

Announcements

ALPHA: WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH?

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: 27 Jun (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

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Faith is for parents with kids below 12 years old.

Dates: Eight sessions from 7 July to 25 Aug.

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Venue: ACKCentre

Fee: \$100 / couple

Parenting with Love is for married couples preparing for their first child.

Dates: 30 Jun and 7 July (Saturdays)

Time: 12pm – 5pm

Venue: BPJ Centre

Fee: \$50 /couple

Register at the Information Counter today!

LIFE CROSSROADS FORUM

Are you at life's crossroads (midlife career switch, retrenchment or retirement)? Are you struggling to move forward? Encouragers-in-Covenant brings you Life Crossroads Forum. Covenanters (any age) are invited to come and hear fellow Covenanters share their journeys. Register today as seats are limited!

Date: 14 Jul (Sat)

Time: 8.30am – 12pm (breakfast will be served from 7.30am to 8.30am)

Venue: ACKCentre, #10-03

To register, email encouragersadmin@cefc.org.sg and indicate your name and contact number.

UNIVERSITY BEFRIENDER PROGRAMME

Looking for an opportunity to B.L.E.S.S.? Hundreds of international students come to Singapore to study each year. Show God's love by simply making a home away from home for them — extend your hospitality, introduce them to Singapore, and invite them for meals.

Find out more at the booth at the foyer today! Sign up at <http://cefc.ch/UniBefriender201819>

Registration ends on 1 Jul.

For more information, email missions@cefc.org.sg



40-DAY PRAYER (1 JUL – 9 AUG)

Pray and Repent is the spiritual burden for our upcoming 40-day prayer season. Let's get ready to move further and deeper into repentance this coming 40-day prayer season!

- LoveSingapore 40-Day Prayer devotionals will be available from next Sun, 1 Jul onwards
- LoveSingapore Solemn Assembly (1-7 Jul, 8pm) will be held at BPJ Centre
- Overnight Prayer (8 Aug, 10.30pm to 9 Aug 6am) – more details will be released soon

PASTORS' INSTALLATION

Come and join the celebration as we witness Jeremy Koh and Sandra Chi of the Covenant EFC Staff Team installed as pastors, and Dr Stacey Tay installed as a lay pastor. A pastor is a salaried staff of the church while a non-salaried lay pastor serves firstly in the marketplace, and secondly in the church in a pastoral capacity.

Date: 15 Jul (Sun)

Time: 2:30pm – 5pm

Venue: WDL Centre, Main Sanctuary

For catering purposes, please RSVP by 5 Jul at the respective links:

Jeremy Koh – <http://cefc.ch/jk>

Sandra Chi – <http://cefc.ch/sc>

Dr Stacey Tay – <http://cefc.ch/st>

Come and bless them and share their joy!



... for a Vibrant & Healthy Next Generation

... for Godly Families and Generations

... for a Growing IDMC Movement in Singapore

... to Impact Our Society & Culture

... for a Growing Global IDMC Movement

ACKCentre

2 Kallang Avenue,

CT Hub #10-26, Singapore 339407

**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

T (65) 6892 6811

E mail@cefc.org.sg

W www.cefc.org.sg

FB www.facebook.com/CovenantEvangelicalFreeChurch

CovenantEvangelicalFreeChurch

BUKIT PANJANG, 24 JUN 2018

SERVICE LEADER: REV WILLIAM WONG • WORSHIP LEADER: JONATHAN CHI

Being Relevant Without Losing Our Fundamentals

PAUL SHI, THE NEXT GENERATION

Rick Warren in his Tedx Talk “How to Stay Relevant” opened by asking, “How do organisations become irrelevant?” He went on to say, “An organization becomes irrelevant when the speed of change around the organization is faster than the speed of change inside the organization.”

I thought this was a simple yet profound insight. I was reminded of Youth For Christ's slogan “Anchored to the Rock, Geared to the Times.” This captures the essence of holding fast to the fundamentals of the faith, whilst being open-handed when it comes to methodology, in order to stay connected to the times.

Recently we have started our CYAN Gatherings. One of the core principles that guides what we do and how we do it, is to be culturally relevant. Essentially, this means that if we want to see growth amongst our younger generation, our strategy needs to change. Our desire to stay culturally relevant guided our decision in choosing the location (Bugis+ in Joyden Hall). It impacts

how we design the look and feel of every PowerPoint slide, as well as every Instagram post. It frames the major topics that we cover in each CYAN Gathering, and directs how we welcome and connect. But at the heart of it all, the life-giving message of Jesus cannot and will not change.

It requires wisdom and discernment to know how to remain culturally relevant, without losing any of the essentials of who we are and our fundamentals. At times, we are afraid of becoming culturally relevant, thinking that if we do so, we will lose our fundamentals. However, understanding and implementing new ideas, and trying new methods do not mean that we lose our fundamentals. Nevertheless, staying true to the fundamentals requires both innovation and maturity.

Let's pray that the Lord gives us wisdom in knowing how to be a church that is relevant to our times, without ever losing sight of our intentional discipling mandate.

Sermon Outline

Growing Pains

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 6:1-7 • SERMON: PS LEE DA-WIN

Introduction

A. We can't just remain the same; we must _____ (vv.1-4).

B. We can't just change; we must remain the _____ (vv.5-7).

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

1 JUL - SARAH CHAN (BPJ), PS MATTHEW LO (WDL), AND PS SHARON FONG (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

The Duties of Fatherhood

SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 6:1-4 • SERMON: REV DR TAN SOO-INN

The call to fatherhood is a high calling. How fathers carry out their duties directly impacts families, which in turn affects the health of the society. In addition, when Christian fathers carry out their calling well, they are part of God's mission for discipling Christian children. Fortunately the Bible contains clear teaching on how we can be good fathers. Ephesians 6: 1-4 is one key passage.

There are at least three things Christian fathers need to do. First, fathers need to model for their children what it means to follow Jesus. Modelling is the most significant form of formation. Children will imitate those who love them. Next, fathers must ensure that they do not do things that will discourage their children. This could range from neglect to excessive discipline. Third, fathers must intentionally help their children fulfil their potential for Christ. Fatherhood is a tough calling, but we thank God that the heavenly Father can be trusted to help earthly fathers do their work.

Father's day can be tough to those who want to have earthly children but can't. Some are married but have not been able to have children. Some are not married. But in the family of God, the Church, we can be spiritual fathers to many who need caring male figures in their lives. This would include roles like Sunday School teachers, small group leaders, etc. This Father's Day we celebrate fathers of all kinds and pray for them.