

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 27 December 2020

MEDITATION

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Texts: Matthew 7:24-29; Luke 6:46-49

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FOUNDED ON THE ROCK

THE STORMS OF LIFE

2020 will be remembered as the Covid-19 year! In recent memory, we have not seen such an impact on our country!

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1. Iconic companies have closed
2. Vacations overseas have come to a standstill
3. Restrictions meant that many activities were curtailed
4. The infection count numbered in 8 figures
5. The death toll has been sobering

This year has seen a tremendous storm that has battered many lives!

THE CHURCH IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

How may we survive in the year ahead of us? It would be a time for all to rebuild their lives. Let us be reminded of what the Lord Jesus taught.

⁴⁷Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: ⁴⁸He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. ⁴⁹But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.

Luke 6:47-49

1. Three vital actions to be noted
 - a) Coming to the Lord

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- b) Hearing His word
 - c) Doing what He has taught
2. The task of building a house
- a) Foundations are important
 - b) Building on a Rock-foundation
3. The storms of life
- a) They cannot affect a house that is well-built
 - b) But the house that is built on sand would suffer ruin

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2021

Let us look forward with great faith to the New Year ahead. Let us learn valuable lessons in the year that is fast slipping away! Let us find renewed faith and hope for a stronger year in 2021!

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WELCOME TO BETHANY

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



DML 2020
31 December 2020
Time: 8.00pm

This will be our last Worship Service for the year.

Title: "Under the shadow of Your wings"
Texts: Psalm 17:8; Psalm 36:7; Psalm 57:1; Psalm 61:4; Psalm 63

1. Let us gather to give thanks
2. Let us also gather together to seek the Lord's blessings for 2021



SPECIAL THANKSGIVING FOR 2020

1. Bless the Lord!
 - a) Thank God for His help Psalm 121:1-2
 - b) Thank God for keeping us Psalm 121:3-6
 - c) Thank God for preserving us Psalm 121:7-8

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2. Thank God for:

- a) Those involved in our Website Ministry
 - i) Recording Team
 - ii) Live-streaming
 - iii) Maintenance of our website
- b) Our Custodians
 - i) Preparing the Church premises before Worship
 - ii) Cleaning up Post-Worship
- c) Our Supporters
 - i) Prayer support
 - ii) Financial support
- d) Our Safe-Measures Team
 - i) Temperature taking
 - ii) Registration

And all who love the Lord and Bethany and have shown faithful support in numerous ways!



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NEW PULPIT THEME FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2021

“How precious is Your lovingkindness” Psalm 36:7

Let us take time to learn much more about this wonderful God
we worship!



HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Hwee Cheng on the demise of her father,
Mr. Tan Chai Kim. The late Mr. Tan passed away on
Tuesday, 22 December 2020. He was 82 years old.



WORSHIP SERVICES AT BETHANY

Dear Brethren,

Worshipping in the house of the Lord is always special, especially at our Christ-
mas and Down Memory Lane services.

However, due to the safety restrictions imposed upon us by the government, we
apologise that we cannot take in everyone for worship (as much as we want to!)

*"You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear
your God: I am the Lord" (Leviticus 19:32)*

Due to the limited number of spaces that we have, we have been seeking to give
priority to our seniors. This is something that the Scriptures teach, and we de-
sire to practise this as a church.

We are thankful to many who have already graciously expressed their under-

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standing over this matter, and we are encouraged to know that we are a church where people care for people!

Going forward, if you do physically come for worship at Bethany, the government has ruled that all of us are to perform SafeEntry via TraceTogether **only**. This means that we can only allow you to enter the church premises if you use the TraceTogether App or utilize the TraceTogether token.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Gratefully,
Ben Quah



CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A BOY!

1. Heartfelt congratulations to Belle and Wee Ta on the gift of a baby boy on Tuesday, 22 December 2020. Both mother and baby Luke are doing well.

2. Also heartfelt congratulations to Yan Yi and Andrew on the gift of a baby boy. Seth was born on 23 December 2020! Both baby and mother are doing well.



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:12-14

¹²Blessed are You, O LORD!

Teach me Your statutes.

