

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 28 August 2022

MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 90

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THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD UPON US

THANK GOD FOR A MEANINGFUL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thank God for the celebration of our 40+9 Anniversary at the Shangri La on Sunday, 21 August 2022. It was memorable for a number of reasons:

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1. Return to Shangri La for our Anniversary event
2. Over 800 people were there for worship and lunch
3. Pastor Steve Karong was ordained as a minister of the gospel in our IPC Family

COMMENCING OUR 50TH YEAR OF MINISTRY

We commence our 50th year of ministry as a Church. Let us commence this 50th year with the prayer that Moses once offered.

¹⁶ Let Your work appear to Your servants,
And Your glory to their children.

¹⁷ And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us,
And establish the work of our hands for us;
Yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:16-17

1. A prayer made to the LORD
 - a) We commenced the 1st year of ministry with prayer
 - b) We will commence our 50th year of ministry with prayer too
2. Things to pray for:
 - a) God's work would be made even clearer to us
 - i) Let us take nothing for granted
 - ii) May we discern the Lord's leading

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- b) His glory to be manifested
 - i) There is glory to be found
 - ii) May that glory be revealed to us
- c) His beauty would be upon us
 - i) Everything about the Lord is truly beautiful
 - ii) May that beauty be observed and appreciated
- d) Our work as a Church would be firmly established
 - i) Thank God for His blessing of our work
 - ii) May the Lord establish our works!

HUMILITY AND CONFIDENCE

Let us pray with genuine humility. But let us also have confidence that the Lord would hear our prayers! May the Lord greatly bless the 50th year of ministry!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

So glad to be able to worship the Lord Jesus together as a Church family. We commence our 50th Year of Ministry as a Church. Let us continue to build a strong spirit of faith and joy in our worship!



NEXT SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2022

We will be having Holy Communion. Let us look forward to celebrating The Lord's Supper as we commence our 50th year of ministry.



ORDINATION OF PASTOR JONATHAN JACOB

Pastor Jon Jacob will be ordained on Sunday, 4 September 2022.



COMBINED WORSHIP

The Chinese Worship Congregation will be joining the Morning Worship at the Ordination Service planned for 4 September 2022!
(There will be no Holy Communion at the Chinese Worship Service on 11 September 2022).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY IN BETHANY THIS COMING WEEK

1. Seniors Program

a) Tuesday, 30 August 2022 | 9.30am- 11.30am

b) Thursday, 1 September 2022 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 3 September 2022

a) Catechism Class | 1.00pm

b) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm

c) Youth Worship | 3.15 pm

3. Sunday, 4 September 2022

a) Sunday School | 8.30am

b) Combined Worship Service | 10.00am

i) Morning Worship Congregation

ii) Chinese Worship Congregation

c) Children's Worship Service | 10.00am

d) Crèche | 10.00am



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASK-FREE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT

Putting on a mask is no longer mandatory from 29 August 2022, except in health-care facilities and when using public transport. Mask-wearing is not mandated in Churches! Worshippers are urged to exercise discretion when deciding their option to wear or not to wear a mask in Church.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES

1. Pei Ching and Wei Kee on the gift of a baby boy, Matthew, who was born on 24 August 2022. Both mother and baby are doing well.
2. Joshua and Stephanie on the gift of a baby boy, Elijah, who was born on 24 August 2022. Both mother and baby are doing well.
3. Mike and Stephanie on the gift of a baby girl on 24 August 2022. Stephanie and Mike live in the USA. Both mother and baby are doing well. (The parents have not yet decided on the name of their little girl).



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 122:3-5

³ Jerusalem is built

As a city that is compact together,

⁴ Where the tribes go up,

The tribes of the LORD,

To the Testimony of Israel,

To give thanks to the name of the LORD.

⁵ For thrones are set there for judgment,

The thrones of the house of David.

1. The Place of Jerusalem

- a) It was the capital of ancient Israel
- b) It was also the centre of worship for the nation

2. The People of God

- a) They gather to offer thanksgiving worship to the LORD
- b) The name of the LORD was to be glorified in worship

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 28 August 2022

Text: "Shall renew their strength"

But those who wait on the LORD

Shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings like eagles,

They shall run and not be weary,

They shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

1. The promise of renewed strength
 - a) Thank God for such a promise
 - b) May our hearts be encouraged
2. Praying and waiting on the LORD
 - a) This is a necessity
 - b) Let us wait patiently on the LORD

NEXT SUNDAY: 4 September 2022

Text: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for"

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,

the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

POETRY CORNER

1

A HEARTFELT PRAYER

May the LORD make His Work appear clearly,
To all His servants who seek to serve faithfully!
The work of the LORD needs to be discerned;
Hence this prayer is truly very important.

