

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 14 February 2021*

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## MEDITATION

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REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Deuteronomy 34; Joshua 1

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## “YOU WILL HAVE GOOD SUCCESS”

### THE END OF AN ERA

The ministry of Moses was long and successful. His accomplishments were many:

1. He led Israel out of Egypt
2. He led Israel for 40 years in the wilderness

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3. He taught the nation the Laws of God
4. He interceded for the nation time and again in critical times
5. He overcame many challenging problems successfully

He was 120 years old when he completed his life's work. He was given the special honour of being buried by God in the land of Moab (Deuteronomy 34:5-12).

## THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA

The mantle of leadership fell on Joshua. He was chosen by the Lord and he was full of the spirit of wisdom (Deuteronomy 34:9). The way to succeed was spelt out.

### 1. To hold fast to God's promises

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| a) As I was with Moses, so I will be with you | Joshua 1:5a |
| b) I will not leave you nor forsake you       | Joshua 1:5b |
| c) The LORD is with you wherever you go       | Joshua 1:9  |

### 2. To make an appropriate response

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| a) Be strong           |                 |
| b) And of good courage | Joshua 1:6a, 7a |

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c) To observe to do according to the Law Joshua 1:7b

d) To meditate on the Law, day and night Joshua 1:8a

## 3. Assurance

a) Then you will make your way prosperous Joshua 1:8b

b) Then you will have good success Joshua 1:8c

## SUCCESS IN LIFE

Everyone wants to have success in life. This is not a wrong desire. We have a clear teaching on how success may come about. Our part is to fulfil what the Lord has taught!

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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!



## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

*Saturday, 20 February 2021*  
*Venue: Church Main Sanctuary*  
*Time: 3.00pm*



## SPECIAL CATECHISM CLASS

*Saturday, 20 February 2021*  
*Venue: Church Main Sanctuary*  
*Time: 1.00pm*



## CNY GIFT

1. We will be giving out the CNY gift today
2. Please collect your gift after the Morning Worship



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## ACM 2021

Dear Brethren,

ACM 2021 will be held at 11.30am on 28 February 2021, which is two weeks away! It will be conducted via the online platform ZOOM.

One of the agenda items for ACM 2021 is the election of Honorary Auditors for Bethany Theological Seminary. The following persons have been nominated:

1. Chong Li Min
2. Soo Teng Ping

Voting will be done via proxy forms, which have been sent to you via email. If you have not received the proxy forms, please reach out to us at the following emails:

benjaminquah@bethanyipc.sg  
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Gratefully  
Ben and Ben



## HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Harry and Lily Ng, and Matthew on the passing away of Mdm. Lim Nyuk Chin, Harry's mother. The late Mdm. Lim was 93 years of age, when she was called home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on 9 February 2021.



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# LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

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Dear Pastor Charlie, Pastoral Team and Bethany,

My mother passed on 9 February 2021 at 7.19 am, quite suddenly from coronary artery problem. Our family was anxious on the funeral arrangement as Chinese New Year (CNY) was around the corner, and troubling the pastoral team and AVA team. Pastor Charlie was outstanding in his response, by graciously agreed to conduct a memorial service on 10 February 2021 and a funeral service on 12 February 2021 (the first day of CNY). In various communication with Pastor Charlie and the pastoral team, Pastor Charlie highlighted it was no trouble and the pastoral team will stand by and be with the bereaved family. We are immensely moved and our special thanks to Pastor Charlie and the pastoral team.

The AVA team was extraordinary by turning up on 10 February 2021 for the livestream of the memorial service and on 12 February 2021 for the funeral service. Special thanks to Hong Wee, Michael Teo, Li Wei, Ying Sui and Joshua Pang.

Despite CNY, Bethany members took time to visit us, comforted us and had fellowship with us. We thank Mrs Eileen Yeo for providing meals during this difficult time. Our hearts were greatly moved by all the love and support towards us.

Bethany is truly an example of GOD's kind of church and where people care for people.

With gratefulness  
Harry, Lily and Matthew Ng  
12 February 2021

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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## Psalm 119:29-30

<sup>29</sup> Remove from me the way of lying,  
And grant me Your law graciously.

<sup>30</sup> I have chosen the way of truth;  
Your judgments I have laid *before me*.

