

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 31 March 2019*

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## MEDITATION

✠ REV DR CHARLES TAN ✠

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Text: Isaiah 11

## THE VITAL ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### THE MESSIAH-SERVANT

Many prophecies were devoted to foretelling the Life and Ministry of the Messiah whom God would send!

1. His birth Isaiah 7:14
2. His future role as King Isaiah 9:6-7
3. His actual earthly ministry Isaiah 42, 49

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| 4. His suffering                                 | Isaiah 53 |
| 5. His work of atoning for the sins of the world | Isaiah 53 |

These are vital and significant truths that must be foretold and fulfilled. These were fully complied with by the Lord Jesus Christ! He was truly the Perfect Servant!

## THE ROLE OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Sometimes, His role is not as well-appreciated. It is important to know that the Spirit of God played a very vital role in the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,  
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
The Spirit of counsel and might,  
The Spirit of knowledge and of  
The fear of the LORD.*                      *Isaiah 11:2*

This text is further endorsed by the following text:

*Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,  
My Elect One in whom My soul delights!  
I have put My Spirit upon Him;  
He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.*      *Isaiah 42: 1*

## THE ACTUAL WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The following things may be noted with reference to the work of the Spirit!

1. It is an invisible work  
But it is an indispensable work!
2. It is the work of giving inspiration  
And it is expressed in power and dynamism in life and ministry

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3. It is an energising work

It results in sustaining the Lord Jesus from morning to night, every single day!

4. It is powerful work

It results in tremendous effectiveness, blessing many hearts!

## OUR CHALLENGE

Let us seek to be filled with the Spirit of God for life and ministry too. Let us seek to deepen our comprehension of the Person and Power of the Spirit of God!

The Spirit of God will so wonderfully enhance and strengthen our life and ministry. Let our hearts ever desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit! †

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*Write to me at:* [charlestan@bethanyipc.sg](mailto:charlestan@bethanyipc.sg)

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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*

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## CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm | Venue: Auditorium 4.07

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## MEET THE SESSION

For all seeking baptism or re-affirmation of faith.  
Next Sunday: 7 April 2019 | Venue: 4.01 | Time: 12.00nn

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **NEXT SUNDAY: HOLY COMMUNION**

Let us look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper once again.  
Let us prepare our hearts and minds well.†

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## **PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING/ PRAYER MEETING/ BIBLE STUDY**

We will not be having these programs this week. The Pastoral Team will be at a Pastoral Conference in Yangon, Myanmar (1-5 April 2019).†

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## **EASTER 2019**

### **1. Palm Sunday**

14 April 2019  
Baptismal service

### **2. Maundy Thursday**

18 April 2019  
Holy Communion Service  
8.00pm

### **3. Easter Concert**

19-20 April 2019

### **4. Easter Sunday**

21 April 2019  
Easter Lunch and Fellowship at Shangri La  
Plan to book your table as soon as possible!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A BABY GIRL!

Heartiest congratulations to JJ and Cassandra on the gift of a baby girl. Baby Elisabeth was born on 25 March 2019! Mother and baby are doing well!✿

## LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

*On behalf of the family, we want to thank Pastor for graciously conducting the memorial and funeral services for Linda. Thank you, everyone for being with the family during this time of bereavement. Thank you so much for your words of comfort and encouragement.*

*We thank God for His love expressed through many of you who prayed for Linda and our family. We thank God for the many expressions of love. Dnss Eileen and Mary visited Linda shared with her God's Word and prayed with her. Linda found much encouragement and love. Special thanks to Pastor, Aunty Sally, Pastor Mark and Pastor Mitch for visiting Linda and praying for her. We also like to thank Dr Tan Huey Cheem and Dr Siow Hua Ming for sharing their expert advice when we approached them concerning some surgical issues. Thank you to all who sent Whatsapp messages to enquire about Linda and to say that they are praying for her and our family. We like to also thank the Church Session for their love and support and for praying alongside.*

*Our hearts are deeply touched by the numerous expressions of love and support. Even though many of you did not know Linda personally, yet you showed such support and love. We thank God for you! Most of all, we thank our Heavenly Father for His mercies and grace shown to Linda. He has spared Linda of further pain and suffering. Our hearts are comforted to know that Linda is enjoying the bliss of heaven and is reunited with our beloved mum and dad.*

# LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

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*“I will bless the LORD at all times; 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.*

*By Peter, Deonna, Gerald, and Raymond Tham*

## WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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### **Psalm 96:7-9**

*Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
Give to the LORD glory and strength.*

*Give to the LORD the glory due His name;  
Bring an offering, and come into His courts.*

*O worship the LORD in the beauty of His holiness!  
Tremble before Him, all the earth.*

1. What is due to the LORD?

(Giving due reverence to God)

- a) To recognize that He is full of glory
- b) To appreciate the strength that He has and gives to us

2. How may we truly offer worship to Him?

- a) Bringing an offering
- b) As our expression of gratitude and love

3. How may we express true regard for God?

- a) To recognize His true holiness
- b) To tremble before Him †

## POEM #1

# THE TOOLS WE NEED TO DIG A WELL

What tools are needed to dig a spiritual well effectively?  
Experience teaches us we need good tools to dig deeply.  
The well we need to dig may be the hardened human heart;  
And the tools we employ must be good and strong and sharp.

The ground of the heart may be hardened over the years;  
The wise well-digger knows that there may be tears.  
A sharp pick-axe Faith is needed to break hard ground;  
Stones and other hard objects may, in the ground, abound.

The strong shovel of Hope must be used to take away the debris;  
The ground must be thoroughly dug till water is found eventually.  
The hard earth will not yield easily and thus Strength must abound;  
Strong arms must wield the tools till good living water is found.

