

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: 2 Peter 3

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THE COMING OF THE DAY OF GOD

MANY GOOD RESPONSES RECOMMENDED

Many good responses to the 2nd Coming of the Lord Jesus are taught in the Scriptures. The Lord Jesus taught His Disciples how to prepare for His return (Cf. Matthew 24-25).

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A CHALLENGING TEXT

The Apostle Peter wrote a word that proves a little puzzling.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

2 Peter 3:10-13

1. The Event is called:
"The Day of God"

2. The manner of life for the believer described:

- a) It ought to be characterized by "holy conduct"
- b) There must be "godliness"

3. Looking for and hastening the coming of the Day of God

- a) The meaning of "Looking for"

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- i) This is about "expectations"
 - ii) The Event of the day of God is something to look forward to
- b) The Day of God
 - i) The Day of God is a fixed event
 - ii) That Day has not been revealed to anyone
- c) The meaning of "Hastening"
 - i) There are a number of things that we are entrusted with
 - ii) These things must be fulfilled!
 - iii) When we fulfil what God wants us to do, we "hasten" the Day of God
 - iv) This does not mean that we can "hurry God" in any way!

OUR CHALLENGE

Let us seek to fulfil our part. The following are things we are supposed to do:

1. We must bear witness
2. Let us share the Gospel with conviction
3. We must endure suffering if needs be

May our heart ever desire the Return of the Lord Jesus!

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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!



FATHER'S DAY

In celebration of Fathers' Day this year, Bethany will be giving a Gift of mixed nuts to all Fathers in Bethany. The Gifts will be distributed in Church on 19 June 2022.

Please contact Eugene (eugene@bethanyipc.sg), Jon (jonathanjacob@bethanyipc.sg), or Moses (moseskw@bethanyipc.sg) if you are unable to be in Church on 19 June 2022 and would like to arrange for collection separately.



49th ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

Our Anniversary Lunch this year will take place on 21 August, at Shangri-La Singapore!

Scan this QR code to sign up online!

Note: all participants must be vaccinated



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY THIS COMING WEEK

13 June - 19 June 2022

1. Special Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 14 June 2022
9.30am-11.30am
- b) Thursday, 16 June 2022
9.30am-11.30am

2. Weekend Ministry

- a) Saturday, 18 June 2022
 - i) Catechism Class
1.00pm
 - ii) Youth Worship
3.00pm
- b) Sunday, 19 June 2022
 - i) Sunday School
(ISS & SSS 1)
8.30am
 - ii) Morning Worship Service
10.00am
 - iii) Chinese Worship Service
10.00am
 - iv) Crèche
10.00am



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DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

Deepest condolences to Jerome, Sarah and Vera on the passing of their father, Mr James Lau on 10 June 2022. The late Mr Lau was 61 years old.



REOPENING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IN JULY 2022

We have suspended onsite Sunday School for almost two and a half years. Praise the Lord for His safe-keeping and protection thus far. Thank God also for all our Sunday School teachers and AVA team for their strong support and hard work in making online lessons available to our students during this period. We want to express our deep appreciation to each one!

With the recent Government's lifting of safe distancing and other restrictions, we have been able to progressively resume various Church ministries onsite. We will now resume Sunday School for all departments with effect from 3 July 2022.

Please take note of the following:

1. Sunday School starts punctually at 8.30 am and ends at 9.15 am.
2. Mask wearing is required.
3. MWS will be from 10.00 am to 11.00 am... it will revert to 10.30 am after our Church Anniversary celebrations in August 2022.

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4. We will only allow vaccinated individuals in Church. The reasons are:
 - a. Our overall congregation present within the church premises on Sunday is anticipated to be borderline 500. As such, by government regulations, we can only allow vaccinated individuals;
 - b. There is still quite a high number of Covid-19 cases in Singapore, so we want to be cautious; and
 - c. We are also concerned for the safety of those who are not vaccinated.
5. Bethany's kitchen is still undergoing renovations. So, breakfast will not be served initially. Instead, we will be providing some biscuits for children who may be hungry. Please feel free to pack breakfast for your child if there are food restrictions or preferences.

We seek your understanding.

