

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 3 January 2021*

## MEDITATION

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Text: Deuteronomy 32

## THE SONG OF MOSES

### A MULTI-GIFTED SERVANT

Moses was a multi-gifted servant of God. He fulfilled many roles wonderfully.

Three special roles may be noted.

1. Leader

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2. Teacher

3. Intercessor

## A SONG WRITER

Moses was also a song writer. One of his songs was found in Deuteronomy 32.

"Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;  
And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>Let my teaching drop as the rain,  
My speech distill as the dew,  
As raindrops on the tender herb,  
And as showers on the grass.

<sup>3</sup>For I proclaim the name of the LORD:  
Ascribe greatness to our God. Deuteronomy 32:1-3

1. His song was valuable for more than just its tune

2. He was deeply committed to teaching about the Lord

3. It was the LORD who had personally proclaimed His mighty name to him (Exodus 34)

4. It was his turn to proclaim God's name

## A WRITER'S HOPE

Every writer has definite hopes for their writing. Moses expressed his hope this way:

1. His teaching

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a) To be like the rain that is badly needed

b) Without the rain, no crops would grow

## 2. His speech

a) To be as the gentle distilled dew

b) To be like the welcome rain on the tender herb

c) As rain on the grass

## 3. The Content:

a) The LORD

b) His great name!

## THE WORD OF GOD

Moses was deeply committed to the teaching of God's word. He had devoted 40 years of his life mastering the teachings God had given to him. The word of God may indeed be compared to the rain!

## OUR CHALLENGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Let us devote time to read the Lord's word a little more! May our love for God's word deepen in the New Year!

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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!



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Pastors and the Session wish all at Bethany the Lord's blessings in the New Year! May the Lord shelter us under His wings till the calamity of Covid-19 has passed (Psalm 57:1)



## ***EXPANSION OF OUR WORSHIP PROGRAM***

### 1. Sunday Worship Service in 2021

a) 10.00am

b) Max: 250 people

But we will still not be able to have all in our Sanctuary.

### 2. Saturday Worship Service

a) 3.00pm

b) For Young People

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- c) Different Theme for Worship Program
- d) One that would meet their needs

## 3. Commencement: February 2021

Reasons:

- a) January 2021  
We have three weddings
- b) We also have a Sunday School Retreat

Let us look forward to this new program being planned.



## ***CONGRATULATIONS!***

Heartfelt congratulations to Edlyn and Kai on the occasion of their marriage on 2 January 2021! May the Lord's richest blessings be theirs!



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **TWO NEW INTERN PASTORS**

Jonathan Jacob and Steve Karong would become Intern Pastors from Sunday, 3 January 2021. Our Pastoral Training Program has the following features:

### 1. Student Pastor

- a) Basic Discipleship
- b) Exposure to ministry
- c) Cultivation of faith and life

### 2. Intern Pastor

- a) Discovery of ministry gift(s)
- b) Development of these gifts
- c) Deepening of Spiritual Disciplines

### 3. Ordained Pastor

- a) Full pastoral ministry responsibilities
- b) Faithful and fruitful ministry prayed for

Each stage would see further instruction given. The challenge is for them to grow further in their faith and comprehension of the Pastoral Ministry!

The need for servants of God must envisage the further future growth of the Church! Let us remember our new Intern Pastors in prayer!

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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## **Psalm 119:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> I will meditate on Your precepts,  
And contemplate Your ways.

<sup>16</sup> I will delight myself in Your statutes;  
I will not forget Your word.

1. Four appropriate New Year resolutions

- a) I will meditate
- b) I will contemplate
- c) I will delight
- d) I will not forget

2. The focus is on the Scriptures described wonderfully:

- a) Precepts
- b) Bible ways
- c) Statutes
- d) Word of God

Let us be greatly challenged to cultivate our faith and our walk with the Lord!

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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## **TODAY: 3 January 2021**

*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”*

1. The proclamation of the Lord’s name was done by God Himself
2. Who He is
  - a) He is the LORD
  - b) He is the Lord God
3. His attributes
  - a) Merciful
  - b) Gracious
  - c) Longsuffering
  - d) Abounding in goodness and truth

Let us learn to treasure the LORD with all our heart and soul!

