

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 6 February 2022

MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 16

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GLADNESS OF HEART

EVERY REASON TO HAVE GLADNESS OF HEART

Each Lunar New Year sees all families speak gladly of a better year ahead. The very idea of Hope brings much joy to the heart.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my

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glory rejoices;
My flesh also will rest in hope.

¹⁰ For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence *is* fullness of joy;
At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.
Psalm 16:9-11

1. Therefore my heart is glad
Three reasons for this gladness of heart may be highlighted

- a) The LORD Himself is the treasured inheritance Psalm 16:5
- b) Then there is the counsel of the LORD given Psalm 16:7
- c) The LORD is always close by Psalm 16:8

2. And my glory rejoices

- a) The word "glory" has a number of nuances
 - i) It may be a reference to the faculties of the soul
 - ii) It may be a reference to anything that brings glory to God
- b) The inner being of the person that is well-developed
 - i) It will result in great rejoicing

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ii) Indeed, the soul may rejoice greatly

c) The level of rejoicing is one that may truly be called glorious

3. My flesh also will rest in hope

a) This hope is that of our Soul not remaining in the grave

b) The body will die one day, but the Soul would not see corruption

c) This is a glorious hope that should bring much gladness indeed

4. In the Presence of God

a) There will be life

b) There will also be joy

c) God gives wonderful pleasure to those who walk with Him closely

WISHING ALL THESE BLESSINGS OF GOD

May these blessings we read about in Psalm 16 be fulfilled in our life in the New Year! May the Lord help us to do our part in keeping close to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!



NEXT WEEKEND

1. Saturday, 12 February 2022

a) Catechism Class

1.00pm

b) Youth Worship

3.00pm

2. Sunday, 13 February 2022

a) Morning Worship

Main Sanctuary

10.00am

b) Chinese Worship

Level 4 Auditorium

10.00am



SPECIAL SENIORS PROGRAM

1. Tuesday, 8 February 2022

9.30am- 11.30am

2. Thursday, 10 February 2022

9.30am- 11.30am



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BETHANY AND BTS ACM

Date: Sunday, 27 February 2022

Time: 11.45am

This will be done virtually.



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:131-132

*¹³¹ I opened my mouth and panted,
For I longed for Your commandments.*

*¹³² Look upon me and be merciful to me,
As Your custom is toward those who love Your name.*

1. Longing for God's commandments

- a) Compared to a person who is very thirsty
- b) He opens his mouth and pants for the word of life

2. Looking for God's mercies

- a) God's custom is to grant mercy
- b) Especially to all who love His name

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 6 February 2022

Focus: "Mark the blameless man"

Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright;

For the future of that man is peace.

Psalms 37:37

1. The word "Mark"

a) To observe

b) To notice

2. The blameless man

He is also described as "the upright"

3. The future of this person

He will enjoy "peace"

a) This will be a special blessing from God

b) Peace of heart and mind

NEXT SUNDAY: 13 February 2022

Focus: "Blessed is the man who fears the LORD"

Praise the LORD!

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,

Who delights greatly in His commandments.

Psalms 112:1

POETRY CORNER

1

GLADNESS OF HEART

Gladness of heart is greatly desired;
Too many are weary and tired!
Let the heart learn to rejoice greatly;
May the Lord God be given glory!

Gladness of heart is found in the Lord;
Joy comes to those who hope in God.
There is no fear of bad tidings;
In the Lord, the soul is rejoicing.

Gladness of heart is given by the Lord;
Joy is found in the counsel of our God.
The heart dwells on His word happily;
There is a special blessing of tranquility.

In God's presence great gladness is found;
The joy that He gives will surely abound.
The greatest pleasures of life are given;
These are special gifts from Heaven!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 16:9-11

POETRY CORNER

2

I AM THE DOOR

The good shepherd loves his sheep,
They have a close-knit relationship.
He looks after the sheep night and day,
He provides for them in various ways.

He knows the sheep and their needs,
He leads them to new pastures to feed.
They might meet wolves who try to attack,
The sheep, the shepherd would protect.

At night, the sheep need a place that is safe.
The shepherd would lead them to a cave.
He would function as the Door of the sheep,
He would keep watch and not fall asleep.

The Lord Jesus is the Door by which we enter,
He is our Savior and the eternal life-Giver.
He offers us His presence and protection,
May we always treasure His provision!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: John 10:7

POETRY CORNER

3

The Lord's Hand

The hand of the Lord is huge, mighty and powerful
He holds the seas in the hollow of His hands
His right hand dashed the enemy into pieces dreadful
As a father He guides and patiently disciplines with His hand

Can you feel the grip of His hand moving in our lives
How can we better recognise this glorious hand
Sighting His hand will enable us to keep His ways and thoughts
May we submit to His hand and follow His command

There will be times when it is difficult to trace His hand
While skies are grey and our paths are not clear
To figure out His lead becomes a challenge to understand
Listen hard for His whisper to help and not fear

My heart bursts with His endearing and everlasting love
Even though the future is unknown I will not fall
The Lord is faithful and protects me from above
I know I am safe in His hand whatever befalls

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: (Psalm 37; Exodus 15:6; Isaiah 49:16)

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

INVOCATION

MESSAGE

“The steps of a good man”

Text: Psalm 37:23-26

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