Let's plan to attend Sunday School onsite starting in July 2022. Let's seek to grow deeper and stronger in our faith... "that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" Colossians 1:9b-10.

Deonna Tham

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:167-168

¹⁶⁷ My soul keeps Your testimonies,
And I love them exceedingly.

¹⁶⁸ I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,
For all my ways *are* before You.

1. The keeping of God's word

- a) Precepts and testimonies
- b) Both are kept faithfully

2. Reasons for keeping God's word

- a) A deep love for the Scriptures
- b) A desire to walk before the Lord genuinely

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 12 June 2022

Text: “For the elect’s sake those days will be shortened” Matthew 24:22
And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.

1. There will be great tribulation before the Return of the Lord
2. But the great tribulation will be shortened for the sake of the elect
3. Thank God for His grace and mercy!

NEXT SUNDAY: 19 June 2022

Text: “Great signs and wonders to deceive” Matthew 24:24
²³*“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. ²⁴For false Christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.*

POETRY CORNER

1

THE DAY OF GOD

The Scriptures foretell the Day of God;
We need not fear this Day of the LORD.
It is a day we can look forward to;
If our lives are righteous and true.

The Lord has given us tasks to perform;
To His commands, we must conform.
We have a glorious gospel to share;
Many do not know of God's love and care.

The Day of God has been determined already;
But this Day will not be disclosed to humanity.
We must be committed to fulfilling our divine tasks;
God's grace and strength will help us to be steadfast.

Let us seek to strengthen our faith in every way;
The Lord will be there for us as our mainstay.
The Day of God must bring a sense of renewal in us;
May we be challenged to live in true righteousness!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: 2 Peter 3:10-13

POETRY CORNER

2

ARE WE READY?

On the fig tree, when the leaves appear;
No doubt summer is drawing near.
As in the days of Noah, when most did not prepare;
So too will the second coming of the Son of Man be, since few people care.

The words of warning have been given;
Not all will be saved and bound for heaven.
Some will be received by the Lord when He comes;
But others will be left behind, even if they be up in arms.

Have we asked ourselves if we are ready?
When the Lord Jesus comes again in all His glory.
How many will be watchful like the expectant house master?
Well-prepared and eager.

May we increase our faith with each passing day;
And let His Word guide our lives lest we go astray.
May we persevere in the knowledge of God and His wisdom,
As we await the return of our Lord in His kingdom!

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Matthew 24:32-44

POETRY CORNER

3

The Lord's Word

A diligent study of the Lord's Word is vital
To seek Him with one's whole heart
Yet to know Him only in the head makes not a disciple
Our affection and love for Him we must impart

Let not our heart be defiled and divided
Make walking in the law of the Lord daily habits
For peace, contentment and happiness to be granted
As we persevere in our pursuit to keep His testimonies

May the Lord strengthen our conviction in prayers
For His works directing us to follow His statutes
That we can enjoy and live unashamed lives
Without Him we will wander in hopelessness

Establish our heart to be the home of His Word
Into our heart let His Word be deeply ingrained
May sin impurities from our lives be purged
As we trust in God as our sun and shield

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: (Psalm 119; Psalm 84)

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deaconess Geraldine Lee

Deaconess Tan Hong Suen

PRAYER

HYMN

HWC 16 | We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

CP 458 | The Church's One Foundation

MESSAGE

“Who then is a wise and faithful servant?”

Text: Matthew 24

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

PRAYER

HYMN

HWC 379 | Take My Life and Let It Be

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

HWC 16 WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD

JULIA CADY CORY

1. We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee,
We bless Thy holy Name, glad praises we sing.

2. We worship Thee, God of our fathers, We bless Thee;
Through life's storm and tempest
Our Guide hast Thou been;
When perils o'er take us, escape Thou wilt make us,
And with Thy help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer
To Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise;
Thy strong arm will guide us, Our God is beside us,
To Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!



HYMNS

CP 458 THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

JOHN FAWCETT

1. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation, by water and the Word:
From Heav'n He came and sought her to be His Holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

3. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.



HYMNS

HWC 379 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold - not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart - it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal Throne,
It shall be Thy royal Throne.
6. Take my love – my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself – and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.



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