1. The way of lying
  - a) This must be rejected personally
  - b) We must pray that this way be removed
  - c) This way of life must be forsaken
2. The way of truth
  - a) The law of God must be granted graciously
  - b) The way of truth must be chosen
  - c) His judgments must ever be laid before us

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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## **TODAY: 14 February 2021**

*Psalm 42:8 “His lovingkindness in the daytime”*

*The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime,  
And in the night His song shall be with me—  
A prayer to the God of my life.*

### 1. In the daytime

- a) God will command His lovingkindness to be given to us
- b) “Daytime” is symbolic of “good times”

### 2. In the night

- a) God will give us a song
- b) This song may be our prayer to God
- c) “Night” is symbolic of “hard times”

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 21 February 2021**

*Hosea 2:19 “In lovingkindness and mercy”*

*I will betroth you to Me forever;  
Yes, I will betroth you to Me  
In righteousness and justice,  
In lovingkindness and mercy;*



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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## YOU WILL HAVE GOOD SUCCESS

It is not wrong to desire good success;  
God Himself has promised to greatly bless!  
He was the One who made Moses succeed;  
The LORD would be there to meet our needs.

It was God who chose Joshua as the next leader;  
He was to be sure that God's law, he would remember.  
He must not fail to meditate on it day and night;  
He must be strong, courageous and upright.

God showed Joshua the path of great success;  
He must not allow himself to become distressed.  
His part was to remember the presence of God;  
He would be able to find the power of the Lord.

The promises of the Lord are truly wonderful;  
They inspire us to trust that God is truly faithful.  
Let us seek to be successful in life and ministry;  
The Lord would grant us His grace and mercy!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Joshua 1:1-9

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## POETRY CORNER

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# 2

### A Fountain of Life, Rivers of Living Water

King David referred to God as being the fountain of life;  
The Lord is the source from which living water is derived.  
The properties of water to cleanse and quench, we can appreciate;  
Water as an imagery of God's grace is most appropriate.

The prophet Isaiah also noted how Israel did not thirst in the deserts amidst the drought;  
For God had split the rock and caused water to gush out.  
God's grace is not merely given for our salvation;  
The abundance of His grace is seen in His every provision.

Then when the Lord Jesus Himself came to earth;  
He reaffirmed that whoever drinks of His water will never thirst.  
But out of his heart will flow rivers of living water;  
And a fountain of everlasting life will spring forth thereafter.

May all who are soul-thirsty and who seek;  
Come to the Lord Jesus, who through the Scriptures speak.  
God is the Giver of the fountain of life and the rivers of living water;  
In Him is our fulfillment of peace, love and the hope for life eternal.

Dr. Sna Li Wah  
Inspiration: Psalm 36:9; Isaiah 48:21; John 4:10; 7:37-38

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 3

## The Fountain of Life

There was a time when there was nought, but God was;  
He created heaven and earth and all living things;  
God is the fountain of life, the source from which flows living waters;  
From the Father, through His Son are derived providential abundance to us.

It is in God we breathe, laugh, move and are alive;  
Without Him we simply do not exist and are no beings;  
It is not only our natural but also spiritual and eternal life;  
That spring up and flow forth from the fountain for our well being.

Jesus invites all who thirst to partake of the water of life;  
It flows freely with freshness, abundance and purity;  
Whoever drinks of the water is restored, sustained and need not unduly strive;  
For a well of water springing up to eternal life will become in him surely.

Let us not allow ourselves to be weighed down by life's burdens;  
May the grace of God enable our lives to bubble with joy and hope!  
Glory to the Lord for creating us for His specific purposes;  
Thank Him for his lovingkindness while we journey beyond the earthly globe!

Jessie Quek  
Inspiration: Psalm 36, John 4:14

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 4

## THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

We once walked in sin and darkness,  
There is no joy and life felt hopeless.  
But God reached out with His love,  
He saved us and gave life from above.

When we come to the Lord in repentance,  
He gives living water in rich abundance.  
It quenches our soul thirst and is invigorating,  
It makes us come alive and is life-changing.

To drink from the Lord is to be treasured,  
It brings to the soul delight and pleasure.  
As we drink, we see more of His greatness,  
Knowing Him is so wonderful and precious!

Let us seek to share with others these things,  
So that they may find, in God, life everlasting.  
He is the glorious and life-giving fountain,  
In Him, the satisfaction is full and abundant!

Yvette Seow  
Inspiration: Psalm 36:9

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## POETRY CORNER

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# 5

### **Meaningful Prayers of Intercession**

There are times when we are moved to pray in intercession,  
Demonstrating our care and love with bountiful expressions.  
Such prayers must however be offered with thoughtful meditation,  
Exceeding and ceaseless efforts must be applied without hesitation.

Humble supplication must be in full and earnest comprehension,  
That though God the Father has sovereignty in every dimension.  
Our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ is our redeemer and our mediator,  
And hope lies with the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, as our minister.

Through the Spirit, may our eyes of understanding be enlightened,  
That we may see the richness of His mercy with awareness; heightened.  
Catching a glimpse of the glory and the power of His greatness,  
Will then enable growing a faith to offer prayers in true steadfastness.

Dr. Tan Kok Yang  
Inspiration Ephesians 1: 15-19

# 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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