

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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WOODLANDS CENTRE, 7 MAY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI ■ WORSHIP LEADER: BENJAMIN AND SHARON TAN

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 ANDY LEW

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: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Introduction

Haggai appeared around 520 BC and brought five messages to God's people to wake them up from 16 years of drifting from their original mission to rebuild God's Temple.

A. Drifting Off (vv. 1–4)

1. The people had met with initial opposition through discouragement, intimidation and roadblocks so that the rebuilding of the Temple came to a halt (Ezr 4:4 – 5, 24). Yet when God's word came to them, His rebuke was that His people had deviated from building His house to instead, building their own homes (Hag 1:4, 9). They had drifted from their original mission!
2. Symptoms of drifting include:
 - a. Preoccupation with anything other than God and His mission for our lives. They may be good and necessary things such as growing our careers, growing our children or loving our spouse. But these may end up taking God's pre-eminence in our hearts. Or worse still, we may be pre-occupied with things (e.g. our homes, cars, money, gadgets etc.) which will not ultimately matter.
 - b. Dissatisfaction with things (Hag 1:6) where we have many things but they do not meet what we long for. Only God truly satisfies (Psa 16:11).
 - c. Abandonment of the things we know we should be doing (Hag 1:4). Some may have stopped reading the Bible, praying or wanting to be salt and light in the world for Jesus. God's call is for His people to come back to their mission.

B. Coming Back (vv.5–11)

The Lord called them to come back to their original mission by:

1. Paying Attention: Twice He tells them to “Give careful thought to their ways” (Hag 1:5, 7). The people should have known that what was happening to them were part of the Covenant curses (e.g. Deut 28:38-40). There is some correlation between “bad” things happening and our disobedience to the Lord. We need to make space in our busy life to pay attention to the Lord.
2. Divine Appointment: When we make space to pay attention – we will pick up the divine moments God intends for us to notice. The word of the Lord came on the first day of the sixth month. The first day was the time for the new moon offerings (i.e. the people were to bring their offerings to the Lord). Then the sixth month was harvest time for figs, grapes and pomegranates. The poor harvest plus the fact they were to bring offerings to the Lord would have triggered them to the reality of what's happening.
3. Active Obedience: God called them to simply complete their original mission by doing what was needed (Hag 1:8). We may already know what we are supposed to do – then simply do it. That's how we come back to God.

Conclusion

Woodlands Centre was set up to reach people in the North for the Lord. We've been here for nine years. If we pay attention to what's happening around us, we'll realise our mission is far from complete. Let us arise to complete God's mission for us as a spiritual family!