

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENTS' APPRECIATION NIGHT IN HOKKIEN

Would you like to honour and show your love to your parents? Invite them to the Parents' Appreciation Night in Hokkien. Reverend Oh Beng Kee will share a special message and Darren Lim will share his life testimony. Admission is free.

Date: 27 May (Sat)

Time: 7pm – 9pm (Buffet dinner starts at 5.45pm on a first-come, first-served basis.)

Venue: WDL Centre Main Sanctuary

SERVE IN MISSIONS

Calling all medical healthcare professionals, you can use your medical skills to be a blessing to the nations.

Covenant Missions is sending healthcare teams to Mongolia to reach out, connect and minister to fellow healthcare professionals.

We are also looking for healthcare professionals who have a passion to train and equip others in basic medical skills in Yunnan.

Join one of the briefings to find out more:

- 14 May, 12.30pm, BPJ Centre, Hope 5
- 28 May, 12.30pm, WDL Centre, Joy Room

Register at <http://cefc.ch/healthcaremissions>

CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE

We will have our Child Dedication Service on 16 Jul at all the worship centres.

Register 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 to 4pm. We believe that discipleship begins at home and we look forward to journeying with you towards an Intentional Disciple Making Family!

ALPHA

Please note that there will be no Alpha session this Wed, 10 May.

YOUTH DANCE WORKSHOP

Covenant Dance Ministry is organising a dance workshop for youths aged 10 to 14 years old. This two-day workshop will help them discover how to praise, worship and serve God through dance.

Day 1: 3 Jun, Sat, 9.00am – 5.00pm at ACKCentre Performing Arts Studio

Day 2: 4 Jun, Sun, 1.30pm – 5.30pm at WDL Centre, Love and Joy Rooms

Requirement: At least 2 years of dance training
Dance Genres: Contemporary, Hip Hop and Ballet

Fee: \$15 / person

To register or enquire, email cefdance@gmail.com Registration ends on 21 May.

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Steady Readers June Camp

We need 20 volunteers to facilitate games and activities for children on 21 Jun, Wed, 9am to 5pm at BPJ Centre.

Kids Champ Club

Serve in a character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds from Jun to Dec, every Sat, 2pm to 6pm (includes pre- and post-programme briefing). To volunteer or enquire, contact Jason Lee at 9716 7154 or email volunteer@newlife.org.sg

PASTORS' SABBATICAL

Rev Edmund Chan and Ps Ann Chan are on sabbatical from 1 May 2017 to 30 April 2018.

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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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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, 7 MAY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: REV WILLIAM WONG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: PS LIM KENG YEOW AND KAREN

Let's Go Fishing! (II)

PS SHARON FONG, OUTREACH MINISTRY AND DISTRICT MENTOR

No one joins a fishing club and not fish. The vision of the fishing club is only fulfilled through its fishing mission.

Likewise, for the Church of Jesus Christ to fulfill its destiny, she must fulfil her redemptive mission — to save souls. To do so, we must not only be satisfied to grow in authentic discipleship but also be intentional in disciplinemaking. In essence, we must not merely look good as a church with a great Intentional Disciplemaking Church (IDMC) vision and run a reputable annual IDMC Conference; we must not neglect the redemptive mission. Importantly, we must be intentional to act upon the divine timing to share the Gospel to the people whom God has placed in our sphere of influence.

Authentic Discipleship and Intentional Disciplemaking (ADID) grow in tandem. You cannot achieve one and ignore the other. ADID is like a twin engine. Both have to be ignited to fulfil the mission of the Church — to “go fishing”! However, it is easier said than done. It's convenient to stand in solidarity with our church

leaders, promising them that we will win souls and build God's Kingdom together. Yet, when the rubber meets the road, we need more than convenience, we desperately need convictions. As busy Singaporeans, it is challenging to actively obey God and be a blessing to others. In order to reach out to the lost, we need to seriously review our convictions, evaluate our choices, priorities and ambitions.

Early this year, our church launched the B.L.E.S.S. module in the Covenant EFC app. This module will help you grow intentionally in your disciplinemaking journey. Also, this module allows the entire church to inspire each other towards “fishing” together. When one has blessed his/her friend and ticks the app accordingly, we are able to see Covenant EFC living a PDA lifestyle.

In Year 2017, let us not be Christians of convenience but be disciples with convictions towards Authentic Discipleship and Intentional Disciplemaking.

Indeed, we are blessed to be a blessing. Let's be fishers of men. Let's go fishing together!

SERMON OUTLINE

Rise Up!

SCRIPTURE: HAGGAI 1:12-15 ■ SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

Rising up in obedience to God involves...

A. Fearing God

“ ... And the people feared the Lord.” (v.12)

B. Doing God's Will

“ ... And they came and worked on the house of the Lord ... ” (v.14)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

14 MAY – STACEY TAY (BPJ), PS VALERIE CHAN (WDL) AND PS SHARON FONG (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Wake Up!

SCRIPTURE: HAGGAI 1:1-II ■ SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

Introduction

Most of us dislike waking up to the beeping sound of the alarm clock in the morning. No matter what beeping sound we select for our alarm, we just dislike that moment of waking up. God doesn't send us a piece of bad news or bad medical report just to surprise us and wake us up. God's wake up call is always redemptive in nature. Today, God wants us to wake up because we are slowly drifting away. We need to come back to Him.

A. Drifting Off

God's people had drifted away and totally forgot their mission of rebuilding the temple of God for 15 years. During these years, they still gave offerings to God, but they offered on the altar in the midst of the rubbles of the temple of God. It was not normal to worship a Holy God among the rubbles of the temple. However, the returning Jews simply got used to worshipping God among these ruins. Such a spiritual state was harder to wake up from because they looked like they had it altogether.

Life is just like the casino in the movie *Percy Jackson and The Olympians: The Lightning Thief*. Every second, you and I are being drawn to drift away from God's mission given to us. Satan is using all ways and means to trap us and distract us from our mission. He gives us the good deals of “lotus flowers” to dull our senses and keep us spiritually asleep so that we forget our time-sensitive mission. Today, God wants us to wake up because we are slowly drifting away from our mission in life. In order to wake up, we need to know that there are three factors in verses Haggai 1:1-4 that could possibly draw us away from the mission that God has given to us: disobedience in the form of small compromises, disbelief and divided heart.

B. Coming Back

In order to come back to God from our years of drifting, we need to start to consider the circumstances of our lives. As stated in Haggai 1:5-11, we need to consider our ways carefully. Contemplation is important because God speaks to us through the situations of life. He shapes us through the events of life. Right now, God may be using your health situation to draw you to come back to Him. Perhaps, God is using the nasty feedback or work situation to tell you something. Don't be quick to brush them aside. Don't be quick to be offended. Consider those nasty words carefully. Sometimes, the most nasty words can be a spring of water that refreshes our soul because they wake us up and shake us upside down. It is through circumstances which cause us sleepless nights that we begin to ask ourselves hard and honest question such as: “What am I living for? What is my mission in life?”

Conclusion

Do you still remember your mission in life?