

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 31 January 2021*

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## MEDITATION

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REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Deuteronomy 32

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## “IN THE HEIGHTS OF THE EARTH”

### GOD’S LOVINGKINDNESS

The Lord showed much more than mercy to the children of Israel. He graciously showered them with lovingkindness. The expressions of His lovingkindness were obvious!

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<sup>13</sup> "He made him ride in the heights of the earth,  
That he might eat the produce of the fields;  
He made him draw honey from the rock,  
And oil from the flinty rock;

<sup>14</sup> Curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock,  
With fat of lambs;  
And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats,  
With the choicest wheat;  
And you drank wine, the blood of the grapes.

<sup>15</sup> "But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked;  
You grew fat, you grew thick,  
You are obese!  
Then he forsook God *who* made him,  
And scornfully esteemed the Rock of his salvation.  
Deuteronomy 32:13-15

1. He made him ride in the heights of the earth
  - a) This speaks of success
  - b) It also tells of exaltation
  - c) From being slaves in Egypt, Israel was riding high in the heights of the earth
2. God's wonderful provision
  - a) Produce of the fields
  - b) Honey from the rock

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- c) Oil from the flinty rock
- d) Good food (curds, milk, meat, choicest wheat)
- e) Even wine  
The Lord provided everything that the children of Israel could have wished for!

## WRONG RESPONSES

The children of Israel sadly came up with the wrong set of responses! Instead of being grateful, the following responses were noted:

1. The nation grew fat and kicked
2. The people became "obese"
3. Israel forsook the Lord who made the nation
4. The nation scornfully esteemed the Lord as their Rock

## OUR CHALLENGE

We have been wonderfully blessed too! Let us guard our hearts carefully, lest we end up departing from the Lord!

Let us be truly grateful for the many blessings God has poured into our lives! May we treasure the lovingkindness of the Lord!

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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 blessed as you enter into the presence of His sanctuary!



## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

Commencement: Saturday, 3.00pm  
Venue: Sanctuary



## SPECIAL CATECHISM CLASS

Saturdays at 1.00pm  
Venue: Church Sanctuary



## HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS

Heartfelt congratulations to Charles and Ainslie on the occasion of their marriage on 30 January 2021. May the Lord's richest blessings be theirs!



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## HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mr. Quek Shi Kui, on the passing away of his elder brother, Mr. Quek Shi Lei on 24 January 2021. The late Mr. Quek was 92 years old.



## CNY GIFT

All Seniors will be given a CNY Gift on 14 February 2021.  
Please register with Intern Pastors Moses Kwek, Eugene Seow or Jonathan Jacob.



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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## Psalm 119:25-26

<sup>25</sup> My soul clings to the dust;

Revive me according to Your word.

<sup>26</sup> I have declared my ways, and You answered me;  
Teach me Your statutes.

### 1. Prayer for Revival

- a) Because of low moments in life
- b) The soul has fallen so low it clings to the dust

### 2. Prayer to be Taught by God

- a) We need to declare our ways honestly to the Lord
- b) The Lord would answer as we cry out to Him
- c) We need to ask the Lord to teach us His statutes

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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## **TODAY: 31 January 2021**

*Psalm 69:16 "Your lovingkindness is good"*

*Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good;*

*Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.*

### 1. Consciousness of God's attributes

a) His tender mercies

b) His lovingkindness

### 2. Crying out to God

a) To show mercy when one is caught up in sin

b) According to the multitude of His tender mercies

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 7 February 2021**

*Psalm 40:11 "Do not withhold Your tender mercies"*

*Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD;*

*Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.*

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION

The Lord has wonderfully given us a great Salvation;  
In His power, he wrought our undeserved Redemption.  
He kindly took us out from a world of darkest sin;  
He went on to do a work of the deepest cleansing.

He did not stop there but gave to us wonderful provision;  
The best of food and wine were given without restriction.  
Everything that the heart desires was graciously provided;  
The heart should be filled with joy for such blessings extended.

But the human heart can turn around and be ungrateful;  
Of the Lord's blessings, the soul can be quite disdainful.  
The Lord and all His blessings can be lightly esteemed;  
The wicked heart can return to the old ways of dark sin!

The Lord is truly the great Rock of our Salvation!  
May we seek to deepen our sense of appreciation!  
Let us take time to recall the Lord's many blessings;  
May our heart be filled with great joy and thanksgiving!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 32:13-15



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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## God's Wisdom and Justice

God is righteous and He always does what is right;  
His standards of justice are unshakeable like the great mountains;  
They are spelt out in His laws arising from His nature, holy and upright;  
Through them the Lord administers to mankind their penalties and rewards.

God's judgment is not easily understood and can be unfathomable;  
He has "mercy on whom He wills and whom He wills He hardens."  
However, we can trust that He is always just and equitable;  
Though we may not see the light when confronted by the many trials.

The Lord judges by determining if we are corrupt in our heart;  
We are not terrorists nor murderers so wherein lies our sins?  
Have we considered our pride, greed, wrath and envy that we clutch;  
Perhaps we have pardoned ourselves as in our eyes they are the lesser sins!

Not so in the eyes of the Lord who is rich in wisdom and knowledge;  
His ways and thoughts are not our ways and thoughts, often baffling.  
When He chastens and metes out punishment, He has His reasons and message;  
May we progressively work at purifying our heart God willing!

Jessie Quek  
Inspiration: Psalm 36, Romans 9-18, Isaiah 55:8

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 3

## THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD

The judgments of God are a great deep,  
Like the vast ocean, they are profound indeed.  
His thoughts and ways are far above ours,  
They are absolute, holy and righteous.

To us, God's statutes and testimony are given,  
They help us better understand His judgments.  
When we disregard His Word, it is impudence,  
Even if we think that we have good intentions.

God sees and knows us clearly from within,  
He discerns all our thoughts, intents and sins.  
He judges with His Word which is powerful,  
He also shows us mercy for He is faithful.

God is the perfect Judge for He is sovereign,  
Before Him, we bow with humble reverence.  
How great is God's wisdom and understanding!  
May our knowledge of who He is keep growing!

Yvette Seow  
Inspiration: Psalm 36:6

# BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b>				
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
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>				
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
<b>CHOIRS</b>				
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
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>				
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
<b>CATECHISM CLASS</b>				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>PRAYER MEETING</b>				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
<b>FELLOWSHIP GROUPS</b>				
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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