

» ALPHA: DOES GOD HEAL TODAY?

Introduce Jesus to your family and friends at Alpha **this Wed, 11 May, 7.00pm to 9.30pm at YMCA at Orchard**. Registration is free but pre-registration is required at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com>

» SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIPS (STM)

CG members, sign up and be a blessing to the nations!

- **Tokyo, Japan*** on 14-21 Aug or 22-29 Oct
Outreach and evangelism to college students
Estimated cost: \$650 (without airfare)
- **Hanoi, Vietnam*** on 21-27 Aug
English exposure camp to vocational school students
Estimated cost: \$350 (without airfare)
- **Yunnan** on 25-31 July
Evangelistic children's camp
Estimated cost: \$1700 (airfare included)

Email missions@cefc.org.sg for more information.
*Dates are flexible.

» BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Baptism Class on 15 May, Sun, 1.00pm - 3.30pm at WDL Centre.

Membership Class on 14 May, Sat, 9.00am - 4.00pm at ACKCentre.

Sign up at the Information Counter.

» IMPACT MAGAZINE

Impact magazine is available today at the foyer at \$4 per copy, or subscribe at \$24 for a year, \$44 for two years. Help many third-world pastors who are requesting for *Impact* by sponsoring their subscriptions at \$32 for a year.

» FLORAL OFFERING

Today's floral offering is sponsored by Lawrence Chua, Ruth and Joy in memory of Emily Chua, a marvellous mother and a wonderful wife.

» PASTORS' INSTALLATION

Come and bless our new pastors at their installation on **Sun, 29 May, 2.30pm to 5.30pm at BPJ Centre**. Elder Sebastian Quek, Lim Keng Yeow and Kirk Tan will be installed as lay pastors. Portia Chan and Sharon Fong from the staff team will be installed as full-time pastors. A full-time pastor in CEFC is a salaried staff of the church while a lay pastor is non-salaried and serves firstly in the market place, and secondly, carries out some specific pastoral and leadership duties in church. For catering purposes, please RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/InstallPs> by 15 May.

» SAT MORNING OASIS BY MIC

Come join Men-in-Covenant's (MiC) prayer fellowship on Saturdays, 7.30am to 9am at BPJ Centre, Patience Room on 14 and 21 May. For enquiries, contact mic@cefc.org.sg

» INTERPRETERS FOR MISSIONS

Calling for interpreters to support translation from English to Chinese for missions-related events and activities. Interpreters must be fluent in both English and Chinese. If interested, email missions@cefc.org.sg

» SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Be a **Steady Readers Volunteer Mentor** and help children overcome challenges in reading. A weekly commitment is required from 8pm to 9.30pm on the following days:
BPJ: 25 Jul - 12 Nov, every Mon and/or Wed
WDL: 26 Jul - 15 Nov, every Tue and/or Thu
Attend any *one* of the training days (9, 10 and 16 Jul) from 1pm to 5pm.

To volunteer or enquire, contact Lewis Woo (9634 9457) or Cai Aiwei (6892 7219 / caiaiwei@newlife.org.sg).

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A Mother's Greatest Gift

BY: SANDRA CHI, WOMEN-IN-COVENANT

A mother gives of herself — in big and small ways. While no mum is perfect, we are grateful for all the time, energy and sacrifices they poured out to us.

But what is truly the greatest gift a mother can possibly give to her children?

For some, they believe it is the gift of success. They believe in giving the child the best head start possible in life. It starts with infant flashcards, enrichment classes for preschool Maths, and then talent development in sports or arts in primary school and beyond. For others, it is about the child's personhood. Development through play, arts, music and movement, is celebrated. It is the gift of self-actualization — the fulfilment of the child's innate potential.

These can be worthy goals but recently, upon hearing the

tragic news of a young person prematurely ending his life, I asked myself this: What is my child's greatest need at the end of his life?

On this Mother's Day, may I suggest that the greatest gift we can give our children is to meet their greatest need — their need of Saviour and Lord. While it is a choice that they one day will have to make for themselves, our first parenting goal and responsibility is to teach that they, like the rest of humanity, are sinners in desperate need of grace. We need to model for them that a life lived under the hand of the ultimate loving authority, God Himself, is the only life worth living. Let's keep pointing our children to Christ. Leaving to them a deep grasp of God's grace upon broken, helpless people like ourselves, is a gift and a legacy of eternal worth.



VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VALUES

GRACE
GROWTH
GODLINESS

SERMON OUTLINE



Prepare the Way

Scripture: **LUKE 2:36-38** Sermon: **SHARON FONG**

Introduction

In the words of Nancy Campbell, “God puts within every female an innate desire and anointing to nurture.” We are called to nurture someone and influence our next generation.

Three Principles to Prepare the Way for Jesus:

1. **S** _____ **to God's** _____

2. **S** _____ **in God's** _____

3. **S** _____ **of God's** _____

Conclusion

When our broken lives are in the hands of God, our latter years can be more glorious than the former ones.

Next Week's Sermon Speaker:
15 May **Rev Tan Kay Kiong** (BPJ) and **Rev Tony Yeo** (WDL)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



A CERTAIN KIND OF COMMUNITY

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 2:19-22** // Sermon: **REV EDMUND CHAN**

Introduction

1. A Word-Association Exercise
 - The CHURCH is an Organisation, a Cause and a COMMUNITY.
2. Ephesians Chapter 2. A Certain Kind of Community – 22 verses in 3 parts:
 - a. Verses 1-10 Saved By Grace
 - b. Verses 11-18 United in One Body - One biblical community
 - c. Verses 19-22 Essential Nature of This Biblical Community

What Is the Essential Nature of a Biblical Community?

Three Highlights - A Biblical Community Is ...

A. A COMMUNITY WHERE YOU REALLY BELONG (v.19, 21-22)

v. 19 “...no longer *strangers and aliens*...”

1. The Barrier of the Dividing Wall (Eph 2:14)
2. Three Epic Pictures of BELONGING: Citizens, Family and Temple
3. Jayson Georges, The 3D Gospel (2014)
 - Three different types of cultures we see in the world:
 - a. Guilt-Innocence – Western Cultures
 - b. Shame-Honour – Eastern Cultures
 - c. Fear-Power – Tribal Cultures

In Ephesians, the Apostle Paul presents the Gospel to all three cultures (Eph 1:7; 1:5; 1:19-21 respectively).

4. Application: Where You Really Belong. Join a CG! Renew a CG!

B. A COMMUNITY WHERE TRUTH REALLY MATTERS (v.20)

v.20 “...built upon the *foundation of the apostles and prophets*...”

1. Illus. Ravi Zacharias and the Wegner Building
2. Video Clip. University Students and the Loss of Truth
3. Focus. BACK TO THE WORD!
4. Importance of Foundation!

C. A COMMUNITY WHERE CHRIST IS REALLY HONOURED (v.20)

v.20 “...*Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone*.”

1. To be REALLY honoured, Christ must be RIGHTLY honoured!
2. Jesus Christ the CORNERSTONE!!!
3. Focus. A single NEW Humanity in Jesus! God's Community!

Conclusion. Living in God's Community!

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