

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 10 January 2021*

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## MEDITATION

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REV DR CHARLES TAN

**Text: Deuteronomy 32**

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## THE GREATNESS OF GOD

### KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Our knowledge of God must never be stagnant. Each year must see us grow our knowledge of the Lord so that we are filled with a sense of His greatness! This was Moses' own experience!

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

<sup>4</sup> *He is the Rock, His work is perfect;*  
*For all His ways are justice,*  
*A God of truth and without injustice;*  
*Righteous and upright is He. Deuteronomy 32:3-4*

## 1. The LORD

- a) His name is sacred
- b) Greatness is to be ascribed to Him

## 2. Discovery of the LORD

- a) He is the Rock
  - i) To represent strength
  - ii) To highlight antiquity
  - iii) To inspire confidence
- b) His work is perfect
  - i) Our human viewpoint is defective
  - ii) We need to appreciate the depth of God's work
  - iii) It is nothing less than "perfect"

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- c) All His ways are justice
  - i) God is concerned about justice
  - ii) He will always uphold it
  - iii) We are to defend it
- d) What Moses discovered further about God
  - i) He is indeed a God of truth
  - ii) He is without injustice;
  - iii) He is fully righteous and upright

## OUR CHALLENGE

Let us be challenged to grow in our knowledge of God!

1. In doctrine
2. In our personal experience
3. In our faith-relationship with God

Let us seek the Lord diligently in humble prayer. May we grow well in 2021!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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!



## **SEATING CAPACITY IN OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY**

We are able to sit about 200 people without breaching any rules. Thank God for all involved in sitting people in their assigned places.  
Thank you for your cooperation!



## **LIVE MUSIC**

Thank God that we can have live music in our Worship Service today!  
May our hearts be gladdened further!



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL RETREAT**

**15-16 January 2021**

**Focus: "That they may know that I am the LORD"**

**Text: Ezekiel 6-7; Psalm 74**

May the Lord bless the Retreat!  
The challenge is to truly "know the LORD!"  
May we desire to grow our knowledge and our faith in God!



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## **YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Commencement: Saturday, 7 February 2021**

**Time: 3.00pm**

1. Theme: "Worship"
2. Worship can be:
  - a) Personal Worship
  - b) Corporate Worship
3. Many vital lessons must be learned about both aspects of worship!
4. Worship can be so uplifting to the soul!
5. Attendees
  - a) Youths
  - b) Young at heart!
6. Registration  
We will follow the usual Sunday protocol
  - a) Temperature taking
  - b) SafeEntry by TraceTogether app or token
  - c) Social distancing

Let us pray for the Lord's blessing on this new Worship program commencing in February 2021. May the Lord bless!



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## USING TRACETOGETHER

Dear Brethren,

We have officially entered into Phase 3, and thank God we are now able to accommodate more people for worship!

As part of the ongoing government regulations, our church is required to be a "TraceTogether-only Safe Entry" venue.

What this means for us:

1. You will be able to check-in only via the TraceTogether App or TraceTogether token.
2. All other modes of check-in, such as the use of mobile phone cameras, SingPass Mobile or other QR code reader apps will unfortunately not be possible.
3. You will also not be able to perform group check-ins, as this function has been disabled for our venue.

We seek your understanding regarding this new change. This is part of our government's endeavour to help all of us to use TraceTogether and we support this fully.

Though we might face some inconvenience at first, this move should benefit all of us in the long run because when everyone is on TraceTogether, we will be able to open more securely as a country... and also as a church!

Pastor Ben Quah



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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Tammy and Jonathan on the occasion of their wedding on 9 January 2021. May the Lord's richest blessings be given to them!



