

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 2 February 2020 ... Holy Communion Sunday!

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 33

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GOD'S EYE ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

GOD'S EYE ON MANKIND

That God's eye is on the world is stated in many places:

1. The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men Psalm 14:2
2. His eye beholds, His eyelids test the sons of men salm 11:4
3. The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous Psalm 34:15

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MEDITATION

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GOD'S EYE ESPECIALLY ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

The following text teaches us that God watches over the righteous.

Behold, the eye of the LORD

Is on those who fear Him;

On those who hope in His mercy.

Psalm 33:18

1. Behold

- a) When this word is used, it always describes something special
- b) In this instance, the Psalmist expresses delight:
 - i) That God would especially watch over His people
 - ii) That God would especially give special attention

2. The eye of the LORD

- a) This word "eye" is to be understood metaphorically
- b) It reflects the following:
 - i) Observation
 - ii) Knowledge
 - iii) Discernment
 - iv) Special care and concern (loving watchfulness)
 - v) This is because of a special relationship between God and the devotee

3. On those who fear Him

- a) The fear of the Lord must be present in the heart
- b) It must be genuine
- c) It must be evidenced

4. On those who hope in His mercy

- a) The word "hope" expresses the faith of the believer
- b) He does not take God nor His blessings for granted
- c) The devotee trusts in the Person of God
 - i) That He is full of grace
 - ii) That He is full of mercy

OUR CHALLENGE

Let us seek to cultivate our fear of God meaningfully. Let us seek to walk in His ways, believing that He will watch over us with great tendermercies!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*Welcome
to Bethany TV*



HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

We celebrate The Lord's Supper today. May our hearts be drawn closer to the Lord! May we learn to have great reverence for the Lord!

The Bread

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to His 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

Let us partake of the Lord's Supper with deep appreciation and devotion!



CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm | Venue: 4.07



LUNAR NEW YEAR GREETINGS

1. From our family of churches
 - a) Australia
 - b) India
 - c) Myanmar
2. From individuals
Mrs. Miiko Gibson (USA)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK-DAY MEETINGS

We will not be having the usual week-day meetings (3-4 February 2020), because of the Missions Ministry in Myanmar this week.



CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

15-20 March 2020 | *"O LORD, You are my God"* Isaiah 25:1
Let us plan to attend the Church Family Camp.
Plan to sign up as soon as possible.



SSS 4 EVENT

A special dinner event on 14 February 2020.
Plan to sign up as soon as possible.



CNY SPECIAL

Thank God for all who worked so hard to make the CNY Special a meaningful event.



ACM

Date: 23 February 2020 | Time: 1.00pm
We will be holding our ACM for Church and BTS.
Let all members plan to attend the ACM.



WUHAN VIRUS PROBLEM

Let us exercise the greatest caution as we come to Church for worship and fellowship!

1. Face mask

Please use a face mask if you are not feeling well

2. Fever

If you are running a fever, it would be wise not to attend Church till you are all better! Please see your personal physician.

3. Faith

Let us exercise faith in the Lord especially during this period of time.

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 2 February 2020

Text: Psalm 33:8 Let all the earth fear the LORD

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

1. The earth with all its inhabitants
All should fear the LORD

2. Reasons:

a) Because He is the LORD

b) Because of His power

He merely speaks the word, and it would be established

NEXT SUNDAY: 9 February 2020

Text: Psalm 33:18 The eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,

On those who hope in His mercy.

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 105:1-2

¹ Oh, give thanks to the LORD!

Call upon His name;

Make known His deeds among the peoples!

² Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;

Talk of all His wondrous works!

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

1. This is something we ought to do always
2. Let us call upon His name in faith

SINGING TO THE LORD

1. His wondrous works would provide much content
2. May Psalms and songs of praise speak of His wondrous works

POETRY CORNER

1

(For Communion)

THE EYE OF THE LORD IS ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

How wonderful to be lovingly watched over by God;
This is a special word of great comfort from the LORD.
We need not dread the watchful eyes of our Saviour;
His attentive watch over us will work in our favour.

The eyes of the Lord are sharp and discerning;
He knows the many dangers that are threatening.
He will watch over all who fear Him genuinely;
He will lead and guide them in life, unerringly.

The LORD desires to be involved in our activity;
To depend on human resources alone is truly folly.
Military strength and might will not guarantee success;
The challenge is to believe truly that the Lord would bless.

There is every reason to place our hope in God's mercy;
The Lord would bless, those who fear Him, abundantly.
May our hearts desire to wait, in deeper trust, on the Lord!
Great blessings will abound to all who have great faith in God.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 33:18

POETRY CORNER

2

Let God ... rest in Him

We are fearful of not being in control of our lives
Afraid of being overrun and swallowed up by humanity
Sinking into its bowels of depravity, unable to survive
And becoming a lost soul with no identity

How sadly mistaken to think that we are in charge
Proud of our ability to dominate and inspire with awe
In a second, life can drastically change course in its forward march
Overwhelmed, we may be grasping our last straw

Our sense of control of our lives is but an illusion
So, let us snap out of it and peer through the mist
Recognise the Lord's hand at work in our worldly profusion
Let God ... for without Him we cannot even exist

With His blessings of wisdom and deeper understanding, we strive
Towards learning how to trust and rest in our Lord
To know Him as the ultimate power who can make or break lives
The only One who can calm our storms is our Saviour God

Jessie Quek

(Inspiration: Psalm 37: 7 -11, Isaiah 43:2)

POETRY CORNER

3

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

The Book of Proverbs teaches practical wisdom,
It offers insights to all who seek the Lord's kingdom.
A true son seeks to know wisdom and instruction,
To possess the Fear of the Lord is his motivation.

