

Announcements

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Calling all constitutional members of Covenant EFC! You are invited to join our upcoming AGM on Sun, 25 Mar, 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 at the foyer next Sun, 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.

STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking to fill in positions on the church staff. Please go to <http://www.cefc.org.sg/about-us/recruitment> for more information.

GOOD FRIDAY OUTREACH SERVICE

Good Friday is just round the corner! Start praying and inviting your friends and loved ones to our evangelistic services on 30 Mar, 9am and 11am.

BPJ Centre

Testimony: Peter Yu (local artiste)

Speaker: Ps Andy Lew

WDL Centre

Testimony: Li Nanxing (local artiste)

Speaker: Paul Shi

East Centre

Testimony: Lucas Chow (former Mediacorp CEO)

Speaker: Ps Matthew Lo

The offering collected on Good Friday will be donated to Biblical Graduate School of Theology. Light refreshments will be served for your guests. See you there!

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 today at the booth at BPJ and WDL foyer or at <https://step-up.cefcapps.com>

For more information, email cefedance@gmail.com

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

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!

Volunteer Briefing:

BPJ Centre: 18 Mar, next Sun, 2.30pm at the Chapel

WDL Centre: 25 Mar, Sun, 12.30pm at the Main Sanctuary

For enquiries, email jasonlee@newlife.org.sg

MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER

Lent is the season we remember what Jesus did on the cross to save us. On Maundy Thursday, we will gather in prayer and repentance to renew our love for God and pray for those yet to know Jesus. God wants to work in answer to our prayers to bring repentance and revival. See you on **Thu, 29 Mar, 8pm at WDL Centre!**



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BUKIT PANJANG, 11 MARCH 2018
SERVICE LEADER: PS YAM KENG MUN • WORSHIP LEADER: JONATHAN CHI

Sex Is God's Good Gift

REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI, DIRECTOR, INTEGRATED EQUIPPING

One of the issues that surfaced in our Whole Life Inventory is that while we are doing well in our spiritual disciplines, we are not doing so well in the area of sexuality.

We see this in the expression of sex outside marriage and the use of pornography. That's why we have taken the theme of repentance and prayer for our church this year. That's why we have also set apart this Sunday and the next one to take a hard look at sexuality.

Here are three simple thoughts we want to share:

Firstly, sex is God's good gift to mankind. He invented sex! How can it be bad? He created us as sexual beings – male and female. Sex was designed to unite the first couple in marriage – for procreation (Gen 1:28), for pleasure (Prov 5:18), for protection (1 Cor 7:1 – 2) and as part of our personhood (Gen 1:27). Sex is God's good gift to us!

Secondly, the evil one takes this good gift and twists it around to enslave us. In this hyper-sexualised world, we are encouraged to freely express our sexual desires as and when we want.

The Scriptures clearly warn us in Rev 17:5 – 6 (NIV): "This title was written on her forehead: MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished."

What is meant to be a good gift is used by the evil one to destroy God's people. Let us be aware that there is a war for our souls. Let us repent and by God's power break free from bondages in our lives.

Finally, someone has likened sex to fire. It's a powerful gift. In the right places – it can provide warmth, cook our food and drive our engines. But fire outside of its proper confines can burn, hurt and kill. God gave mankind the good gift of sexual intimacy within the covenant bond between a man and woman. It builds and fosters their relationship and gives the possibility of future generations. Any other expression of sexual intimacy beyond that becomes like a wild fire. It can hurt you badly. May the Lord bless your life with the true fire that gives life!

Sermon Outline

Mind Your Body

SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20 • SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

A. Our _____ is for the _____.

“The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord ...” (v.13a)

B. The _____ is for the _____.

“... and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.” (vv.13b-14)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:
18 MAR - SEAN MCDOWELL (BPJ, WDL AND EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Good News

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:1-11 • SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

Introduction

“Kingdom of God” appeared only six times in the book of Acts (1:3, 8:12, 14:22, 19:8, 28:23 and 28:31). Significantly, two of these are found at the beginning and end of the book of Acts. It is important to read Acts 1 in light of the Kingdom of God — God’s promised rule to the ends of the earth. For Jesus to reign as King to the ends of earth, we must be witness of the Kingdom of God, declaring that 1) Jesus is alive! 2) Jesus is Lord! 3) Jesus is coming again!

A. Jesus Is Alive (vv.1-3)

In those days, in order to be witnesses of the Kingdom of God, one must have seen the resurrected Christ. In that context, a credible witness is someone who can establish facts objectively through verifiable observations. That’s why Jesus appeared to many after He resurrected. What qualifies us to be witnesses of God’s Kingdom today? We can testify to the world that Jesus is alive by sharing how He has transformed our lives. When our family and friends see a significant change in our lives, they cannot deny that Jesus is alive.

B. Jesus Is Lord! (vv.4-8)

Let’s understand the context why the disciples asked this question in verse 6. During the period between the exile of Israel and the birth of Jesus, God’s people were waiting eagerly for the Messiah. Although they returned to their land after the exilic period, they went through many wars and were eventually lorded over by the Romans. When the disciples realised that Jesus rose from the dead, they were very excited. They thought Jesus was going to restore the military and political kingdom to Israel and drive out the Roman armies. The disciples missed what the Kingdom of God is all about. Like the disciples, we often miss this too. At the heart of our discipleship is not only answered prayers, but the Lordship of Jesus in our lives. At the heart of God’s Kingdom is not merely restoration, but the King Himself. Sometimes, God may even delay in answering our prayers so that He may truly rule as King and Lord in our hearts.

C. Jesus Is Coming Again (vv.9-11)

Sometimes, while waiting for Jesus to return, we can get distracted and miss our mission. To declare to the world that Jesus is coming again, we must live our lives in the light of His second coming. Our mission is not to be skygazers but trailblazers for the Kingdom of God. We must not be pew warmers but active servants in the Kingdom of God. When Jesus comes back, He will call for a time of accountability — He will ask us if we have lived it out and passed on the Good News we have heard. Jesus is coming again. Let’s do all that we can and be a witness of the Kingdom of God.

Conclusion

Be a witness of God’s Kingdom because Jesus is alive, Jesus is Lord and Jesus is coming again!