May the Glory of the LORD be revealed!
May it never be hidden or concealed!
The Glory of God is wonderful to behold;
Seeing His Glory will make us bold!

May the Beauty of the LORD be upon us;
He is truly full of majesty and glorious.
Everything the LORD does has Beauty;
May we have spiritual eyes to see!

May our humble works be established!
May their value and impact never diminish!
These are prayers we may offer to the LORD,
As we begin our 50th year of service for God!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 90:16-17

POETRY CORNER

2

Towards Our Golden Jubilee

As Bethany begins her 50th year of ministry;
We are all excited about celebrating her golden jubilee.
Lest we be carried away by over-zealous festivities;
Let us make seeking God and following Him our priority.

To seek God is to acquire knowledge through reading the Bible;
Only by delving deep into God's word will we make good disciples.
The Lord's power and might we will discover;
And He is the greatest and there is none other.

Then to draw on God's power and make it our own;
To rely on His strength in our lives and know we are not alone.
But first, we will need genuine faith and trust in God;
Only then can we seek renewal of strength by waiting on the Lord.

Let us challenge ourselves to know God even better this year;
To seek and find His power to help us shift to a higher gear.
May the strength of the Lord be given to each one at Bethany;
And may His blessings be upon us ever so abundantly.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Isaiah 40:21-31

POETRY CORNER

3

Keeping Focus (Song)

Choose to sing when the heart aches,
Burdens arise, but the spirit stays awake.
Cast away feelings of being downtrodden,
With this focus, all woes are forgotten!

Chorus

Focus on the strength from God,
Focus on keeping faith in our Lord!
Focus on the Love poured into our souls!
His power, the fullness that makes us whole!

Choose to rejoice at each day's blessing,
Gratefulness from the heart worth expressing.
Courage to wield, through each challenge,
His glory and protection in perfect balance!

Sing praise to He who names the heaven,
Through grace, riches of His kingdom, given.
In knowledge of Christ, our trust be grounded,
In faith, may our love be deeply rooted!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang

Inspiration Ephesians 3:13-21 and ascribing strength to God.

POETRY CORNER

4

The Infinite Power of God

How do we understand the infinite power of our Creator
Are we blindsided by the limitation of human capacity
May we rise above our plebian minds to wonder at the might of our Father
Who made the entire universe in six days only

An irony that when you are weak you are strong
The Lord empowers those who are aware of their frailty
Apostle Paul boasted of his infirmities when they came along
So he would have the glory of the power of Christ rest in him on his debilities

Foolhardy to feel secure and proud of one's own strength
When the chips are down Christ is the ONLY one to count upon
As the need arises a solid rock to lean on at length
Encouraging the faint and weary to move forward and carry on

Keep faith in the Lord and hope that He renews our strength daily
He makes us strong when we learn to wait on Him
Trust that He gives us resources to refuel our energy
To power and mount up like the eagle's wings

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Isaiah 40:20-31; 2 Corinthians 12:9

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev Benjamin Chong

Rev Benjamin Quah

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 32 | God of our Fathers

HWC 293 | Rise Up, O Church of God

MESSAGE

“My strength is made perfect in weakness”

Text: 2 Corinthians 12

Rev Dr Charles Tan

PRAYER

HYMN

HWC 508 | I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 32 GOD OF OUR FATHERS

DANIEL C. ROBERTS

1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendour through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy Throne arise.

2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4. Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.



HYMNS

HWC 293 RISE UP, O CHURCH OF GOD

WILLIAM P. MERRILL

1. Rise up, O Church of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
To serve the King of kings.

2. Rise up, O Church of God!
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

3. Rise up, O sons of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task,
Rise up, and make her great!

4. Lift high the Cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As foll'wers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O Church of God!



HYMNS

HWC 508 I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY

1. I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me –
How He left His home in glory
For the cross of Calvary.

Refrain

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

2. I was lost but Jesus found me –
Found the sheep that went astray,
Threw His loving arms around me,
Drew me back into His way.

Refrain

3. Days of darkness still come o'er me,
Sorrow's paths I often tread;
But the Saviour still is with me –
By His hand I'm safely led.

Refrain

4. He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet;
Then He'll bear me safely over,
Where the loved ones I shall meet.

Refrain



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