To obtain this Fear will require diligent cultivation,
We must consider the set of God-given conditions.
The things which are godly, we must willingly receive,
And also treasure them with hearts keen to believe.

We must incline our ears to listen carefully,
And extend ourselves to discern more deeply.
We must cry out to the Lord for spiritual sight,
And seek to understand with all of our might.

If we do these, then we will understand the Fear of the Lord,
We will find true knowledge and wisdom from God.
May we prize these treasures beyond any earthly thing,
And always seek them till they are part of our being!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: Proverbs 1-2

POETRY CORNER

4

The Right Kind of Fear

Fear and apprehension may sometimes fill our hearts,
When uncertainty kicks in, problems can tear us apart;
When widespread anxiety causes great panic and unrest,
We must look to the Lord and trust Him - for He knows best.

Fear of the wrong kind may well be a terrible thing,
Fear causes us to act irrationally; a troubled heart it can bring!
We must seek to address fear with one that's of the right kind,
And learn to fear the Lord our God and know His will divine!

The fear of the Lord helps us to deal with other fears in our lives,
A strong relationship with God allows our faith and hope to thrive,
Even in times of trouble or when things do not look great,
Our trust in the Lord can persist, we've no need to be afraid!

The fear of the Lord must be there always deep within us,
This fear can regulate our lives each day, to His promises we hold fast;
While the world projects a gloomy outlook, we can continue to trust and pray,
We know that our LORD is a God above all things, and He will save the day!

Tang Hong Wee

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 10:12-13; Psalm 25:4-5,12

POETRY CORNER

5

Resting in the Lord

Each day of the year, life's trials beset.
Many things big and small, cause us much to fret.
The demands of work, family, a virus unchecked;
The schemes of the wicked, the Evil One's threat.

What must be our focus? 'Mid life's stormy blasts?
Just rest in the Lord, in Him we must trust!
The true test of trust is when we can rest and wait –
Tho' uncertainties heighten, our minds on God stayed.

To cease from anger, wrath to forsake,
We harm others and ourselves, when frowns on our face we make.
Wait and wait patiently, in the heart no turmoil;
For evildoers will be cut off, their ways God will foil.

And as we wait patiently, special blessings are given:
Our character grows, meekness is learned.
We feel with those struggling, and yet we're at peace;
When battles are many, our concerns to God we release.

How precious it is, in the Lord just to rest!
In Him trust completely, in Him our lives nest.
With God in the picture, our frets become redundant;
Our greatest delight: sweet peace most abundant!

Will Leong
Inspiration: Psalm 37:7-11

THEME : THE FEAR OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30AM | CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Fear God and keep His commandments" Ecclesiastes 12

Chairmen

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30AM | 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM (3-8)

"The word of God and the fear of the Lord" Psalm 19

Chairman

Mr Eugene Tan

Speaker

Mr Quek Li Yen

Ushers

Mr Ernest Goh

Ms Megan Seow

Pianist

Ms Edlyn Chong

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10.30AM

"Do not test God" Luke 4:9-13

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Speaker

Ms Camille George

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

4.00PM | 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM (4-7 & 4-8)

"I will teach you the fear of the Lord" Psalm 34

Chairmen

Mr Jonas Tan

Pianist

Ms Tay Soo Leng

Interpreter

Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

Speaker

Rev Benjamin Chong

Breakfast: Andrew & Hwei Li
Fellowship Lunch: Andrew & Hwei Li; Joanna Yam
Evening Tea: Andrew & Hwei Li

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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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
2 February 2020
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

Century Praise 451

It is Well with my Soul

Prelude

Call to Worship

Student-Pastor Eugene Seow

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 77

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

HWC No. 278

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

HWC No. 410

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Fear God and keep His commandments”

Text : Ecclesiastes 12

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

HWC No. 416

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

HWC No. 354

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 356

Under His Wings

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
2 February 2020
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Ms Tay Soo Leng

HWC No. 103

Blessed be the Name 颂赞主圣名

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Jonas Tan

Interpreter : Ms Berlinda Cheong

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 77

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing 万福泉源

Song No. 2

In Christ Alone 在基督里

Century Praise 331

Be Thou my Vision 成为我异象

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “I will teach you the fear of the Lord” 我要将敬畏神的道教训你们

Text: Psalm 34

Speaker: Rev Benjamin Chong

Interpreter : Deacon Dr Tan Peng Hui

THE LORD’S SUPPER 圣餐 Rev Dr Charles Tan

Hymn

Century Praise 345

(Stanzas 1 and 2)

Wherever He Leads, I'll Go

主领我何往必去

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 345

(Stanzas 3 and 4)

Wherever He Leads, I'll Go

主领我何往必去

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

Century Praise 348 Lord, Speak to me that I may Speak 恳求教我听主声音

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

2 FEBRUARY 2020

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

FACING A SERIOUS VIRUS PROBLEM

We commenced the Lunar New Year with a serious problem. The novel coronavirus is not to be taken lightly. But neither must we let fear prevail!

FEAR AND ITS CRIPPLING EFFECTS

Fear can have a crippling effect. Let us ponder this word from the book of Hebrews.

¹⁴Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

¹⁵and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
Hebrews 2:14-15

1. The fear of death

- a) It can cause us to be in bondage
- b) The person who wields this power is none other than Satan

2. Breaking the power of fear

- a) The Lord Jesus has broken the power of the devil
- b) He can release us from the crippling power of death

LIVING BY FAITH

How do we cope with the threat of the coronavirus?

1. Doing our part

- a) We must seek to do our part faithfully
- b) We must not fail to take all precautions

2. Faith in the Lord

Let faith in the Lord give us courage and strength!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*