The human heart is the ground that we need to be attending;  
The hardships of life and sins cause the ground to be unyielding.  
Faith, Hope, Strength will need to be mastered and applied;  
The hope of finding living water must cause the tears to be dried!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Isaiah 12

## POEM #2

### Milestone Wells

Wells were often dug to mark out milestones in the early days;  
Isaac dug many wells as he journeyed and went on his way.  
Some wells were dug to commemorate things that happened to him,  
Some were dug in remembrance of God, and the goodness he's seen!

Isaac found water each time he sought to dig a well,  
The Lord's provision was so evident, His presence one could tell.  
The water that came from the well gave Isaac physical and spiritual freshness,  
It helped him to deal with challenges he faced, with a sense of gratefulness.

Like Isaac, we can be certain of God's presence and love in our lives,  
For He is our strength and our song – through tough times His goodness thrives.  
Our journey along life's road may sometimes be dry and bare,  
But God will provide water along the way, our burdens He also will share!

With every answered prayer, with every provision God gives,  
We can remember Him with songs of praise and worship that He receives.  
In doing so, we can also mark out milestones of faith every now and then,  
We can dig our own little 'Milestone Wells' when His love we comprehend!

Milestones of faith are important for us to commemorate,  
They help us remember God's love and His power so great.  
As we journey along life's road, we must trace God's goodness consciously,  
We must dig our own 'Milestone Wells' and give thanks joyfully!

Tang Hong Wee

## POEM #3

### ***THE ROLE OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD***

The role of the Spirit of God is often taken for granted;  
His work is invisible and His role is poorly appreciated.  
But His work is actually indispensable and that is true;  
Without His power given our ministry we would rue.

His work is well-prophesied by the prophets of old;  
His Presence in them made them strong and bold.  
The work of the Spirit of God is absolutely essential;  
Without Him all our work would be only superficial.

The Spirit's work is confirmation of God's calling;  
He was sent to do the necessary empowering.  
He must enlighten our minds as only He can;  
He has to disclose and teach us God's full plan.

The challenge is to make sure we seek His filling;  
Every aspect of life and ministry needs His blessing.  
He alone can open up our hearts and our minds;  
Without His ministry we would be spiritually blind.

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Isaiah 11:2; 42:1

# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 31 MARCH 2019**

**TEXT: MATTHEW 4:10 AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE**

For it is written, "You shall worship the LORD your God,  
and Him only you shall serve."

1. This text was taken from Deut. 6:13; 10:20
2. The Lord Jesus cited this text:
  - a) As authoritative
  - b) As applicable
3. The LORD our God
  - a) He deserves our worship
  - b) He deserves our service

**NEXT SUNDAY: 7 APRIL 2019**

**TEXT: ISAIAH 41:8 BUT YOU, ISRAEL, ARE MY SERVANT**

But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen,  
the descendants of Abraham, My friend. †

THEME : BEHOLD, MY SERVANT

# THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY**  
"Surely He has borne our griefs"  
Isaiah 53:1-6

Chairman  
Intern-Pastor  
Benjamin Quah

Speaker  
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist  
Mrs Kathy Lai

Organist  
Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter  
Deacon  
Dr Tan Peng Hui

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —

**NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
**10.30 AM**  
"Facing all our fears"  
Matthew 8:23-27

CC I: P1—P3  
3rd Floor  
Auditorium 3-1

Speaker  
Miss Camille George

CC II: P4—P6  
4th Floor  
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker  
Student-Pastor  
Eugene Seow

**EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Andrew & Hwei Li  
Fellowship Lunch : Francis & Abigail; Ann Heng; Yong Jin & Shufang

# 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

## Bethany Independent-Presbyterian Church

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**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**31 March 2019**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mrs Kathy Lai*  
*Organist : Mrs Sally Tan*

HWC No. 398

Fill My Cup, Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Intern-Pastor Benjamin Quah*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

Century Praise 89

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Century Praise 358

Living For Jesus

Century Praise 458

The Church's One Foundation

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “Surely He has borne our griefs”

Text : Isaiah 53:1-6

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 289

And Can It Be?

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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## PASTORAL LETTER

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31 MARCH 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

*Dear Brethren,*

### **END OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2019**

So swiftly, we have come to the end of the first quarter of 2019. Thank God for His grace and strength to serve Him!

### **HIGHLIGHTS IN BETHANY**

Let's recall the following highlights that took place in Bethany.

1. Lunar New Year Special (February 2019)
2. Sunday School Teachers' Retreat (March 2019)
3. Church Family Camp (March 2019)

Let us never take for granted the Lord's grace and mercy. His blessings are to be deeply appreciated!

### **HIGHLIGHTS- IPC FAMILY**

This has also been a significant time of ministry for our brethren overseas:

1. Indian Family Camp (January 2019)  
The churches had their own individual Family Camp! They turned out very well!
2. Graduation Exercise of BTS, Yangon (February 2019)  
Thank God for another batch of people who have completed their studies and are now seeking to serve the Lord
3. Ministry in Perth (January 2019)  
There was another training program for potential leaders in Bethel.

Thank God for the way He has blessed the work of our hands!

### **THE GRACE AND STRENGTH WE NEED TO SERVE THE LORD**

Thank God for the strength that He has given to serve Him! Let us pause and renew our strength as we look forward to the Easter season coming right up!

1. Isaiah 40  
The promise of renewed strength
2. 2 Corinthians 12  
The promise of God's grace that would be sufficient for all our life's needs! When we are weak, then would we find the strength of the Lord!

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*