

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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WOODLANDS, 27 MAY 2018

SERVICE LEADER: PS IVAN HO • WORSHIP LEADER: JONATHAN CHI

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 EDMUND WONG

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 TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

Belinda Lee: "Find a need and meet it; find a hurt and heal it." This is what the Jesus Community did 2000 years ago (Acts 2:42-47). They were not a holy huddle, but they reached out to others sacrificially. When we come to Acts 4:32-37, it's almost a repeat of Acts 2:44-45. It's the Holy Spirit urging us never to forget what true Jesus Community is.

How did the Jesus Community do this?

A. Everything in Common (v.32)

"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) What is meant by "everything in common"?

1. A common heart and soul for God

The phrase "one heart and soul" in verse 32 is rooted in the Old Testament to describe one's complete devotion to God. Deuteronomy 6:5 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." Without the heart and love for God, their work is not sustainable.

2. A common selfless attitude towards their possession

- a. This is not Christian communism; this is the Jesus Community. In communism, your things are taken away from you and it becomes everybody's property; in the Jesus Community, things are freely given up to God so that it can be used to help anyone in need. It is not forced but voluntary.
- b. Application: Are you a faithful steward of all that God gives to you? Do we, as a people of God, display a selfless attitude towards our possession?
- c. Three modern attitudes toward tithing:
 1. It doesn't matter how much you give.
 2. 10% is the maximum percentage.
 3. God gives you 100% and allows you to steward it accordingly.
- d. "Remember this – you can't serve God and money, but you can serve God with money." – Billy Graham

B. Every Need Is Met (v.34)

1. Verse 34 seems unreal: "There was not a needy person among them." The context here is amazing. While they were preaching and testifying to the truths of God, the Jesus Community was demonstrating the truths of God with their very lives. In history, different civilizations tried to end poverty. But it's Jesus who did it (Deut 15:4).
2. How are we doing in meeting needs?
 - a. On a personal and Group front: CG helping one another.
 - b. On the Church front: All our budgets were met wonderfully.
 - c. On the New Life front: Giving and gifts received were amazing.

Conclusion

Find a need and meet it. Find a hurt and heal it.