

# Announcements

## ALPHA

Alpha is a series of informal and relaxed sessions exploring the Christian faith. Many have come to know Christ through Alpha. Invite your pre-believing loved ones or friends! **It starts on Wed, 4 Apr and will carry on for 10 sessions, ending on 27 Jun. Register at <http://alpha.cfcapps.com>** For enquiries, email [alpha@cfc.org.sg](mailto:alpha@cfc.org.sg)

**4 April Introduction: Is There More To Life Than This?** 7pm - 9.30pm at YMCA Orchard 1 Orchard Road (238824)

## WOMEN 4 WOMEN

*More Precious Than Jewels* is a discipleship seminar organised by Women-In-Covenant for all the women in Covenant EFC. Embark with us on a growth journey of discovering our significance in God and becoming *A Certain Kind of Woman!*

**Date:** 28 Apr (Sat)

**Time:** 9am - 1pm

**Speaker:** Pastor Ann Chan

**Venue:** BPJ Centre, Main Sanctuary  
Registration is required. Sign up at <http://cfc.ch/cfcwomen> by 10 Apr

## DISCOVERY WEEKEND

This is a full-day workshop for courting couples to discover how to build a strong foundation in their relationship based on honest interaction, biblical principles and purity. **This will be held on Sat, 14 Apr, 8.30am to 5pm at ACKCentre Performing Arts Studio.** Register at the Information Counter.

For enquiries, email [fic@cfc.org.sg](mailto:fic@cfc.org.sg)

## PARENTING TRAINING

We believe that discipleship begins at home. Let's journey together towards an Intentional Disciple Making Family (IDMF). We strongly encourage you to join us in this coming run.

**Parenting with Hope.** For parents of tweens and teens. This will be held on **7-28 Apr (four Saturdays), from 2pm to 4pm at ACKCentre.** Registration fee is \$90/couple. Register today at the Information Counter.

## COOKING DEMO OUTREACH

Invite your pre-believing friends to our cooking demo. We will teach how to cook Lu Rou Fan and Ma Lai Gao on **8 Apr, 7.30pm at the foyer of WDL Centre.** Registration fee of \$5 per pax includes food sampling. To register or enquire, contact Vincent Chia via WhatsApp at 9842 8275.

## SERVE ON MISSIONS WEEK (22 & 29 JULY)

Missions Week is coming up! **We invite you to step up for missions by helping in logistics, Sunday services or foyer activities.** Register and find more details at <http://cfc.ch/MW18Sign-up> For enquiries, email [missions@cfc.org.sg](mailto:missions@cfc.org.sg)

## OLDER ADULTS, HEALTH MATTERS FORUM

Older adults prefer to remain engaged and productive whether they have retired or not. Beyond the occasional cough and colds, their concerns about health may gravitate towards chronic or challenging medical conditions. What can we do?

Organised by the Encouragers-in-Covenant (EiC), this forum addresses current concerns that Covenanters have regarding themselves or their loved ones.

**Date:** 21 April (Sat)

**Time:** 9am-12.30pm (breakfast will be served at 8am)

**Venue:** WDL Centre, Chapel Level 4

**Sign up at [voyager.cfc.org.sg](http://voyager.cfc.org.sg)** Registration closes on 18 Apr.

## CAMP COVENANT EARLY BIRD EXTENSION

The early bird registration for Camp Covenant has been extended till 15 April! Registration ends on 29 Apr. Sign up in Voyager.

## ORDINATION SERVICE

Come and join the celebration as we witness the ordination of our beloved **Ps Barney Lau** on **29 Apr, 2:30pm** at WDL Centre Main Sanctuary. RSVP at [cfc.ch/ordinationsservice](http://cfc.ch/ordinationsservice)

## PASTOR'S SABBATICAL

Rev William Wong will be on overseas sabbatical leave from 2 Apr to 29 May 2018.



