

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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EAST CENTRE, 7 MAY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: TONY KWA ■ WORSHIP LEADER: JONATHAN CHI

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 discipling. 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 discipling 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: PS BARNEY LAU

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 1:1-11 ■ SERMON: PS EDMUND WONG

Introduction

It is possible that we are drifting spiritually from God, and yet do not realise it! Today is a wake-up call so that we stop drifting off and start coming back.

Context of Haggai: The remnants have been back in the land for 15 to 16 years. The temple was left uncompleted and their hearts were far away.

A. Drifting Off (vv. 1-4)

Three signs of drifting:

1. We rationalise our disobedience (v.2).
 - a. Why did the people believe the time had not yet come? Possibly because they were discouraged by the constant opposition (Ezr 4:4-5) or deceived after miscounting the 70 years of their exile. They had allowed their external circumstances to direct their internal convictions.
 - b. Their delay in rebuilding the temple was tantamount to disobedience. Because of that the covenant curses of unfruitfulness and drought came upon the land, as prescribed in Deuteronomy 28.
2. We idolise our possessions (v.4).
 - a. Panels (or overlays) were only used for temples and palaces. The resources that could have and should have been used for the temple ended up on their houses.
 - b. The problem was not building a nice house, but where their hearts were (v.9) “busy” (NLT) and “caught up” (MSG).
3. We trivialise our mission (v.4).
 - a. The rebuilding of the temple was not an end itself. It was the touch point of God's presence with them, so that His Word may be declared and His wonders demonstrated and the nations might know He alone is God.
 - b. The problem – they were used to not having God's presence around, though they continued to sacrifice at the altar (Ezr 3).

Focus: Verse 5 – An unexamined life is not worth living (Socrates). Take time to be alone with God and honestly bring these questions before Him: 1) Where am I spiritually? 2) Where has my time, energy and finances been going to? 3) What is my unfinished assignment from God?

B. Coming Back (vv.5-11)

Coming back from our drift requires that we:

- a. Restart (v.7) – by making a plan to return (to our point of departure) and redo (what we did at first).
- b. Now (v.8) – Go up, build, bring. Note the immediacy of the call. Don't wait till later.
- c. With what we have (v.8) – Wood (be it from Lebanon or the nearby hills) and stones left from the rubble. Don't wait till you have more time or energy.
- d. For God's glory (v.8) – Not simply to avert the disaster and increase the harvest. But to advance God's agenda and increase His honour.

Focus: B.L.E.S.S. Take a step now, no matter how small! You can't go back to make a brand new start. But you can start now and make a brand new end. – John Maxwell

Conclusion

You Only Live Once. Live it well for Jesus!