

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Do you have a passion for singing? Serve God's Kingdom as a **Worship Vocalist**.

Visit the booth after the service or email cefc.bv@gmail.com

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Hope. For parents of teens
Dates: 4 and 25 March, 1 and 8 April (Sat)

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Venue: ACKCentre, Live Recording Studio

Fee: \$90 / couple

Register at the Information Counter today!

STM TRIPS

CG members, join these STM trips and B.L.E.S.S. the nations!

Hanoi, Vietnam on 3-11 Jun. Build bridges into local community through English camp for 12 to 18-year-olds.

Yunnan on 28 Oct –5 Nov and 5-12 Nov (two trips) Village Doctor Training

Mongolia 7-10 days in April and Oct/Nov (two trips). Connect, network and train Mongolian medical professionals (both believers and pre-believers).

To register or enquire, email aili.tay@cefc.org.sg

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Baptism Class on 26 Feb, Sun, 2.30pm – 5.00pm at BPJ Centre.

Membership Class on 4 Mar, Sat, 9am – 4pm at ACKCentre.

Sign at the Information Counter.

SERVE IN CHILDREN'S FEST

Children's Fest 2017: Friends in Unity!

We need more than 500 volunteers to partner with us in blessing the children in the community on 2 Apr, Sun:

- Booth facilitators for the game stations and other booths
- Welcomers and helping hands
- Trained nurse or doctor

You may serve on Shift 1 (7.30am – 10.30am) or Shift 2 (10.15am – 1.15pm). Serving for both shifts is encouraged.

If you're serving together with your CG, sign up through SGI. If you do not have a CG, call us at 6892 7191 or email c.f@newlife.org.sg

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Student Care

Mentor the kids by interacting and building relationships with them through character lessons and activities.

Date: Once a week, every Friday (minimum of 3 months; 1 term)

Time: 3.45pm – 4.45pm

Location: New Life Student Care (BPJ)

Steady Readers

Facilitate group discussions and chaperone children during their March Enrichment Workshop.

Date: 13 or 15 Mar (BPJ), 14 Mar (WDL)

Time: 9am – 12:30pm

To volunteer or enquire, call Aiwei at 6760 0533 or email volunteer@newlife.org.sg

VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

COVENANT EFC

EAST CENTRE, 12 FEBRUARY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS BARNEY LAU ■ WORSHIP LEADER: SIMON AND LILLIAN SEOW

Rebuilding the Substructures of Our Lives

PS LEE DA WIN, SGI COORDINATOR

“We tend to ignore what cannot be seen. We gravitate toward the visible and the spectacular.

We judge and pride ourselves upon our influence and accomplishments. Though gratifying, this outward superstructure is however not where our primary energies should be expended.

It is in the substructure, the unseen foundation, that our true strength lies. Without a deep and secure substructure, the structures cannot hold. And the superstructures cannot rise to great heights without peril.

Who we are, what we do when no one sees, form the substructure of our life. A life of worship, lived before God in the fear of Him and held together by humility, wisdom and perseverance, constitutes a foundation that will withstand immense stress and strain. The continued maintenance and growth of this substructure, firmly anchored in God through the practice of the spiritual disciplines, is the work of a lifetime.

Built upon the substructure are the structures – the supporting beams and columns – which fit together to form the framework around which the facade and usable floor area are built. These

structures are the areas that we need to guard in our personal life. Time with family. Time with kindred-spirit friends. Time in the community of God's people.

The superstructure represents the outward accomplishments of our life and ministry. It is built by competence and skill. It is established by working excellently, as unto the Lord, in obedience and faithfulness. It is worthy only when the substructure is solid and the surface structures are set in place – for it is upon these that the strength, beauty and permanence of the superstructure depend.”

– *Mentoring Paradigms* (pp. 24-25) by Rev Edmund Chan

Today we begin our year-long exposition of the books of Ezra and Haggai. We have themed this series “Rebuilding the Foundations” because of the prominent call, through Israel's leaders, for God's people to rebuild the Temple and, more importantly, to rebuild their lives. For the rebuilding of the Temple's superstructure to be completed, God's people needed to rebuild the substructures of their lives. May we respond to God's Word that calls us to the necessary rebuilding of the substructures of our lives!

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ACKCentre: 2 Kallang Avenue, CT Hub #10-26, Singapore 339407

ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30am ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am

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SERMON OUTLINE

Rebuilding the Foundation

SCRIPTURE: OVERVIEW OF EZRA AND HAGGAI ■ SERMON: REV TONY YEO

Introduction

Three Things We Must Do in Rebuilding Our Foundations

A. We Must Return to the Worship Of God (Ezra 1-6)

B. We Must Realign to the Way of God (Haggai 1-2)

C. We Must Restore the Word of God (Ezra 7-10)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:
19 FEB – PS EDMUND WONG (BPJ), PS IVAN HO (WDL), AND PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Brokenness Centred on the Way of God

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 51:17; ISAIAH 57:15 ■ SERMON: PS SEBASTIAN QUEK

Introduction

Brokenness may well be the underpinning core value because it is the way to God's heart. Without experiencing God's heart, our other core values may not be centred on who God is.

Psalm 51 is one of the few psalms that tells us why it was written. David sinned against God by committing adultery and murder. This psalm is a public record of his shameful past.

A. What Is Brokenness?

Brokenness is not just being downcast or morbidly introspective of sin. It is not false humility, a crisis experience, or deep hurts. The opposite of brokenness is a hard heart reflected by being insensitive to sin, stubborn, incorrigible and rebellious against God. In short, a proud person. See the differences between a proud person and broken person by Nancy L. DeMoss: http://www.christiancounselingservicesinc.org/AM_I_A_PROUD_OR_A_BROKEN_PERSON.pdf

B. Why Do We Value Brokenness?

1. Brokenness as a Position (Psa 51:5, Rom 7:24-25)

David acknowledges that his sins show that the depths went beyond specific sinful actions all the way to a stubborn sin nature, one he was born with. This applies to all of us since the Fall. "We're not sinners because we sin; we sin because we're sinners."

2. Brokenness as an Ongoing Lifestyle

"A broken and contrite heart" means "a heart deeply afflicted and grieved for sin, humbled under a sense of God's displeasure, and earnestly seeking, and willing to accept of reconciliation with God upon any terms." – Matthew Poole's Commentary
It is a lifestyle of agreeing with God about the true condition of our hearts as He sees it, an unconditional, absolute surrender of our will to the will of God, and responding in humility and obedience to the conviction of His Spirit and Word.

a. Brokenness Delights God (Lk 18:9-14)

The Parable of the self-righteous Pharisee (I am not like the other people) and the sinful tax collector (God be merciful to me, a sinner). Jesus said the tax collector is justified. There is no brokenness without authenticity before God and man.

b. The way of God is the way *to* God (Isa 57:15)

"The way up is down."

Biblical examples of experiencing brokenness:

1. Encountering God's very presence (Isa 5 and 6)

When we come before God, we cannot help but be broken.

2. Holy Spirit's conviction of our sin

Compare King Saul with King David – their very different responses when confronted with their sins.

Conclusion

People, events and circumstances always bring out what is already in us. The defining characteristic of brokenness is repentance.