

Announcements

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Calling all constitutional members of Covenant EFC! You are invited to join our upcoming AGM on Sun, 25 Mar, at 2:30pm at BPJ Grace Sanctuary.

Please update your mailing address / email address at <https://voyager.cefc.org.sg> to receive the AGM notification. Financial Report and Church Constitution (available to constitutional members only) will be available for collection at our booth in the foyer on 18 Mar.

STM TRIPS IN 2018

Are you interested to go on short-term missions trips (STM) this year? Rally your CG and register with Missions Office.

Requirement and commitment: Trippers **must** be CG members, attending CG regularly, and committed to attending STM training and team meetings.

For more information on STM trips between May and Dec 2018, email missions@cefc.org.sg to receive details of upcoming trips.

SERVE IN ALPHA

The Alpha Course is a series of informal and relaxed sessions exploring the Christian faith. Many have come to know Christ through Alpha and you can be part of this amazing experience by serving as a **group leader / assistant, prayer intercessor, usher or helper**. Alpha begins on Wed, 4 Apr, and will carry on for 10 sessions, ending on 27 Jun.

Training for Alpha Group Leaders and Assistants:

Date for Part 1: 27 Feb (Tue)

Date for Part 2: 6 Mar (Tue)

Time: 7.15pm – 10pm

Make-up Date : 13 Mar (only for those who have attended either Part 1 or Part 2)

Venue: ACKCentre (#10-10)

Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com>

Email alpha@cefc.org.sg for enquiries.

CAMP COVENANT REGISTRATION

Camp Covenant 2018 is coming (5-8 June)! Early bird registration for CG and church members begins today at 4pm.

Early Bird Rate: 4 – 31 Mar (Regular worshippers not in CGs can register from 18 Mar onwards.)

Normal Rate: 1 – 29 Apr

To register and for more information, please go to <http://www.cefc.org.sg/campcovenant>

SERVE IN DANCE MINISTRY

Dance is a language that transcends borders. It is an expression of worship since the days of old. Today, dance continues in the house of God!

Whether you're trained in contemporary, ballet, jazz or other dance genres, Covenant Dance Ministry is calling out to you to join us! Sign up now at <https://step-up.cefcapps.com> or email cefcdance@gmail.com for more information. Don't miss this opportunity to serve Him with your talent!

Auditions will be held on Tue, 20 Mar, 8.30pm at ACKCentre. Prior registration is required.

CHILD DEDICATION CLASS

Sign up for the child dedication class at the Information Counter.

WDL Centre

20 May, Sun, 1-5pm Joy and Love Rooms

The Child Dedication Service will be held on Sun, 24 Jun.

CHILDREN'S FEST 2018 MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

New Life's Children's Fest is back on Sun, 8 Apr! Be one of the 600 Covenanters who shows love to the community and brings joy to the children. Sign up individually or as a CG at <https://tinyurl.com/loveCF2018> or email jasonlee@newlife.org.sg See you there!



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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES

BPJ Centre:

Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

WDL Centre:

Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

East Centre:

Sun 9am & 11am

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SERVICE LEADER: PS IVAN HO • WORSHIP LEADER: PS FABIAN GHUI

Bearers of Good News: Tell It as It Is!

PS LEE DA-WIN, SMALL GROUP INFRASTRUCTURE

After His resurrection, Jesus presented himself to the apostles (Acts 1:3). He made

them firsthand witnesses of the good news – that Jesus is alive! And in the forty days that followed, he taught them about the Kingdom of God, making them witnesses of the Kingdom's King. And as he was lifted up into heaven, they looked on, making them witnesses again of His glorious ascension. Then two angels assured them that Jesus will come again in the same way, making them witnesses of the promise of Jesus' return!

Is it any wonder, then, that Jesus commissioned the apostles to be His witnesses -- first where they already were (in Jerusalem), then moving outward (in all Judea and Samaria) and to the end, or in some versions, the uttermost parts, of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Witnesses simply bear testimony to what they have seen, heard or know from personal presence or perception. Their responsibility is simply to tell it as it is, as they have experienced it.

The mandate to be Jesus' witnesses was not only for the apostles. It was and is for all who consider themselves as

disciples of Jesus. So if we align ourselves to Jesus as our Master, then we too are called to be His witnesses.

