough attention
3. We celebrate a special event: The resurrection of the Lord Jesus!

Plan to book your table as soon as possible. Invite friends and relatives and share with them our faith in a Risen Saviour. †

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' RETREAT

8-9 March 2019

1. This was our first SS Teacher's Retreat
2. Many challenges to all who teach the Lord's word:
 - a) To have knowledge
 - i) Ever deepening
 - ii) Ever increasing
 - b) A deep faith
 - i) Rich and profound
 - ii) Ever-seeking to increase this faith
 - c) Teaching skills
To be prayed for and sought after diligently †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go to Tan Say Sing and family. Say Sing's father passed away on 5 March 2019. The late Mr. Tan Boon Seong was 88 years old. †

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor & Pastoral Team,

My family and I would like to specially thank you and the pastoral team for taking time off to come to my dad's wake on Wednesday. We would also like to thank Bethany for the wreath and condolences money.

My dad had been suffering from dementia for 13 years ago. He also had other medical conditions such as hypertension, eczema, prostate, lung, kidney, eye vision and hearing problems. As a result, my dad had many medical appointments. Due to their personal circumstances, my siblings had to depend on me to take care of both my dad's and mum's medical matters. I truly thank God for giving me much strength to cope, especially when things get rough.

Usually, my dad would be admitted to hospital about once every year. However, he was admitted four times into various hospitals in the past one year, a sign for us to be mentally prepared. He passed away peacefully at Ren Ci Nursing Home on Tuesday morning, after an especially early bath and breakfast routine which he requested on his part. I thank God for His Grace and Mercy.

In the past few years, Bethany brethren and friends had been ministering to and praying for my dad. I thank God that Bethany is a church that provides much comfort and support in a time of bereavement. For these reasons, I am grateful to be part of the Bethany family.

With thanks,
Say Sing †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 95:6-7

*O come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.*

*For He is our God,
And we are the people of His pasture,
And the sheep of His hand.*

1. The LORD

- a) Our God
- b) Our Maker

2. The worshippers

- a) His people
- b) The sheep of His hand

3. The worship of God

- a) To be given humbly
- b) Bowing and kneeling are expressions of deep humility before a great God †

A DEEP LOVE FOR GOD

A genuine love for God must first be found;
If it is true, songs of joy, our soul will surround.
There will only be the worship One LORD;
He is dearly loved as a loving and precious God!

But a genuine love must be carefully cultivated;
Love must fill the heart, nothing taken for granted.
Every emotion is filled with great tenderness;
The Lord's Name is spoken with blessedness.

The mind must desire to increase in its knowledge;
Deepening our understanding of God is a privilege.
Seeking to widen and deepen knowledge is a great goal;
This love for God will make us truly strong and whole.

Strength of love for God will come when our love grows;
The strength of serving God, many will see and know.
There will be great strength to faithfully serve our God;
An enriched love will help us to always rejoice in the Lord!

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Charles Tan



A God of Second Chances

Excuses abound for missing church, let alone offering service to God;
We argue that time, money and effort are resources we can ill afford.
Or that we lack the talents to do anything meaningful;
That others more qualified ought to fill those shoes.

We are easily discouraged by criticism and chastisement;
And daunted by potential failures or rejection.
But the Lord Himself has promised to strengthen and help us;
And uphold us with His righteous right hand, if only we would hold fast.

God has given us Jesus as the perfect example to emulate;
To improve our service to Him, Jesus' character we must imitate.
He was righteous, just and ever so gentle;
Never condemned nor felt any sense of schadenfreude*.

I feel heartened that God did not only pick the sons of Abraham and Jacob as His
servants;
He has also chosen you and me "from the farthest regions".
So, let us make the best of whatever our circumstances;
And resolve to render our best service to a God who gives second chances.

Inspiration: Isaiah 41:8-10; Isaiah 42:1-4
Dr. Sng Li Wah

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 10 MARCH 2019

**TEXT: 1 CHRONICLES 28:9 SERVE HIM WITH A LOYAL
HEART**

As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts.

1. Great advice from King David to Solomon his heir to the throne
2. Know the God of your father
 - a) There must be deep knowledge
 - b) There must be growing knowledge
3. Serve Him
 - a) With a loyal heart
 - b) And a willing mind
4. Important reminder:
 - a) God searches all hearts
 - b) And understanding
 - c) He knows the intent of the thoughts

NEXT SUNDAY: 17 MARCH 2019

TEXT: PSALM 100:2 SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

*Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.†*

THEME : BEHOLD, MY SERVANT

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"The LORD has called Me from the
Womb" Isaiah 49:1-2

Chairman
Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist
Mrs Esther Ang

Organist
Mrs Elsie Poey

Interpreter
Mrs Koh Baoling

TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10.30 AM

"Jesus is Powerful"
Matthew 8:1-13

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Eugene Seow

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Intern-Pastor
Benjamin Quah

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast : Benny & Cheryl Seow
Fellowship Lunch : Lau Gek Khim

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 March 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

HWC No. 495

Heaven Came Down

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 96

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

Century Praise 270

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Century Praise 206

Because He Lives

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “The LORD has called Me from the Womb”

Text : Isaiah 49:1-2

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 379

Take My Life And Let It Be

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

10 MARCH 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

ONE MORE WEEK TO FAMILY CAMP

Thank God for the way He has been moving hearts to sign up for the Family Camp! Each year we say "this is a record!" And every year we surpass the previous year's record for the number of people who have registered for the Family Camp!

A GREAT DEAL OF WORK

Holding a Family Camp is most demanding on time, energy, manpower and more. But it is worth every bit of effort put in!

1. Deepening our faith in God

A deeper knowledge of God is worth every effort put in. And with a deeper knowledge we will find wisdom.

2. Developing our relationship with God

If human relationships are important, then we will comprehend the greater significance of deepening our relationship with the Lord.

DIGGING WELLS TODAY

Ancient Wells were physical structures of great importance;
Whole communities depended on them for sustenance.
These Wells hold deep symbolic meaning for our generation;
We must ask ourselves if we know how to dig Wells of Salvation.

We have taken for granted the Salvation that God has given;
We limit Salvation to the saving of our souls from judgment.
But the words "Wells of Salvation" offers rich imagery;
Of how blessings may come to all in the community.

We need to recognize the wisdom of ancient words of prophecy;
Wells of salvation must be dug, from place to place, and diligently.
Our journey in faith and life will take many years before completion;
Today, we must learn how to dig these precious Wells of Salvation.

Wells of Salvation are dug to find the deep springs of running water;
These springs are hidden in seemingly plain or clearly difficult Scripture.
But when diligent work must be put in to find these springs that lie hidden;
When discovered will bring jubilation and the richest rewards of Heaven.

Inspiration: Isaiah 12; Genesis 26

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*