

# Announcements

## ALPHA: HOW DOES GOD GUIDE US?

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:** 16 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](mailto: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.

## CAMP COVENANT BRIEFING

If you are attending Camp Covenant, do attend the Camp Prayer and Briefing **next Sun, 20 May at WDL Centre Sanctuary at 1.30pm-3.00pm**.

## HOKKIEN PARENTS' NIGHT

Honour and show your love to your parents by inviting them to the Hokkien Parents' Night.

**Date:** 26 May (Sat) **Time:** 7pm - 9pm  
**Venue:** WDL Centre Main Sanctuary (Level 2)  
**Guest Speaker:** 周黛兰姐妹  
Free buffet dinner starts at 5.45pm (first-come, first-served). Admission is free. For enquiries, call 6892 6811.

## MANDARIN PARENTS' APPRECIATION LUNCH

**You can still buy tickets only for today** at the foyer as more tables have been added due to high demand. We have limited tickets left so don't miss the opportunity!

## FAMILIES-IN-COVENANT

Families-in-Covenant and Generations of Virtue (GOV) are organising an All the King's Daughters event titled "My Mother is Better than Google" for mums and their 8 to 12-year-old daughters. Julie Hiramine and Carol Loi of GOV will be there to explore these questions:

How do media and technology affect my relationships? How can we be wise with the power of technology placed in our hands?

**Date and Time:** 26 May, Sat, 9am - 12pm (Registration starts at 8.30am)

**Venue:** WDL Centre (Level 4 - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience Rooms)

**Fee:** \$10 per person  
Sign up at [cefc.ch/ATKD2018](http://cefc.ch/ATKD2018) and pay at the Information Counter.

## CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for **Executive (Global Alliance)**. For more information, please go to <https://www.cefc.org.sg/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](mailto:hr@cefc.org.sg)

## NEW LIFE FRIENDS' DAY

Come and join us as we celebrate New Life Friends' Day **next Sun, 20 May at the worship services in BPJ, WDL and East Centres**. Hear the different testimonies of how Covenanters love the community for Christ, and find out the different platforms by which you can be a blessing to the community. Be inspired to Give to a Need and to be a Gift to a Life!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ps Adrian Chan and Sandra Chi for successfully completing their two-year Master of Theological Studies degree.



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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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**EAST, 13 MAY 2018**  
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## Leaving a Godly Legacy

STACEY TAY, WOMEN-IN-COVENANT

**M**other's Day was first celebrated in 1908 by Anna Jarvis who held a memorial for her late mother Ann Reeves Jarvis, who had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War. Anna's original intent was to continue her mother's work and to honour her.

Over the years, the Mother's Day celebration has become commercialised and is almost inextricably linked to carnations and chocolates. But it is still a time for us to remember and honour our mothers. We honour them not just because they raised us or that they are notable citizens like Ann Jarvis; we honour them because our Heavenly Father instructed us to "honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you" (Exo 20:12). Respecting, caring and providing for them pleases God, who cares for all our families.

Those of us who are mothers also need to remember the sacred trust God has given us

in our children. We have a finite time to influence them. At this time of the year, I am reminded of my natural mother who passed on unexpectedly when I was 12 years old. I wonder if she would have done anything differently if she knew she were to be called home earlier than expected. It has influenced my own motherhood. I truly treasure the moments I have with my own children. I deposit life skills and testimonies of my own walk with the Lord so that they can have a godly legacy even when I am no longer around.

After my natural mother passed on, I had a wonderful and prayerful step-mother who raised me and my brother. She deposited her godly legacy in us. God guarded my growing years. From this I discovered that as parents, we have a promise that our children will be "taught by the Lord" (Isa 54:13). We need not fear for our children, because we have a deep assurance that God holds our families in His hand.

# Sermon Outline

## Courageous Faith

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 2:1-10 • SERMON: PS VALERIE CHAN

### Introduction

We can have courageous faith in our motherhood journey:

**A. When We \_\_\_\_\_ as God \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-2)**

**B. When We \_\_\_\_\_ to God What We \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.3-10)**

### Conclusion

**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:**

20 MAY – REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), PS LEE DA-WIN (WDL) AND REV TONY YEO (EAST)

# Last Week's Sermon Summary

## When the Pressure Is On

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 4:1-31 • SERMON: REV BARNEY LAU

### Introduction

This is the book of Act's first record of opposition and persecution faced by the first century church. Of the 28 chapters in Acts, only 6 do not record persecution, yet they grew (2:41, 47, 4:4, 5:14, 6:1, 7, 9:31, 9:42, etc) when they stood firm under pressure.

How do we, 21st century church and Christians, respond to opposition and pressures?

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

1. In Bold Witness for Christ (v.13, 19-20)
  - a. Non-professionals ('untrained') with no rabbinic training ('uneducated'), Peter and John shocked the Sanhedrin! Contrast Peter's boldness here and at the trial of Jesus.
  - b. Nothing beats "having been with Jesus" and hiding God's Word in our heart.
  - c. Their bold witness was forged in the daily-ness of more than three years of discipleship under Jesus, observing, learning, obeying, failing, repenting, etc.
  - d. Bold witness comes not just from having more knowledge, but faith — faith from a steady, daily, deep, vibrant and relational walk with Jesus.
2. Filled with the Holy Spirit (v.8)
  - a. Human effort empowered by the Holy Spirit is what we read throughout Acts.
  - b. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would give us the needed wisdom and words to say in such situations (Lk 12:11-12).
  - c. It is the Holy Spirit who empowered ordinary amateurs Peter and John with spiritual authority and power – that's what amazed the Sanhedrin.

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

1. One Accord (vv.23-24) – Gk. *homothymadon* speaks of a unity of mind and a single-mindedness of purpose. It means we do not stand/walk alone in our witness, service and pilgrimage, but as a family of Christ, we stand on.
2. Scriptures (vv.24-26) – This is the longest prayer recorded in Acts, but it is soaked with Scriptures which they have not only hidden in their hearts and came forth spontaneously in prayer, but which they also knew well enough to apply as a prophetic fulfilment to their situation. Having a mastery of the Word of God is good, but it is better to be mastered by it (Deut 6:6-7, Psa 119:11)!
3. Prayer (vv.24-30) – The immediate instinctive thing the Christian community did was to lift their voices in prayer. They affirmed God's sovereignty, plans and purposes. They also asked for even greater boldness to preach the Gospel and for God to act through Jesus's name, while their problems were mentioned only very briefly! Contrast this to the religious rulers where prayer was completely absent.

### C. We Must Stand WITH Christ (vv.11-12)

How well we stand up in Spirit-filled bold witness for Christ is predicated by how well we stand on the foundations of Scriptures and prayer in one accord with our spiritual family. When we choose to stand with Christ, He stands with us!