

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVE IN IDMC 2017

This year's IDMC conference is about "Rekindling Your Spiritual Passion". We are expecting over 6,000 delegates from over 17 countries participating across 3 days and we need 400 Covenanters to serve the larger Body of Christ. Passion is about living the intentional life. If you have registered for IDMC 2017, this is a great opportunity to live out your passion by serving together with fellow Covenanters. Find out how you can serve at <http://volunteer.idmc.org.sg>

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Senja Homework Corner needs teachers for primary level to coach community kids residing in/near the rental blocks, once or twice a week (Mon to Thu), 7.30pm – 9.00pm at Block 632A Senja Road.

Choa Chu Kang Homework Corner held at CCK Community Club also needs teachers for primary level to coach community kids on Thursdays from 8.00pm to 9.15pm.

To sign up or enquire, email vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg

CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE

We will have our Child Dedication Service on 16 Jul in all the worship centres. You can start registering today at the Information Counter.

Please note that parents dedicating their children are strongly recommended to attend the Dedication Class on 21 May at WDL Centre, 1pm-4pm. We believe that discipleship begins at home and we look forward to journeying with you towards an Intentional Disciple Making Family!

ALPHA: WHO IS JESUS?

Alpha Session 1 "Who is Jesus?" will be held this Wed, 26 Apr. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Many have been saved through this and you can be part of this amazing experience by inviting a pre-believer! Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com> or email alpha@cefc.org.sg for enquiries.

CYAN CAMP EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

The early bird registration for Covenant Young Adults Network (CYAN) Camp has been extended. Sign up today with your CG through Voyager before it ends next Sunday, 30 Apr. Have a powerful encounter with God and have fun too. We would love to see you there!

Dates: 23 – 26 Jun
Speaker: Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn
Theme: Drinking from the Fountain of Living Water
For enquiries, email cyan@cefc.org.sg

CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for the following to join the Staff Team:

- Executive (Finance)
- Human Resources Staff
- Manager (Media, Communications and Resources)
- Executive (Congregational Operations)

Applicants should either be a church or CG member. For job requirements, please go to <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> If interested, email your resume to hr@cefc.org.sg

COVENANT EFC

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

Tel: (65) 6892 6811 ■ Email: mail@cefc.org.sg ■ Website: www.cefc.org.sg

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VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

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BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 23 APR 2017
SERVICE LEADER: PS VALERIE CHAN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: CHUA SUE ERN

Revival Prayer Meetings Update

PS EDMUND WONG, PRAYER MINISTRY

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. – Acts 4:31

Last week's Revival Prayer Meetings were marked by God's tangible presence with us. There was an atmosphere of anticipation and eagerness to meet God. A Covenanter said he had not felt so uninhibited in worship for a long time. Another could not fully describe in words the experience of soaking in God's presence. Still another wanted to worship some more on the way home — after the programme was over!

A much-needed word was heard through Rev Paul Jeyachandran. His personal testimonies were extremely inspiring and faith-building. Our eyes were opened again to see that God is looking for those who will surrender fully, so that He will show up gloriously. As we responded to God, tears flowed freely and knees dropped easily. We also celebrated Holy Communion as we contemplated on Pastor Kay Kiong's question, "Where

are you?" in our own faith journey.

But that's not the end! Last Saturday, I met a resident at a community event. He shared about himself and his family with me. I prayed with him and invited him to church. He came, heard the Gospel and received Christ. Some years ago, I had the honour of baptising a leader's father in-law. His mother-in-law was not ready to receive Christ then, though she was happy to interact with his CG. Fast forward to last Christmas — she received Christ, and last Sunday she was baptised.

Revival is not an end in itself. God wants to revive us fully, so that we will proclaim the Gospel boldly. Stay tuned for the next two Sundays, when we will share more how God has been raising Covenant EFC to proclaim the Gospel!

Meanwhile, let's keep making space for the fire. Come 10 minutes earlier on Sunday to worship. Make time in your CGs to meet God unhurried through intimate prayer and worship. And when the divine appointments come, follow His leading. And be surprised by God along the way!

SERMON OUTLINE

Life in the Meanwhile

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 4:24 – 5:2 ■ SERMON: PAUL SHI

Introduction

A. What Stops Us (Ezra 4:24)

“Then the work on the house of God that is in Jerusalem **stopped**, and it **ceased** until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.”

B. What Revives Us (Ezra 5:1-2)

“Now the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, **prophesied** to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel who was over them.” (v.1)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

30 APR – PS SHARON FONG (BPJ), REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (WDL) AND PS EDMUND WONG (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Christ Is Risen!

SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11 ■ SERMON: DR ROLAND CHIA

Today Christians all over the globe celebrate Easter that commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In his magisterial teaching on the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15, Paul underscores the importance of the resurrection for the Christian Faith.

Firstly, he stresses the centrality of the resurrection of Jesus by showing that it is the non-negotiable essence of the Christian Gospel. To deny the resurrection of Christ is to deny the Gospel itself.

Secondly, Paul underscores the reality of Jesus' resurrection. The resurrection of Christ is not simply a good idea or compelling theory. It is a historical reality.

And finally, Paul speaks about the victory of the resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus signals the defeat of all the evil forces that oppose the purposes of God, including the 'last enemy' death. It signals the victory of God's kingdom.

Faith in the resurrection of Christ therefore gives Christians the courage to live in this world that is still molested by violence and evil. But faith in the resurrected Christ also gives us hope. For Jesus' resurrection makes possible a new future, a new heavens and earth, that will be fully realised when God's promised kingdom is consummated.