¹³With my lips I have declared

All the judgments of Your mouth.

¹⁴I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,

As much as in all riches.

1. Prayer to the Lord

- a) To be taught His statutes
- b) The Lord as Teacher is to be treasured

2. Praise to the Lord

- a) The Lord deserves to be praised
- b) Suitable expressions of praise
 - i) Declarations of the Lord's judgments
 - ii) Rejoicing in the testimonies of the Lord

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 27 December 2020

Text : Romans 8:32 *He who did not spare His Son
He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all,
how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

1. God's Gift of His Son

- a) God did not spare His Son
- b) He delivered Him up to death
- c) To give us salvation

2. God's other gifts

- a) All other gifts are not in the same league as the Gift of Christ
- b) He is happy to give us what we need in life
- c) Let us learn to treasure all of the Lord's gifts

NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 34:6 *"Merciful and gracious"*

*And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God,
merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth"*

POETRY CORNER

1

FOUNDED ON THE ROCK

The Lord Jesus saw many homes badly wrecked;
So many were by sin and weaknesses trapped!
The answer lay in building a home properly;
Thus, He gave instructions most thoroughly.

The work begins with coming to the Lord;
His word must be heeded, for it is like Rock.
The challenge is to dig as deeply as we can;
Then can we see the wisdom of God's plan.

The storms of life will hit the home;
If the house is ruined, we will groan.
It would then be too late for regret;
The weight of folly would be felt!

A strong house is founded on Rock;
It is built on the word of the Lord.
We need to have a deep foundation;
The Lord will add His protection.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Matthew 7:24-29; Luke 6:46-49

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2

Trust in God

As the year 2020 comes to an end;
It is time to reflect and plan ahead again.
Exactingly it may be, to insist that all welcome the new year with cheer;
For circumstances have dealt huge blows to many in the past year.

Some, amongst us, may not have done as well in school;
Work and relationships for others may seem inexorably dreadful.
Failing health for the seniors is one insurmountable mountain;
The loss of loved ones must be the hardest to bear, for certain.

We may wonder why God allows suffering among His children;
As God's Elect, are we not purportedly different?
Yet, it is not for us to question the work of the Lord's Hand;
For we were never meant to understand the work of God "from beginning to end".

Let us trust that God will make everything beautiful in His time;
We just need that deep and genuine faith to find.
The Lord has also put eternity in the hearts of man;
To realize His promise, we need to do our part in the amazing puzzle of God's master plan.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Ecclesiastes 3:11

POETRY CORNER

3

A PARENT'S PRAYER

Every child is a special gift from heaven,
To be a parent is a privilege God has given.
As parents, we are called to fulfil a vital role,
To raise a child well and shepherd his soul.

We must pray for God to grant us wisdom,
To impart spiritual truths to our children.
We have a God who redeems us from sinfulness,
We are His sons through faith in Christ Jesus.

We must pray for our children to know the Lord,
And one day understand they are heirs of God.
In Christ, God has given each child an inheritance,
It is glorious and will be revealed in portions.

As parents, we will make mistakes and falter,
We must pray for godly guardians and tutors.
The pathway as parents may not be easy,
May God grant us much grace for this journey!

Yvette Seow

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4

The day the Word became flesh

How delightful to see the line-up of babies for baptism;
Demonstrating the faith, determination and commitment of their parents;
Hoping to see the child grow up to fear the Lord in wisdom;
But not knowing how each child will develop with full assurance.

Over two thousand years ago, an angel announced the birth of baby Jesus;
To shepherds who were watching their flock by night;
That was the day when the Word became flesh to save us;
The Son of God became man to redeem humanity from his plight!

In the words of Saint Augustine this Child is divine;
He was born of a mother whom He created;
His birth brings hope, peace and goodwill to all mankind;
Let us remember Him, the Messiah who we have eagerly awaited!

May we not lose the true significance of Christmas!
The glitter of bright lights, presents and feasting can easily consume us;
Turn our thoughts to worship the babe in swaddling clothes,
Born on Christmas day in the city of David, our Saviour Lord Jesus.

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Luke 2: 8 - 14

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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