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EAST, 1 APRIL 2018

SERVICE LEADER: JEREMY KOH • WORSHIP LEADER: DAVID CHONG

## What Is so Important About Easter?

REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTOR

Last Sunday night, we received the sudden news of Rev Dr Rick Seaward's home-going. The former Senior Pastor of Victory Family Center (VFC) was a Christian statesman in Singapore with a big Kingdom heart for unity among churches and pastors locally and globally. He was also known as the Missions Pastor of Singapore who raised many missionaries and planted many churches here and abroad. We paused to pray for the Seaward family and the VFC community in Singapore.

As I think of the Jesus' death on Good Friday, I am thankful that three days later, it was Easter. Easter is not some memorial to a nice, good religious teacher who lived 2,000 years ago. It's a celebration of the fact that Jesus is alive today. It proved that Jesus is who he claimed to be — God in the flesh who came to earth to save us. Easter is so much greater than we can comprehend. It is a story of victory and redemption in Christ. We celebrate Jesus Christ rising from the dead.

Easter is the difference between life and death. Without Easter, we don't have hope.

The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ came to earth to save us from spiritual death. We

are all sinners. We fall short of God's perfect standard. The punishment for our sin is death, not just physical death but spiritual death — eternal separation from God.

The Bible tells us that because of God's great love for us, He made a way for us to reach Him through Jesus. Jesus willingly died an agonising death on the cross to pay the price for our sins, and built a bridge between God and us. He died in our place.

Praise be to God! The story didn't end there. Jesus conquered death by rising again after three days. That glorious day is what we call Easter. It is the day sin lost its grip on us. It is the day death was vanquished by the ultimate expression of Christ's love for us. Because Jesus lives, we can also live forever with Him in heaven.

Today if you would make Jesus Christ as Lord of your life, you will no longer be condemned to spiritual death. There is **hope**, not only for eternal life with Jesus, but even today you will be filled with purpose, passion and power for living.

So what does Easter have to do with you? **Everything!** Will you choose Jesus today? A life with Jesus or a life apart from Him?

# Sermon Outline

## The Death of Death

SCRIPTURE: MARK 15:33-16:8 • SERMON: REV CHRISTOPHER CHIA

### Introduction

Our Many Deaths and Jesus' One Death

### A. Darkness over the Land

### B. Forsakenness of the Son

### C. Openness to God

### D. Confession of a Gentile

### Conclusion: Your view of death?

**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:**

8 APR - PAUL SHI (BPJ), PS SHARON FONG (WDL) AND PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

# Last Week's Sermon Summary

## Aligning with God's Agenda

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:12-26 • SERMON: PS LEE DA-WIN

### Introduction

- How the world makes decisions: pros & cons
- As disciples of Christ, we desire to live differently from the world.
- We want, instead, to align ourselves with God's agenda. But how do we do that?

**To align with God's agenda, we must align with God.**

### A. Be Devoted to Prayer

The believers aligned with God by being devoted to prayer.

- Non-specific prayer (v12-14) – God prompted Peter to raise this issue in this environment saturated with prayer.
- Specific prayer asking for God's leading (v23-25) – God answered and revealed His agenda.

**Illustration:** Learning to listening to God (like listening to parents) takes time.

**Illustration:** God answers by closing the wrong door.

**Application:** i12pray; Maundy Thursday Prayer

### B. Be Directed by Scripture

The believers aligned with God by being directed to Scripture (v15-17; 20).

- In order that Scripture be fulfilled (v15-17).
- To be obedient to Scripture (v20).

**Illustration:** Interpretation (eg. 1 Kings 11:3) vs Illumination (Est 1:1)

**Application:** Devotional Journal (April)

**Myth:** Discerning God's will is dependent on using a particular method (v26)

**Truth:** God speaks in many different ways; He chooses any way He wants.

**Fear:** What if God still doesn't reveal His will, or if I discern wrongly?

**Assurance:** God re-aligns us back to His agenda, as long as we align ourselves with Him (Acts 16:6-9).

### Conclusion

**Illustration:** (Corrie Ten Boom) What will give my Father the most glory?