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 10 January 2021**

*Psalms 5:7 “The multitude of Your mercy”*

*But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;  
In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.*



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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## ASCRIBE GREATNESS TO OUR GOD

Our faith is in a great and wonderful God;  
He has revealed Himself of His own accord.  
He has given to us His powerful name;  
Not to ascribe greatness would be a shame!

Let us find the appropriate words to proclaim,  
The Lord's wonderful and glorious name!  
It is a name like no other for He is the Creator;  
In His great mercy, He became our Redeemer.

God's word is like the former and latter rain;  
Without the rain, all the work could be in vain.  
As the rain is necessary for the crops to grow;  
So, the Word of God will help our soul to glow.

The Word of God is worthy of our time and devotion;  
To His holy Word we must give our utmost attention.  
May the Scriptures come alive to us and we see God!  
What a privilege it is to be taught by our precious Lord!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Deuteronomy 32:1-3

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## The Love of God

2020 was a challenging year which lasted way too long:  
It was a time when anything and everything seemed to have gone wrong.  
School was out, weddings were postponed, even vital services had to go virtual:  
Life was turned topsy turvy because of an invisible enemy so cruel!

Yet, we gain nothing by brooding over past difficulties:  
What matters more is what we know are certainties.  
God's love was outpoured onto us when Christ came and died on the cross:  
This was certainly a gift for mankind far surpassing anything we could have lost.

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ:  
Not trials, deprivation or whatever which may take us by surprise.  
As God's children, the Holy Spirit leads and teaches us for certain:  
As heirs of God, we have a certain hope of eternal life in heaven.

So let us look forward to the New Year in anticipation:  
Knowing for certain that God will be with us in every situation.  
May the love of God spur us on to read His word with greater discernment!  
May our love for the Lord move us to offer praise to Him in return!

Dr. Sng Li Wah  
Inspiration: Romans 5 & 8

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## POETRY CORNER

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# 3

### RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD

As year 2020 draws to a close and we say goodbye;  
Hopefully to the crown spiked virus which caused much havoc;  
Deaths, hunger, loss of jobs, isolation, all trying to survive;  
What is the message that the Lord is sending to his helpless flock?

Awake, sit up and review where we have gone astray and find;  
What have we done or not done in the past to upset Him?  
Have we forgotten to love the Lord with all our heart, soul and mind?  
May the Holy Spirit revive us, according to the will of God to glorify Him!

Let us seek to learn from our past mistakes and change;  
With intercession for us in groans by the Holy Spirit;  
Surely our energy and spirit can be revitalized and sustained;  
Each and every day bringing us joy and delight!

For the Holy Spirit poured out on us through Jesus Christ;  
May we look forward to 2021 in great hope and anticipation!  
Fresh with renewed vigour to face promises and sacrifice;  
Towards a holy and deeper relationship with the Lord in elation.

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Titus 3:6, Romans 8: 26-27, Matthew 22:37

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 4

## HE WILL FREELY GIVE

So quickly, we have commenced a new year,  
There are uncertainties and feelings of fear.  
But the soul must not dwell on the negative,  
It must seek the Lord for another perspective.

God's love for us is rich and abounding,  
He did not spare His Son from suffering.  
For our sake, God gave up His Son completely,  
He will also give us all things in Christ freely.

Our part is to seek the Lord day by day,  
He will help us every step of the way.  
Daily, He will show us His lovingkindness,  
And lead us in the path of godliness.

God is for us and He is fully committed,  
His love causes the soul to be uplifted.  
With courage, we welcome the New Year gladly,  
Determined to fix our eyes on Him faithfully!

Yvette Seow  
Inspiration: Romans 8:31-32

# BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
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
Evening-Bilingual Worship		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
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			Fellowship Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Senior Sunday School IV. II			Auditorium 2M	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-7	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
CHOIRS				
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
BIBLE STUDY				
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
CATECHISM CLASS				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
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

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