

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: Deuteronomy 11

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"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD"

THE CALL TO LOVE GOD

The call to love the Lord was issued a number of times. To love the Lord should be the most natural thing to do! Yet, the reality is that we struggle with loving the Lord still.

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

*Therefore you shall love the LORD your God,
And keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments,
And all His commandments always.*

*For if you carefully keep all these commandments
Which I command you to do-
To love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways,
And to hold fast to Him... Deuteronomy 6:5; 11:1, 22*

DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE CALL TO LOVE GOD

There are at least three aspects that we must give our thoughts to as we look at these texts.

1. A simple Call to love God

- a) With all the heart
- b) With all the soul
- c) With all strength

2. The Call to love God and keep all that He has said

- a) His charge
- b) His statutes
- c) His judgments
- d) His commandments

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3. The Call to love God and to walk in His way steadfastly

- a) To carefully keep His commandments
- b) To walk in all His ways
- c) To hold fast to the Lord

THESE ASPECTS REFLECT THE FOLLOWING

When taken together, the Call to love God will reflect the following features:

- 1. A genuine Love for God would keep growing
- 2. A true Love for God must be reflected in the way we regard His word
- 3. A deep Love for God would cause us to walk with Him.
- 4. A strong Love for God would see us hold fast to Him for life

Let us be challenged to cultivate our love for the Lord our God!
May the Lord then bless because of a deep sense of relationship with Him.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord at Bethany. May your heart be blessed! May the Lord's blessings also be given to all who tune in to listen to the Messages on line.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Date: 23 August 2020

Time: 11.00am

1. To review the year that has gone by (2019-2020)
2. To give glory to the LORD for His many blessings for yet another year
3. To approve of the Budget for 2020-2021
4. To approve of the proposed additional toilets/ showers at 2M level
5. To express deep appreciation to out-going Session Members
6. To vote in a new set of Session Members for 2020-2023

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings!

The Proposed New Session

List of New and Incumbent Session Members

1) Incumbent

a) Charles Tan

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- b) Mark Tan
- c) Mitchell Tan
- d) George Thomas
- e) Ng Lay Eng
- f) Geraldine Lee

2. New

- a) Dr. Daniel Chia
- b) Milton Ong
- c) Dr. K.C.Tang
- d) Dr. Quek Li Wei
- e) Dr. Jane Tan
- f) Tan Hong Suen
- g) Tan Li Hong



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 115:1-3

¹ *Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us,
But to Your name give glory,
Because of Your mercy,
Because of Your truth.*
² *Why should the Gentiles say,
"So where is their God?"*
³ *But our God is in heaven;
He does whatever He pleases.*

1. Glory ascribed to the LORD
 - a) This is absolutely correct
 - b) Worship must see us give glory to God
2. Glory is ascribed for good reason
 - a) Because of God's truth revealed
 - b) Because of God's mercy given
3. The queries of those who do not believe
 - a) Where is God?
 - b) They cannot understand Him
4. Our response
 - a) God inhabits Heaven
 - b) He is totally Sovereign

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 26 July 2020

TEXT: PSALM 119:1-2 BLESSED ARE THE UNDEFILED IN THE WAY

*¹ Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of the LORD!*

*² Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,
Who seek Him with the whole heart!*

1. The blessings of God

- a) They are precious
- b) They are to be deeply appreciated

2. Those who will receive God's blessings

- a) Those who are undefiled by the world
- b) These walk in the law of the LORD
- c) They also keep His testimonies
- d) They seek Him with the whole heart

NEXT SUNDAY: 2 August 2020

TEXT: PSALM 34:1 I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES

*I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

POETRY CORNER

1

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD

The call to love the LORD is absolutely right;
We must love our God with all our might!
He has done so much for us out of His mercy;
Let us learn to love the LORD most faithfully.

The love of God must grow significantly.
True love would always grow naturally.
Through knowledge, love is cultivated;
Our love for God would see us motivated.

The love of God would see us love His laws;
They are pure and without any flaws.
The heart will desire to walk in His ways;
There would be a love to seek God's face.

The love for God would see us hold fast;
Our affection for God would then truly last.
The Lord's blessings would be lovingly given;
These are true treasures from God in heaven.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 6:5; 11:1, 22

POETRY CORNER

2

RELATING TO GOD

It is a privilege to relate to a wonderful God,
But we often struggle to relate as we ought.
We must seek to know God more concretely,
So that we may relate to Him meaningfully.

To His people, God is often known as “LORD”,
We belong to Him and He is our covenant God.
God is also a powerful and righteous King,
He rules over all wisely for He is all-knowing.

God allows us to experience Him in many ways,
He teaches us lessons about Himself each day.
He grants us strength as we seek for it in prayer,
He protects and provides for us with much care.

As God teaches, we must respond appropriately,
The heart is compelled to love Him gratefully.
We must call upon Him with faith in the heart,
Trusting that He is near and will never depart!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Psalm 3:3-4, 4:3, 5:1-2 and 18:1-3

POETRY CORNER

3

God's Special Children **(Special Needs Awareness 2020)**

The Almighty God is our Maker;
He created all life including all the children who are special.
Our talents or deficiencies are given by God Divine;
Only the Lord knows His own purpose and design.

Our children who are special also need to know God;
We must do our part to bring them to the Lord.
They have experienced challenges only they themselves have known;
They need to find God real and develop a faith of their own.

Disabilities and challenges are not punishment from above;
Their existence serve for God to reveal His love.
Even if it may be hard for the children to fathom;
We must help them appreciate God's love for them.

Our service is never for reciprocation or yield;
For the children who are helped, they cannot repay you.
We serve because we love God and the children;
And believe they too, can catch a glimpse of God's glory in Heaven.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: John 9:1-3; Luke 14:12-14

POETRY CORNER

4

Consider the Poor

We are nestled within our cocoon of safety and security;
Blessed by the Lord with bountiful provisions and loving care;
That we are engrossed and lulled into our world of complacency;
Blind to the vagaries of life affecting the destitute in despair!

Incessant influx of daily news of misery has desensitized us;
Insidiously hardening our hearts till we are resistant;
To the plight of the underprivileged, deprived and homeless;
Whatever happened to sharing our blessings with the poverty stricken?

Jesus taught us to care for the poor and not be indifferent;
Do not gather every grape but leave some in the vineyard there;
Cultivate compassion and make it a lifetime commitment
Be open handed and give freely of your money, time and care!

Every gift counts however big or small as may be perceived;
Be a cheerful giver and receive God's blessings forever more!
As Jesus Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive;"
Blessed is he who reaches out and considers the poor!

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 41, Leviticus 19:10, Deuteronomy 15: 7-8

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
Evening-Bilingual Worship		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			Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School IV. II			Auditorium 2M	2 nd 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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