



Welcome to Bethel

Independent-Presbyterian Church



12th October 2025
32ND YEAR OF MINISTRY

This month's theme:

MEN ALWAYS OUGHT TO PRAY

WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME

*"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do,
that the Father may be glorified in the Son."*

John 14:13

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BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

THIS SUNDAY

WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME

*“And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do,
that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”*

John 14:13

1. The practice of prayer
 - a. It is directed to God the Father
 - b. It involves the Lord Jesus Christ as our Mediatorial High Priest
2. Making petitions to God
 - a. To “Ask” of God
 - b. This provision is made for all who are children of God!
 - c. We can “Ask” of God in prayer
 - d. The Father is pleased to hear the petitions of His children

3. The involvement of the Lord Jesus in prayer!
 - a. We pray in the wonderful name of the Lord Jesus Christ!
 - b. The Lord Jesus is involved in answering prayers!
 - c. The Lord Jesus will bring glory to the Father in all that He does!

NEXT SUNDAY

ALL NIGHT IN PRAYER TO GOD

“Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.”

Luke 6:12

MEDITATION

“THE LORD’S LEADING ”

Text: Psalm 5

Rev. Charles Tan

WE LIVE IN A TROUBLED WORLD

King David was aware of the world he lived in. The world we live in is not far different. It is a world where evil and iniquity seek to reign.

*“⁴ For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness,
Nor shall evil dwell with You.*

*⁵ The boastful shall not stand in Your sight;
You hate all workers of iniquity.*

*⁶ You shall destroy those who speak falsehood;
The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.*

*⁷ But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;
In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.*

*⁸ Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies;
Make Your way straight before my face.”*

Psalm 5:4-8

1. Let us seek to be in the Lord's House

a) Conscious of His great mercy

b) Conscientiously living in the fear of God

2. Let us seek the Lord's leading

a) May we be led to walk in righteousness

b) May the way of the Lord be made straight
before us

3. The Lord will come to our aid

He hates the paths of the unrighteous!

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PASTORAL LETTER

Text: Psalm 25:16 – 22

Dear Brethren,

PRAYING IN TIMES OF CRISIS

King David learnt to pray much in times of crisis. He sought God humbly and candidly about how he felt. There are insightful lessons for us to learn how to pray in times of crisis.

*¹⁶ Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me,
For I am desolate and afflicted.*

*¹⁷ The troubles of my heart have enlarged;
Bring me out of my distresses!*

*¹⁸ Look on my affliction and my pain,
And forgive all my sins.*

*¹⁹ Consider my enemies, for they are many;
And they hate me with cruel hatred.*

*²⁰ Keep my soul, and deliver me;
Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in
You.*

*²¹ Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
For I wait for You.*

*22 Redeem Israel, O God,
Out of all their troubles!*

Psalm 25:16 – 22

1. David's crisis
 - a. He was desolate and afflicted
 - b. He was in great pain
 - c. He was conscious of his sinfulness too!
 - d. He was under attack by cruel enemies who hated him
2. Being completely honest with God
 - a. Feeling deeply troubled
 - b. Trapped in deep distress
3. Learning to pray in times of crisis!
 - a. Pleading earnestly with God for mercy!
 - b. Exercising trust in God
 - c. Practising faith in waiting upon God with integrity and uprightness

Prayerfully,

Pastor Christopher

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Desolate And Afflicted

Inspiration: Psalm 25:16-18

Life can be stressful and challenging;
One may even feel it's not worth living.
Desolation and affliction hurt deeply;
The heart and mind are affected badly.

Nobody is spared from life's troubles;
Trials and tribulation can be terrible.
The heart finds no rest in the night;
The mind is numbed through fright.

Praying to God is the wisest thing to do;
The petitioner will find respite that is true.
The mercy of the Lord is what we need;
It is the grace of God that we must seek.

God can deal with our sins that bring torment;
He will forgive even as He provides atonement.
Let the distresses of life see us turn to the Lord;
Mercy will be tenderly given by our gracious God.

Charles Tan

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHEL

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. May you have an uplifting time of worship and fellowship!

MINISTRY TODAY

1. BRC
Time: 1:15pm
2. Catechism Class
Time: 1:45pm

MINISTRY THIS WEEK

We resume the following ministries this week:

1. Special Seniors Program
Date: Thursday, 16 October 2025
Time: 9:30am
2. Youth Worship
Date: Saturday, 18 October 2025
Time: 2:00pm

THOUGHTS ON BUILDING BETHEL II

“Arise and Build” 1 Chronicles 22:19

By Della Chua

My heart is filled with joy as Bethel continues in her growth, both physically and spiritually as a church. When it was first announced, much excitement filled my heart. Physically, this meant that we'd be able to upgrade and refresh our well-loved church building, as well as have more space for the younger ones to grow up in. But beyond that, it also meant there would be more room for others to come and experience the love and fellowship we share at Bethel.

As a new member of Bethel, my prayer was for the Lord to use me in any capacity I can serve, and I am grateful to have this opportunity to do so. Although it is an enormous task, I know that there is no task too great for the Lord to accomplish, for “He who has begun a good work in you, will complete it.” With this same commitment, I seek to watch and pray alongside the church as we build Bethel 2.