Some of us are terrified of sharing our faith with others. Perhaps we are afraid that we would be rejected or embarrassed by the response. Maybe sharing your whole personal faith journey with a pre-believer is too intimidating for you. Well, a small step could be to just mention in passing what God is doing in your life, without even expecting a response. Like when asked how you are feeling after taking a day of medical leave, you could say, "I'm much better. I'm thankful that when I prayed, God answered my prayer and made me well enough to come back to work today."

Be a witness for Jesus. Start with just telling it as it is. And expect to be surprised by Him of whom you testify, and what He may just do, even with your baby steps, when you become a bearer of such good news.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." – Isa 52:7

Sermon Outline

More to Life

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:1-11 • SERMON: PAUL SHI

Introduction

A. Wait!

B. Witness!

C. Disciple!

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

11 MAR - REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), REV TONY YEO (WDL) AND PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

This Is Church!

SCRIPTURE: ACTS OVERVIEW • SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Introduction

The book of Acts gives us a picture of how the Church looks like:

A. Filled! (Acts 1:1 – 2:41)

1. The Church was born on Pentecost with the outpouring of God's Spirit (Acts 2:1 – 4.) Peter recognised that this was the fulfilment of God's promise given in Joel 2:28. What does this outpouring mean?
2. We must understand that sin separates — primarily from the Presence of God. The history of redemption is the story of God's desire to be present with His people once more. We see this in the Tabernacle and the Temple. But till then, His Presence was only temporary on certain people and certain occasions. With the Cross of Calvary taking our sins away, God could once more dwell among us! That's the significance of Pentecost!
3. Covenant EFC holds to a non-cessation, non-normative position with regards to the gifts of the Spirit. This means that we believe the gifts have not ceased. However, they are not present in everyone.
4. More critical is the filling of God's Spirit in our lives. The Spirit is present as a seal of our redemption (Eph 1:13). Are our lives under His full control? That's what it means to be filled!

B. Passionate! (Acts 2:42 – 7:60)

1. The Holy Spirit-filled Church is passionate about God and the things of God! They expressed their passion in prayer and proclamation. The disciples were constantly in prayer (Acts 1:14), they sought the Lord for guidance (Acts 1:24), the Holy Spirit came when they were gathered (presumably for prayer) (Acts 2:1 – 2), they prayed when they encountered opposition (Acts 4:24), Stephen prayed as he died (Acts 7:59), Peter sought the Lord for resurrection and God answered his prayers (Acts 9:40), God delivered Peter through the prayers of the Church (Acts 12:5) and so much more! Prayer was more than the means by which God blessed and grew His Church; prayer was a way of life for the Church!
2. They also expressed their passion through proclamation. What dominates the life of the Church in Acts is the constant reaching out to those who have yet to hear the Gospel (Acts 5:42). So much so that in the words of their enemies (Acts 5:28, 19:24 – 26), they filled everywhere they went with the teaching about Jesus Christ!

C. Unstoppable! (Acts 8:1 – 28:31)

1. The Church also met with significant opposition. Any true work of God would be opposed! The Lord Jesus Himself paid the ultimate price with His life for doing the will of His Father. The book of Acts shows us that, likewise “We must go through many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.” (Acts 14:22b) Besides imprisonment, Stephen was the first recorded martyr (Acts 7:60) and this was followed by James the Apostle (brother of John) under Herod Agrippa I (Acts 12:2.) We are not told to look for suffering. If indeed we are true followers of Christ, it will come looking for us. And we are not to be surprised when it does.
2. Yet in spite of this, the Church grows and grows (Acts 5:14; 6:6,7; 11:19, 21; 12:23 – 24; 14:1 etc.) So much so that what started off in AD 30 primarily as a Jewish sect, had reached the ends of the world with many largely Gentile congregations! God's Church is unstoppable! We are grateful for the men and women who took the Gospel and reached our nation. We are Church now because of them. Let us do likewise for those who have yet to know Jesus.

Conclusion

This week the world paid their respects to Dr Billy Graham (7 Nov 1918 – 21 Feb 2018). He was a great man not merely because he preached well and reached thousands for Jesus Christ. He was a great man because he was filled with the Holy Spirit, passionate for God and unstoppable – he finished well! He lived out Church! God invites us to likewise – be **His Church!** May our lives be filled with God's Spirit, be passionate for God, and by His grace – unstoppable!