

Announcements

ALPHA: WHY AND HOW SHOULD I READ THE BIBLE?

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: 9 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

MISSIONARY COMMISSIONING

We warmly invite you to celebrate with us as we commission our Covenant Missionaries on **3 Jun, 2.30 pm at WDL Centre Main Sanctuary**. Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/commissioning2018> (password: MissCom2018) by 16 May.

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.

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**. For enquiries, email cv.chorale@gmail.com Join the Choir family today!

IDMC 2018 – FAITH & FIRE

Sign up for IDMC 2018 by 31 May to **enjoy the Covenanter special rate** at \$60 (leader & spouse) and \$120 (member) on <https://engage.cefc.org.sg>

If you have signed up for IDMC, you can help serve the Body of Christ. Find out more on <http://volunteer.idmc.org.sg> For enquiries, please email info@idmc.org.sg

CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for **Executive (Global Alliance)**. For more information, please go to <https://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> Applicants should either be a church or CG member, with a heart to answer God's call in their lives in furthering Covenant EFC's mission. Interested candidates, please email your resumes to hr@cefc.org.sg

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Steady Readers Programme impacts the lives of more than a hundred children in our neighbouring communities by equipping them to read at their academic level and breaking the cycle of illiteracy.

New Life is looking for **110 Steady Reader Mentors in their next run starting from July to November**. For more information or to sign up, email volunteer@newlife.org.sg

MANDARIN PARENTS' APPRECIATION LUNCH

All tickets have been sold out. For enquiries, please email chris.pang@cefc.org.sg



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Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

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

We Are Church — What Does This Mean for You?

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

At the Senior Pastor's Office annual Listening Retreat last year, we were convicted to come back to God's design for the Church. That's why we are preaching through the book of Acts to rediscover Church in this year of our 40th Anniversary.

Covenant EFC is called to be a discipling church. Our vision slogan is "Authentic Discipleship (AD) and Intentional Discipling (ID) of *A Certain Kind*." AD is all about our spiritual maturity, all about following Jesus fully. ID is all about our spiritual multiplication, all about helping others to follow Jesus faithfully. *A Certain Kind* is the Christ-mastered kind. But what do all these mean to you?

If you are an Occasional Visitor:

- Perhaps you are looking for the right church. Then don't wait too long. After a while, it can get too comfortable and you can become a church-roamer rather than a God-worshipper.
- Perhaps you are attending Covenant EFC because of a friend's invitation or you benefit from the pulpit ministry. We applaud your hunger to learn. But do ensure you are strongly engaged and serving in your own church. Use the Covenant EFC app for sermons and stay engaged in one local church.

If you are a Regular-Sunday Worshipper:

- Are you engaged in our church life? If not, inquire about our Hello Group which seeks to orientate you to our discipleship vision, values and processes. After that, we will connect you to an appropriate group. It's not God's will for you to just be a Regular-Sunday Worshipper.
- If you are already engaged in a Covenant Group (CG), are you growing spiritually? Are you serving both the group and the church with your heart? There is a place for everyone if you are willing to learn and grow.

If you are a Committed and Serving Worshipper:

- Keep growing. Make it a point to join or bring others to the Breakthrough Weekend (BTW) once a year or once in two years. Take a short-term missions (STM) trip.
- Join the Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT) to deepen your walk with God. We don't try to be a disciple; we train to be one.
- Step up to new leadership responsibilities. When you lead, you grow. It's not about your abilities but your willingness to serve and grow.

At the end of the day, whether you are an occasional visitor, a Regular-Sunday worshipper or a committed and serving worshipper, we need to Pray and Repent. This is the gateway to God's heart and the power to be His Church!

Sermon Outline

When the Pressure Is On

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 4:1 – 31 • SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Introduction

In the midst of opposition and pressure:

A. We Must Stand UP (vv.1-22)

B. We Must Stand ON (vv.23-30)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

13 MAY – SANDRA CHI (BPJ), STACEY TAY (WDL) AND PS VALERIE CHAN (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

In the Name of Jesus

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

Introduction

In Acts 2:43 “Everyone was filled with awe and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the Apostles.” Acts 3 brings us to the first of many wonders and miraculous signs — the first healing in the book of Acts.

Two powerful things can happen in our lives when we invoke the name of Jesus:

A. There Is Healing in the Name of Jesus (vv.1-10)

1. God Heals the Impossible – The lame man was permanently damaged from birth (v.2) for over 40 years (v.22), which makes healing even more unlikely. Luke, the physician, uses “ankle bones” (v.7) to describe healing taking place without any medical intervention.
2. God Heals in His Time – Jesus and His disciples would have seen this man when they passed the same temple grounds (Jn 10:23). Yet the healing did not happen until then.
3. God Heals in His Ways – Peter simply commanded the lame man to walk (*peripateō*). We have no authority in and of ourselves. When God answers our prayers, it’s based on the finished work of Jesus on the cross and because we are God’s beloved children.
4. God Heals through Faith – It was the lame man’s “faith in His name” (v.16a), a human act, that healed him; his faith was “the faith which comes through Him” (v.16b), a divine gift. There are two extremes in how faith works in healing:
 - a. Name it, claim it - If you are not healed, it means you don’t have faith or there is sin. The faith that healed the lame man was Peter’s because the man was expecting money, not healing
 - b. If it’s God’s will, you will be healed – if I am not healed, then it is not God’s will. We become resigned and do not grow our faith!
5. God Heals for His Glory
6. Focus: God can and God will heal because the Kingdom is here! But we don’t know when (instantaneously, 40 years later, on this side of eternity or the other side of eternity) and we don’t know how (supernaturally or medically).

B. There is Hope in the Name of Jesus (vv.11-26)

Peter preached the Gospel to those who witnessed this miraculous healing. More than just healing in the name of Jesus, there is hope in the name of Jesus.

1. Forgiveness of sins (vv.19-20) – through repenting and returning to God. Only God can remove our sins. The joy of sins forgiven becomes hope and strength even when sicknesses are not fully healed.
2. Freedom of sicknesses (v.21). While the Kingdom is here, the Kingdom is also not yet in this fallen world where sickness still remains. We experience its effects and this side of eternity is by no means perfect. Jesus ushered in the Kingdom when He died on the cross for the sins of the world. But there will come a time on the other side of eternity when there will be no more sicknesses.
3. Focus: As we await healing, we can share this hope through Jesus.
4. Illustration: Kiko praying for his neighbour while he was in the hospital, Tian Ai (12 year old WEB) leading her family to trust God

Conclusion

Illustration: Inspiring story of Liu Qing, Panli and EnYue
Praying for those who are sick and those with loved ones who are sick.