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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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

*<sup>17</sup> Deal bountifully with Your servant,  
That I may live and keep Your word.*

*<sup>18</sup> Open my eyes, that I may see  
Wondrous things from Your law.*

### 1. A humble prayer

- a) That God would deal bountifully
- b) This is a reference to seeking God's blessings

### 2. Significance of God's blessings in life

- a) We can then live as God meant us to
- b) One of the things we want to do is to keep His word

### 3. A prayer for enlightenment

- a) This is an essential prayer
- b) That we may be able to comprehend God's word deeply



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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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## **TODAY: 10 January 2021**

***Psalm 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.*

1. Going to God's house

- a) This is not to be taken for granted
- b) The multitude of God's mercy is to be appreciated

2. Worship of the Lord

- a) There must always be reverence for the Lord
- b) Worship of God must be greatly treasured

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 17 January 2021**

***Psalm 36:7 “How precious is Your lovingkindness”***

*How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!*

*Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.*

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## HE IS THE ROCK

How wonderful to speak of God as “The Rock;”  
What a glorious symbol to describe the LORD!

A Rock stands for strength and antiquity;  
It also speaks of His might and majesty!

He is the Rock and bastion of Justice;  
He desires Man from evil to cease.  
God’s ways are full of righteousness;  
He is the LORD who calls for uprightness.

God’s works are absolutely perfect;  
One needs to have a greater respect.  
His works are always truly profound;  
His truth will undergird and surround.

Our need is to grow in our knowledge;  
To know God deeply is a true privilege.  
Let us trust in the LORD as our Rock;  
Let us ascribe greatness to our God!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 32:3-4

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## **Finding Faith, Hope and Trust**

Finding faith in the Lord begins with the knowledge of redemption,  
Through His blood, sins are forgiven with abundant grace and affection.

This grace has abounded towards us in His prudence and wisdom,  
How can we not build on this faith as worthy citizens of His Kingdom?

This faith must be carefully cultivated to bring forth authenticity,  
A faith that is genuine and earnest, and yet cloaked in simplicity.

Only then can joy and hope be found in this fullness of times,  
Especially when challenges and sorrows abound, and anxieties climb.

Through genuine faith and unshakable hope will one's trust be found,  
Trust in His good will of predestination and an inheritance so profound!  
A trust deeply rooted in the word of truth for a salvation without limit,  
A trust that is sealed and guaranteed with the promise of the Holy Spirit!

Dr. Tan Kok-Yang  
Inspiration: Ephesians 1: 7-14

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# 3

## **My God, My Help**

Man is indeed curious by nature;  
At God's creation, he gawks in awesome wonder.  
But the more he sees and hears as he matures;  
The more he realizes he is so small and dispensable.

He may feel transient joy at the end of triumphant labour;  
He may have aspirations which spur him on to greater endeavor.  
Nevertheless, sin and transgressions, at his soul continually devour;  
Envy, anger, deceit and evil ultimately overpower.

No matter how he searches and struggles to make sense of his desires;  
Yet life to him, remains inscrutably unfathomable.  
Where is that joy he covets and the peace to which he aspires?  
Who can save him from this futile entanglement in life's quagmire?

It is my God, my ever-present help in danger;  
He has sent His Son, Jesus, to be my Saviour.  
He gives to each one a hope of eternal bliss beyond measure;  
A promise of eternal life where true happiness and love feature.

Dr. Sng Li Wah  
Inspiration: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

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# 4

## YOUR MERCY IS IN THE HEAVENS

We live in a world full of sin and darkness,  
We wonder why there is such wickedness.  
But focusing on the wicked is unhelpful,  
It can cause us to feel upset and fretful.

It is far better to learn to focus on the LORD,  
And let our soul dwell on the Mercy of God!  
His Mercy is expansive and immeasurable,  
To fully fathom its greatness is impossible!

Dwelling on God's Mercy is so humbling,  
It is freely given to us who are undeserving.  
Even though we commit sin repeatedly,  
Out of His Mercy, He forgives us graciously.

How grateful we must be to have God's Mercy!  
It is what we need for a New Year's journey.  
His help is present amidst challenges in life,  
We can bravely face any struggle or strife!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Psalm 36:5

# 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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