

Announcements

NO ALPHA THIS WEEK

There will be no Alpha session this week. It will resume next Wed, 30 May.

BRASS PLAYER FOR WORSHIP MINISTRY RECRUITMENT

Worship ministry is recruiting brass players for the upcoming IDMC Conference and Anniversary Sunday Service happening in the end of August. Players should have their own instrument. Instruments required are trumpet, saxophone, trombone and flute. Auditions will be done in June. Rehearsals start in July until August. If interested or for enquiries, email Adrian Lim at cefcbrass@gmail.com

STM TRIPS IN JUL TO DEC 2018

If you are a CG member, come and bless the nations through the following STM trips!

Mongolia

- July – nomad ministry
- Sep and Dec – campus ministry
- Sep / Oct – medical mission
- Oct – equip churches in the province

Indonesia

- Aug in Bandung – ministry to the elderly
- Nov in Surabaya – teach basic Christian disciplines to church plants

Myanmar

- Dec in Maubin – Christmas outreach in villages and children's home

Requirement and commitment: CG member attending CG regularly and committed to attend the STM training and team meetings.

Register at <http://cefc.ch/2018STMsignup> by 30 Jun. For more information, email missions@cefc.org.sg

HOKKIEN PARENTS' NIGHT

Honour and show your love to your parents by inviting them to the Hokkien Parents' Night.
Date: 26 May, this 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.

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Covenant EFC has built credibility in helping families start afresh with clean homes. You can use this platform individually or as a CG to serve and connect with these families on these dates:

- 26 May, half day at Yishun – 4 helpers
- 2 June, full day at Taman Jurong – 20 helpers
- 23 June, full day at Teck Whye – 15 helpers
- 30 June, full day at Yishun – 30 helpers

To sign up or enquire, call Vincent Chia at 9842 8275.

FAMILIES-IN-COVENANT

Families-in-Covenant and Generations of Virtue (GOV) bring you "My Mother is Better than Google" for mums and 8 to 12-year-old daughters. Explore these questions with Julie Hiramine and Carol Loi of GOV: 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, this 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 and pay at the Information Counter.

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Are you passionate in loving and mentoring children? Don't miss these opportunities!

Steady Readers is a reading literacy programme for K2 to P4 kids. The next run starts in Jul until Nov. You can serve once or twice a week from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. Serve at BPJ Centre every Mon and/or Wed, or at WDL Centre every Tue and/or Thu.

Kids Champ Club is a character-based mentoring programme for P1 to P4 children. The next run starts in Jul until Dec at BPJ Centre every Sat, 2pm to 6pm (includes pre and post-programme briefing).

To volunteer or enquire, contact Jason Lee at 9635 1135 or email volunteer@newlife.org.sg



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WOODLANDS, 20 MAY 2018

SERVICE LEADER: FELIX WONG • WORSHIP LEADER: ALLISON LIM

Give to a Need, Gift to a Life

FELIX WONG, NEW LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICES, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Twenty years ago, I went on a four-hour hike from MacRitchie to Bukit Timah Hill with my wife, Ps Sharon. Shortly after two hours, we ran out of water! We were so thirsty and almost dehydrated. At that moment, water became my greatest need for the very first time in my life.

How about our community, what do you think are its greatest needs? What can we do to meet these needs?

Eighteen years ago, when Covenant EFC moved to Bukit Panjang, New Life Community Services was birthed with a clear calling to be the social arm of the church to love the community for Christ. New Life bridges the church to the community and vice versa. It is our prayer that through New Life, many lives from the community will eventually cross the bridge and experience the love of Christ in their lives.

As we serve the community through several platforms such as Steady Readers, children and youth mentoring programmes,

financial assistance, counselling and preschool education, our greatest desire is to demonstrate the love of Jesus and to make Him known!

As we celebrate New Life Friends' Day today, we would like to thank all of you for partnering with us to impact the community, whether through your time, talents or treasures. You make the vision of loving the community for Christ possible. At our Sunday worship services today, we will hear testimonies from some of Covenanters who have served the community through New Life. We hope that you'll be inspired by their sharing.

May we all join together in prayer for God to enlarge our hearts to be the church without walls. Let's rise up and take our place to impact our community! Do prayerfully consider some of the opportunities by which you can love the community for Christ as God enlarges our heart for our community.

Let's all *Give to a Need* and be a *Gift to a Life!*

Sermon Outline

The Jesus Community

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 4:32-37 • SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

A. Everything in Common (Acts v.32b)

“... no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had **everything in common**”

B. Every Need is Met (vv.34,35)

“There was not a needy person among them ... and it was distributed to each as any had need.”

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

27 MAY – PAUL SHI (BPJ), PS EDMUND WONG (WDL) AND PS MATTHEW LO (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Motherhood – The Redemptive Journey

SCRIPTURE: RUTH 1:1-22 • SERMON: DR STACEY TAY

Introduction

Being a good mother is not about doing more, but about submitting to a redemptive inward journey.

We are called to:

A. Return to God (vv.1-6, 19-22)

1. Naomi was called to return to Israel and to the God of Israel. It was a big change in life direction.
2. We hold back from change because:
 - a. We lack awareness that we need to change.
 - b. We fear the unknown.
 - c. We hold on to pride.
 - d. Change involves a lot of work.
3. We are to embrace the change God is calling us to even when we don't understand His will for us. Returning to God requires us to trust Him.

B. Release our expectations (vv.7-13)

1. Naomi released her expectations of her daughters-in-law and blessed them.
2. As parents we are to hold back from setting unrealistic expectations. Instead we are to teach our children how to imitate Christ (1 Cor 11:1). We are called to reproduce disciples in our children but not to produce photocopies of ourselves.
3. Releasing our expectations is also about trusting God.

C. Redeem our relationships (vv.14-18)

1. Naomi thought that she had nothing: “I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty” (Ruth 1:21a). However, she had a remarkable daughter-in-law, Ruth. She also had the knowledge of God, which she shared with Ruth, the Wisdom of God to direct Ruth in her relationship with Boaz, and the Destiny from God as Naomi's “empty” life played a critical role in God's redemptive plan through the birth of Obed, who was from the line of King David and ultimately Jesus Christ.
2. Our families are part of God's redemptive plan and we can trust God to unfold His plan for us.

Conclusion

God can do a redemptive work in our motherhood journeys. Isaiah 58:11-12 reminds us that we are called to be rebuilders of our homes and relationships. We can recognise God's hand in our family!