Bethel has already blessed so many hearts. She is a special place where we get to feed on His word and enjoy fellowship with one another each week. My prayer is that as we continue to endeavour on this building project, God will help us grow in our faith and equip us to continue His good works, so

that we can be “God’s kind of church, where God is touching lives, and people care for people.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

*“I have been young, and now am old;
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his descendants begging bread.
He is ever merciful, and lends;
And his descendants are blessed.”*

Psalm 37:25 – 26

- 1. Breakfast is given by Peter Kow*
- 2. Lunch is given by Nick and Sook Yee Gan*

Then always
ought to
Pray



SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER

Order Of Worship

12th October 2025 - 10:30AM

PRE-WORSHIP

“Constantly Abiding”

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ms. Alicia Mar

INVOCATION

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Song 1	Make me a servant (VIP 702)
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Song 2	Have Faith in God (HWC 408)
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MEMORY VERSE

WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME

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that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”*

John 14:13

MESSAGE

Speaker: Rev. Christopher Lai

Text: Acts 1 – 2

Title: “Continued with one accord in
prayer and supplication”

CLOSING HYMN

Blest be the tie that binds (HWC 286)

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE

Thoughts From God's Word

12th October 2025

Text: Acts 1 – 2

Title: "Continued with one accord in
prayer and supplication"

BETHEL MINISTRIES

WEEKEND

Ministry	Day	Time	Venue
Sunday School	Sunday	8:30am - 9:30am	Sanctuary
Junior Sunday School (6-12yrs)	Sunday	8:30am - 9:30am	Upstairs
Worship Service	Sunday	10:30am - 11:30am	Sanctuary
Beginner Worship	Sunday	10:30am - 11:30am	Upstairs
Junior Worship	Sunday	10:30am - 11:30am	Music Room
Bible Reading Club	Sunday	1:15pm - 1:45pm	Sanctuary
Catechism Class	Sunday	1:45pm - 2:45pm	Upstairs
Youth Worship	Saturday	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Music Room

WEEKDAYS

Ministry	Day	Time	Venue
Special Seniors Program	Thursday	9:30am - 11:30am	Fellowship Hall



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SUNDAY PULPIT NOTES

12 OCTOBER 2025

Theme: "Men always ought to pray" Luke 18:1

Text: Acts 1 – 2

Title: "Continued with one accord in prayer and supplication"

INTRODUCTION

1. We have learnt many rich principles of prayer from the example of the Lord Jesus!
2. The challenge is to practice prayer personally and as a Church!
3. The Book of Acts
 - a. The Gospels record how the Apostles struggled but pressed on!
 - b. The Book of Acts records how they succeeded!
 - i. They were filled with the Spirit of God
 - ii. They continued fervently in prayer!
 - iii. The power of God worked mightily in their life and ministry!

THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER AMONG THE APOSTLES

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 1:12 – 14

1. They were chosen by the Lord Jesus Christ to be His Apostles
 - a. They were called and chosen to bear witness of Christ
 - b. They were carefully taught by the Lord Jesus
 - c. They were told to wait for the Promise of the Father to come upon them!

2. They gathered in the upper room
 - a. They stayed together
 - b. They prayed together
3. They continued with one accord in prayer and supplication
 - a. What it means to "Continue" in prayer
 - i. To pray with much effort!
 - ii. To pray faithfully
 - iii. To pray diligently
 - iv. To continue steadfastly in prayer
 - b. What it means to be in "One accord" in prayer
 - i. A common focus to pray!
 - ii. A united purpose to pray!
 - iii.

THE CHOOSING OF MATTHIAS

¹⁵ *And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, ¹⁶ "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; ¹⁷ for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."*

¹⁸ *(Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.)*

²⁰ *"For it is written in the Book of Psalms: 'Let his dwelling place be [i]desolate, And let no one live in it'; and, 'Let another take his office.'*

²¹ *"Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection."*

²³ And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." ²⁶ And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Acts 1:15 – 26

1. The Apostle Peter proposed that another should be chosen to replace Judas in the ministry of the Apostles
2. There were about 120 disciples who made up the Church in Jerusalem
3. They were united in their decision to choose Matthias
4. The process of making this decision
 - a. Guided by the Word of God
 - b. The candidate must be a witness with them of the risen Christ
 - c. The final decision was made in prayer

THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 1:40 – 47

1. How new members were added to the Church
 - a. Through the faithful preaching and teachings of the Apostles

- b. Those who received the gospel message with gladness of heart
 - c. They were baptised and became new members of the Church
2. How they **continued** in their faith
- a. They **continued** steadfastly
 - i. In the apostle's doctrine (Teachings of Christ)
 - ii. In breaking of bread (Communion)
 - iii. In prayer
 - b. They had all things in common
 - i. Oneness of heart and mind
 - ii. They cared for each other practically
 - c. They **continued** daily with one accord
 - i. In worship
"In the temple..."
 - ii. In fellowship
"In breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart"
3. The presence of God in the Church
- a. Praising God
 - b. Having favour with all people
 - c. The Lord added daily to the Church those who were being saved

GREAT CHALLENGES

1. Thank God for the past 31 years of Church ministry at Bethel!
2. Let us continue with one accord in prayer in our 32nd year of ministry!
3. Let us seek God fervently to build Bethel up with strength!