

Announcements

ALPHA: HOW CAN I RESIST EVIL?

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: 30 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 **Sun, 3 Jun, 2.30 pm** at **WDL Centre Main Sanctuary**.

IDMC 2018

Sign up for IDMC 2018 by 31 May to enjoy the Covenanter special rates at <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, email info@idmc.org.sg

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

INDONESIAN-FILIPINO MINISTRY WOMEN'S BREAKTHROUGH RETREAT

Here's an opportunity to bless your domestic helpers by letting them have an extended time with God, so that they can know and experience the Father's love. Sign them up for the Women's Breakthrough Retreat organised by the Indonesian-Filipino Ministry at the foyer today!

Date: 24 Jun (Sun)
Time: 9am – 5pm
Venue: ACKCentre
Fee: \$10

NEW LIFE STAFF RECRUITMENT

Turn your passion into career and love the community for Christ as a New Life staff! Here are the available positions:

- Youth Workers (Programme)
- Youth Team Leader
- Social Workers / Counsellors
- Student Care Programme Coordinator
- Senior System Administrator
- HR Executive
- Finance Executives / Assistants

Download the application form at www.tinyurl.com/newlifejobs and email together with your CV to hr@newlife.org.sg

BRASS PLAYER FOR WORSHIP MINISTRY

Worship ministry is recruiting brass players for the upcoming IDMC Conference and Anniversary Sunday Service happening at 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

JUN 2018 DJ COLLECTION

The Devotional Journal (DJ) for Jun 2018 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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Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

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Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

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Sun 9am & 11am

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SERVICE LEADER: PS VALERIE CHAN • WORSHIP LEADER: PS FABIAN GHUI

Living, Walking and Talking Gospels

REV BARNEY LAU, DIRECTOR, THE NEXT GENERATION

Talking about the Gospel without walking the Gospel results in people balking at the Gospel! Paul puts it plainly, "I ... implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called..." (Eph 4:1, NASB). The Christian is the living, walking, talking Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Christian witness before a pluralistic, sceptical and critical watching world is both evangelism and testimony together. Evangelism is talking about the Gospel to others; testimony is walking the Gospel before others. A testimony by itself is not the Gospel, but a Christ-like testimony exemplifies and amplifies one's evangelism of the Gospel.

A Christian's job in the workplace is one's witness. Converting people is the Holy Spirit's job description. Ours is to first walk the talk authentically, and then naturally talk the walk graciously, humbly and genuinely. More often than not, our walk gains us the rights to speak, to be heard, and to have a place in people's heart.

We gain the right to speak by earning our stripes in being competent in our work, regardless of profession, seniority and industry. We gain the right to speak when we have paid our dues. In a performance-driven workplace and meritocratic

society, delivering on work responsibilities and commitments consistently and sustainably is a basic expectation from anyone, what more from a Christian. More often than not, Christians must be able to run with horses before they earn the right to speak to these horses.

The right to be heard is earned by how we conduct ourselves while we do our job. People can smell a fake a mile away! We earn it when our words, conduct, lifestyle and values match the Christian labels we wear to work, despite and amidst the complexities and difficulties of life and work.

People care that you care. When people see us genuinely care more about them than their usefulness and contributions, they take note and a place is gradually carved out in their hearts for us to reach out to them. Jesus obviously knew what he was talking about in John 13:35 (NASB): "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Our ability to B.L.E.S.S.¹ our pre-believing friends and colleague is exemplified and amplified when we earn the right to speak, to be heard, and to have a place in their hearts. Likewise, when we B.L.E.S.S. we gradually earn these same rights!

¹ Begin with prayer, Listen to a friend, Eat with a friend, Serve a friend, Share your story

Sermon Outline

Uncovered

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 5:1-11 • SERMON: PAUL SHI

Introduction

A. So Much to _____

B. So Much to _____

C. So Much to _____

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

3 JUN - REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), REV TONY YEO (WDL) AND REV BARNEY LAU (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

The Jesus Community

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 4:32-37 • SERMON: PS LEE DA-WIN

Introduction

Fallen human nature makes us guard our self-interest. The Jesus Community lived in the totally opposite manner, as shown in Acts 4:32-37. It shows us the two distinctive characteristics of the Jesus Community, as we celebrate New Life Friends' Day today:

A. Everything in Common (v.32)

“... no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.”(v.32)

1. “One heart and soul” (ref: Dt 6:5) – demands 100% devotion to God
2. The believers having everything in common stems primarily from the common and singular devotion to their God.
3. The Jesus Community is not only to be extrinsically motivated by the needs of others (however genuine), but more fundamentally, to be intrinsically compelled by our common love for God.
4. As a result there was (a) great power in the apostles' testimony to Jesus' resurrection (b) great grace was upon all the believers.
5. Which of these – your time, your talents and your treasures – do you guard most closely and hold most tightly? Is this what the Lord may be calling you today to release and share with others?

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”(vv.34-35)

1. “Not a needy person among them” – simply incredible!
2. This does not refer to the universal eradication of poverty, hunger and suffering, but to the extent to which the Jesus Community cared for one another.
3. Apparent contradiction between (Deut 15:4 and Deut 15:11) – only explanation is that God's people who have been blessed with affluence in turn open their hands to generously bless others in the community who are poor (vv. 7-8, 11b)
4. Such a lifestyle commanded in the Old Testament is practiced in the Jesus Community in Acts 4:34-35.

Conclusion

Beyond the Jesus Community, we desire that the community around Covenant EFC not only hear the preaching of the resurrection of Jesus, but they can also see the love that we have for them. When our doctrines and deeds come together as one, when we live out the faith we profess, then great power and grace will be upon us.