

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

WDL Centre:
Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

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Sun 9am & 11am

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EAST, 27 MAY 2018

SERVICE LEADER: JEREMY KOH • WORSHIP LEADER: PS LIM KENG YEOW AND KAREN

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: PS MATTHEW LO

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: REV TONY YEO

Introduction

Former MediaCorp celebrity Belinda Lee was transformed from a party girl to a World Vision ambassador. She said, "Find a need and meet it; Find a hurt and heal it."

The church in Acts was not a spiritual club, holy cuddle or an inward, self-serving community (Acts 2:42-47). Acts 4:32-37, which is identical to Acts 2, reveals two characteristics of the Jesus Community:

A. Everything in Common (vv.32-33)

"Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own but they had everything in common."(v.32)

1. There were two things the Jesus community had "everything in common":

a. A common heart and soul for God

The phrase "one heart and soul" is rooted in Deuteronomy 6:5 to describe one's complete devotion to God — seeking Him, loving Him, walking in all His ways, obeying His Word, clinging to Him, serving Him and following Him faithfully. It also means cohesive and strong unity in the Spirit in our horizontal relationships. The Jesus Community cannot be filled with the Spirit without being united in the Spirit.

b. A selfless attitude towards possession: This is not communism where your things are taken away from you and it becomes everybody's property. In the Jesus Community, things are freely given up to God to help anyone in need. "Sold" (v.34b) – the use of the imperfect tense shows it was responding to the need, rather than always selling all you have.

Illustration: God's people at Covenant EFC who sold their homes and downgraded to either older or smaller homes.

2. "Although in fact and in law they continued to own their goods, yet in heart and mind they cultivated an attitude so radical that they thought of their possessions as being available to help their needy sisters and brothers." – John Stott

3. Application: Are you a faithful steward of all that God has entrusted to you? Do you have a selfless attitude towards your possessions?

4. "Remember this – you can't serve God and money, but you can serve God with money." – Billy Graham

B. Every Need Is Met (vv.34-37)

"There was not a needy person among them ... and it was distributed to each as any had need."(vv.34-35)

1. While they were preaching and testifying to the truths of God, the Jesus community was living out the truths of God with their very lives. They were walking their talk, and not just talking about their walk with Jesus. No wonder overflowing grace was upon them. It was as God said to Israel regarding their life in the Promised Land: "There will be no poor among you" (Deut 15:4).

2. Inspiring and authentic stories of how different needs are met:

a. Personal and Covenant Group: Members and CGs helping one another

b. Church: All the general, missions and New Life budgets were met abundantly

c. New Life: All the donations and gifts received were wonderfully provided

Conclusion

Give to a need. Gift to a life!