

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURTURE GROUP

Are you new in the faith? Come and join the Nurture Group!

Dates: Every Sun from 2 Jul to 8 Oct

Time: 1.00pm – 2.30pm

Venue: BPJ Centre, Faith Hall

Register online at <http://cefc.ch/nurture>

PARENTING TRAINING

Parents may sign up for the following modules at the Information Counter.

Parenting with Love

For couples expecting their first child

Dates: 1 and 8 Jul (Sat), Time: 12pm – 5pm, Venue: BPJ Centre, Patience Room

Registration Fee: \$50 per couple

Parenting with Faith

For parents of kids aged 3 to 10 years old

Dates: 1 Jul to 19 Aug (eight Saturdays)

Time: 2pm – 4pm Venue: ACKCentre

Registration Fee: \$100 per couple

FLORAL OFFERING

Today's floral offering is sponsored by Elder Lawrence Chua in remembrance of his late wife Emily Chua who was called home by the Lord 17 years ago on 14 June 2000.

AIR-CON UPGRADING AT BPJ

Please be informed that the air-con upgrading will take place from 5 to 24 Jun. The following areas are affected: Faith Hall, Patience 1 & 2, rear of Main Sanctuary and Faith Rooms 1-3. Air coolers will be placed in Patience 1 & 2 and Faith Hall.

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Steady Readers

Be a Steady Reader Mentor! Help children overcome challenges in reading and instill a love for learning.

Dates: Weekly from Jul to Nov

Time: 8.00pm – 9.30pm

Venue: BPJ and WDL Centres

Kids Champ Club

If you love children, here's a wonderful opportunity to serve in a character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds.

Dates: Every Sat from Jul to Dec

Time: 2pm – 6pm Venue: BPJ Centre

This includes pre-and post-programme briefing.

To volunteer or enquire, contact

Jason Lee at 6760 0533 or email

volunteer@newlife.org.sg

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP

Register at the Information Counter.

Baptism Class on Sun, 25 Jun, 1.00pm to 3.30pm at WDL Centre.

Membership Class on Sat, 17 Jun, 9am to 4pm at ACKCentre.

UNIVERSITY BEFRIENDER

Let's B.L.E.S.S. the Chinese international students who leave their homes to study here in Singapore. We are looking for families to provide hospitality by caring for them, inviting them for meals, and introducing Singapore to them. To find out more, drop by our booth at the foyer today or email missions@cefc.org.sg. Last day to sign up is 25 Jun.

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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.30pm ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am (Pre-service prayer: 9.30am)

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- Growth
- Godliness



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- Truth
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- Stewardship
- Balance
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BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 11 JUNE 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS YAM KENG MUN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: PS FABIAN GHUI

Shaped for a Purpose

PS SHARON FONG, DISTRICT MENTOR AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

My husband and I were given the privilege to lead in the recent Marriage Breakthrough Weekend (BTW) which just ended last Sunday. The theme was “Shaped for a Purpose” from Jeremiah 18:6. Often, we believe that God is shaping us to be more Christ-like, but it is extremely challenging to believe that God is still in control when we feel so stuck in our marriage.

Last Thursday, after the Leaders' Advance session, some facilitators decided to catch a midnight movie. After the movie, they took the elevator and to their surprise, they were stuck! By God's grace, they got out of the lift and finally reached the hotel safe and sound. One leader shared the moral of the story, “God is in control even when they are stuck.”

Are you currently stuck in your marriage? Do you believe that God is still in control even when you feel so broken? In the recent Marriage BTW, we were reminded through God's Word and various testimonies that God is faithful and He is

still in control even when there is so much pain in our marriage. He wants us to remain patient even when we feel so stuck. Our Father wants us to open our eyes to behold His faithfulness which is already present in our marriage. He wants us to believe once again that He can transform our ashes to beauty and shape our brokenness into destiny.

To do so, we must not run away from the pain we are experiencing. We must ask God to give us a new perspective of His work in our marriage. Just because God has not stopped the rain, it does not mean that He is not at work. In fact, He may even be doing a deep work. Perhaps, God wants us to have a shift in mindset and believe that His blessings can come through the rain. Our sovereign God is in control and He uses the rain and pain to shape us for a purpose.

Let us spur one another and remain steadfast in our marriage, because today's pain will shape us for tomorrow's destiny.

SERMON OUTLINE

God's Word for the Destined

SCRIPTURE: HAGGAI 2:20-23 ■ SERMON: REV TONY YEO

Introduction

A. Look Beyond Your Circumstances: God Is About a Grand Reversal (vv.20-22)

“... I am about to shake the heavens and the earth ...”

B. Look Beyond Your Concerns: You Are Part of God's Greater Plan (v. 23)

“... I will take you, my servant ... and make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you ...”

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

18 JUNE - BENJAMIN LEE (BPJ & WDL) BISHOP EMERITUS ROBERT SOLOMON (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

God's Word for the Defiled

SCRIPTURE: HAGGAI 2:10-19 ■ SERMON: PS EDMUND WONG

Introduction

There is defilement not just in the world, but in the Church! The Church in Singapore has been in the news for the wrong reasons. Results of our Whole Life Discipleship survey — are we changing the world, or is the world changing us?

Verse 10 — God's repeated word to His people 3.5 months after the events of chapter 1. His people were defiled either because they grew discouraged when they rose up to rebuild the Temple and returned to their paneled houses, or they did it more for the desire of a good harvest, than God's honour. Prophets of the Old Testament would speak God's word repeatedly till His people heard and obeyed.

A. Clean Up! Your Holiness Is Costly to God (vv.10-14)

1. Verse 11-12 – Without the Temple, the priest probably brought the consecrated meat from the sin offering back home, where chances of contact with other food were higher. Holiness from the meat could not be passed on to other food.
2. Verse 13 – But uncleanness can! Touching a dead body renders a priest unclean for seven days, the longest duration of uncleanness. He had to be isolated from the camp, so as not to contaminate God's presence and people. Holiness is hard to keep, easy to lose.
3. Verse 14 – God's temple became defiled, because of unholy hearts and thereby unholy hands that worked on it. Holiness is not from the outside in, but the inside out! When God's people are defiled, so is His presence. And His name is dishonoured among the nations.
4. Focus: Watch out for the root of bitterness in our hearts, which defiles many (Heb 12:15). We need to acknowledge the hurt by others, receive and release forgiveness again.

B. Cheer Up! Your Fruitfulness Is Coming from God (vv.15-19)

1. Verses 15-16 – For the past 16 years, their harvest was compromised. The problem was not the weather or seed or soil!
2. Verse 17 – The same east wind that opened the Red Sea dried up their crops. The hail that destroyed Israel's enemies during the time of Joshua destroyed their crops. Yet God's judgement in His covenant faithfulness was redemptive. He could have wiped out everything because of Israel's unfaithfulness, but kept for them a portion each time. That's grace!
3. Verses 18-19 – Further grace from God was seen when though the crops were not in the barn (when the winter crops were sown after the autumn rains), God promised His blessing when His people turned back to Him.
Focus: When we turn back to God, not only will we begin to flourish. So will others around us. Our fruitfulness will be contagious!

Conclusion

Jesus Christ is the irreplaceable blood donor who cures us of the sin virus and reverses its effects. So that we can tell others – there is a cure for sin and health for our souls!