

Announcements

ALPHA: WHY AND HOW DO I PRAY?

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!

Date: 2 May (Wed) **Time:** 7.00pm - 9.30pm
Venue: YMCA Orchard 1 Orchard Road (238824)

Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com>
For enquiries, email alpha@cefc.org.sg

CAMP COVENANT 2018

Today is the last day of registration. Early bird rates still apply. Don't miss it!

SERVE IN CHOIR

The Covenant Choir family is looking for new members to join them in worshipping God with one voice. If you are interested, **sign up for audition at <https://step-up.cefcapps.com> by 20 May.** Drop by the recruitment booth at the foyer today to find out more. You may also email your questions to cv.chorale@gmail.com. Join the Choir family today!

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

We are looking for 20 mentors for P.A.N.D.A Champs, a character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds.

Dates: 5 to 21 Jun, every Tue and Thu (you may serve once or twice a week)

Time: 9am – 1pm (includes 1 hour briefing before and after the programme)

Venue: BPJ Centre, Chapel (Level 3)

Training: 23 May, Wed, 7.30pm – 9pm at BPJ Centre, New Life Office (Level 3)

Don't miss this opportunity to be a blessing to the children! Sign up now at tinyurl.com/pandavolunteer. For inquiries, contact Jason at 9635 1135, Lewis at 9634 9457 or email volunteer@newlife.org.sg

MANDARIN PARENTS' APPRECIATION LUNCH

Appreciate your parents and family members by inviting them to an eight-course lunch as Peter and Brenda Yu share their testimonies and Rev Koh Soon Meng delivers a special message in Mandarin.

Date: 19 May (Sat)

Time: 12pm – 2pm

Venue: Joy Garden Restaurant, SAFRA Jurong Club

Tickets: \$35 per pax and \$350 per table

Grab your tickets today at the foyer!

For enquiries, contact Chris Pang at 6892 6811 or chris.pang@cefc.org.sg

SERVE AS CURRICULUM WRITER

We are looking for curriculum writers for Sunbeam Preschool who will contextualise and adapt an existing curriculum for local context and age-appropriate learning, and compile lesson notes with craft/activities for Sundays. You can do these tasks at your home. If you love kids, own a personal computer, has basic skills in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, and preferably with experience in early childhood or children's work, sign up at <http://cefc.ch/ocwriter>

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Baptism Class on Sun, 6 May at WDL Centre from 1.00pm to 3.30pm.

Membership Class on Sat, 12 May at ACKCentre from 9am to 4pm.

Register at the Information Counter

MAY 2018 DJ COLLECTION

The Devotional Journal (DJ) for May 2017 is now available at our church website and Covenant EFC app. Hard copies are available at the Information Counter at Level 1 while stocks last.



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Pray and Repent

PS EDMUND WONG, DISTRICT MENTOR AND PRAYER MINISTRY

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord... – Acts 3:19

“The key to revival is _____.” Leadership Mentor Rev Edmund Chan posed this question at the Love Singapore Prayer Summit in January. If you want to see revival in your family and CG, our church and nation — what would you put in that blank?

There are many aspects tied to revival such as praying more, reading the Bible more, or winning more souls into the Kingdom. But our Leadership Mentor's answer is **repentance!**

In life, we have to put first things first, for the rest to fall into their proper places. There are many things we need to repent of, such as:

- Allowing sexual immorality to corrupt our lives, rob us of spiritual power and taint our witness
- Violating the Sabbath that the world thinks nothing of, but which warranted the death

penalty in the Old Testament

- Contributing to the divorce rates today, when marriage is meant to mirror God's covenantal love for His people

- Valuing happiness over our holiness, and making life decisions on that premise
- Feeling numb when we read of disasters and global conflicts today

- Harboring unforgiveness against those who hurt us, and pretending everything is alright

- Coming to worship God after the service starts (as a habit), while making more effort to be punctual for musicals

Some weeks ago, I was praying for my wife as usual when I started to cry. God convicted me that I am not the husband I am supposed to be for Sue Ern. I have short-changed her by my lust and anger, impatience and insensitivity. I could only come before God with a brokenness of heart. Those tears were like cleansing streams for my soul.

In this year of prayer, let's repent well. God waits for our repentance. To bring revival!

Sermon Outline

In the Name of Jesus

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 3:1-26 • SERMON: REV TONY YEO

Introduction

A. There's _____ in the Name of Jesus (vv.1-10)

B. There's _____ in the Name of Jesus (vv.11-26)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

6 MAY – PS ANDY LEW (BPJ), REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (WDL) AND PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Keys to a Vibrant Church

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:42-47 • SERMON: DR AJITH FERNANDO

Introduction

After the mass conversion of 3,000 Christians, it was critical to form a new friendship community. Just like what Jesus modeled with his own disciples, learning takes place in a community.

A. Church Is Being Devoted (v.42)

A Christian is committed to the Body and its activities.

1. In the New Testament, there are two metaphors for community: “the family of” and “the body of Christ”.
2. In our church life, we need to move from a consumer mindset to a commitment mindset. Deep blessings come through our commitment to a local church. When we stay with a church even in the midst of a conflict, we grow as we learn deep discipleship lessons.
3. Illustration: Even though the teaching was not strong in his young adult fellowship, Dr Ajith Fernando stayed and gained lifelong friends in that community.

B. Church Is Full of Awe (v.43)

Wonders and signs were taking place and God was in their midst. As a result, fear (the translation of “awe”) filled the disciples. God must be taken seriously. We need to embrace the fear that leads to freedom.

C. Church Is Having All Things in Common (v.44) Including Finances (v.45)

God created unity but it is our responsibility to maintain unity (Eph 4:3). This is our commitment. Spiritual unity leads to financial assistance.

1. “Koinonia” was not only used to describe fellowship, but also financial transactions.
2. The early believers who were poor were previously supported by the Jewish temple. But after their conversion, the church needed to take care of them.
3. Illustrations:
 - a. Billy Graham’s finances were accountable to his Board.
 - b. Hudson Taylor gave his last coin to a needy family. God repaid him four times. This is living at the cutting edge of God!
4. We need to be accountable in our major financial decisions. We need to continually give to those who are in need in our community. There is a freedom when you don’t cling to material possession.

D. Church is Praising God and Having Favour with All the People (v.47)

1. They were praising God as He was working among them. Their praise was not a nuisance to those around them; instead, they were warmly accepted.
2. People who were lost were being found. They were being moved from darkness into eternal life. This is the greatest blessing of the church!

Conclusion

Devote yourself to the community!