

Announcements

NURTURE MASTERCLASS

This training aims to equip CGs in nurturing seekers and new believers in the foundation of their faith, and for those who are keen to know how to multiply spiritually by helping others become disciples of Jesus. Highly recommended for CGL, ACGL and CG members who share this vision of nurturing seekers and new believers.

WDL Centre 28 Oct, 1-3pm at Joy Room (Level 4)

East Centre 28 Oct, 1-3pm at The Pod 1, Capri Hotel & Suites

BPJ Centre 4 Nov, 1-3pm at Grace Sanctuary

Register at <http://cefc.ch/nurture-masterclass>

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Baptism Class will be held on Sun, 4 Nov, 1.00pm to 3.30pm at WDL Centre.

Membership Class will be held on Sat, 10 Nov, 9am to 4pm ACKCentre.

Register at the Information Counter.

DISCOVERY WEEKEND

This is a full-day workshop for courting couples to discover how to build a strong foundation in their relationship based on honest interaction, biblical principles and purity.

Date: 20 Oct (Sat) **Time:** 8.30am – 5.30pm

Venue: ACKCentre #10-10

Register at the Information Counter.

For enquiries, email fic@cefc.org.sg

WOMEN4WOMEN

“Beautiful in His Eyes” is a discipleship seminar organised by Women-In-Covenant (WiC) Ministry for all the ladies in Covenant. Embark with WiC on a journey to discover your Significance in God in your growth towards becoming *A Certain Kind of Woman!*

Date: 13 Oct (this Sat) **Time:** 9am - 1pm

Speaker: Ps Ann Chan

Venue: BPJ Centre, Main Sanctuary

Registration is required. Sign up at <http://cefc.ch/W4W2> by tomorrow, 8 Oct. For enquiries, email wic@cefc.org.sg

IDMC INSTITUTE MODULE

Vocation: Discerning God's Calling for Your Life

Speaker: Rev Dr Tan Soo-Inn

Date: 20 Oct (Sat) **Time:** 9.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: WDL Centre, Peace and Patience Room (Level 4) **Course Fee:** \$10 (pay on 20 Oct) For more information and to register, visit <http://cefc.ch/idmcivocinfo> by 16 Oct. For enquiries, email registrar@idmci.edu.sg or call 6911 1768.

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Do you love children and would like to create an impact in their lives? Bless the next generation by serving as a mentor!

Steady Readers Mentors

100 volunteers are needed to mentor children aged 6 to 10 years old who are not reading at their academic age and having difficulty in school due to poor English skills.

Period: Jan to May 2019

Days and Venue:

Every Mon and/or Wed at BPJ Centre

Every Tue and/or Thu at WDL Centre

Time: 8.00pm to 9.30pm

Mandatory Training: Late Jan 2019

P.A.N.D.A. Champs Mentors

12 volunteer mentors are needed for P.A.N.D.A Champs, a character growth programme for 7 to 10-year-old students this coming school holidays.

Period: 20 Nov – 13 Dec 2018

Days: Tue and/or Thu

Time: 9am – 1pm

Venue: BPJ Centre, Chapel (Level 3)

Mandatory Training: Thu, 1 Nov, 7.30pm-9.30pm

For enquiries, contact Jason at jasonlee@newlife.org.sg or 9635 1135.

EXTENDED REGISTRATION FOR NEW LIFE CHARITY RUN

More Runner-Fundraisers are needed for the upcoming New Life Charity Run.

Registration is extended until 10 Oct at tinyurl.com/newliferun2018 For enquiries call Trevor at 8767 7089 or email fundraising@newlife.org.sg



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... to Impact Our Society & Culture

... for a Growing Global IDMC Movement

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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

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EAST, 7 OCT 2018

SERVICE LEADER: REV BARNEY LAU • WORSHIP LEADER: SIMON AND LILLIAN SEOW

PraySingapore: Seeking the Welfare of the City

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

United Faith and Humility pleases God!

This is what's going to happen today from 4pm to 7pm at the National Stadium. In good faith, we are expecting a packed stadium, just like the Jubilee Day of Prayer in 2015; trusting God that all those who took the tickets will steward this God-ordained moment well and show up in full force — to wholeheartedly honour One Name, unite as One Family, humble ourselves as One People, and pray with One Hope.

Let's have a United Faith that cries out to God to make Singapore an Antioch of Asia, and Humility that first repents of our sins before God and asks Him to heal our land.

Certainly, we must not just pray during this Sunday, but every day and week till the Celebration of Hope on 17 to 19 May 2019. Pray that 2019, the Year of Proclamation, will bring forth an unprecedented harvest of fruits and righteousness.

We are very grateful that Covenant EFC could secure 3,120 tickets for our participation. We know some of you would like to go but there are no more tickets. Please do not be dismayed. Join us in spirit and use that time to pray with others as well. Or if you are bold enough, you may go to the stadium where there may be some tickets that are given back at the last minute. You can use those returned tickets to enter the stadium.

PraySingapore Sunday, 7 October The National Stadium 4pm to 7pm

Why PraySingapore?

- Because it is a significant moment in 2018 Year of Prayer
- Because it is a spiritual act in humble obedience to God
- Because it is a sacred trust to take part in shaping the future of our nation
- Because it is a strategic milestone towards a revival-harvest

Theme:

Seek the Welfare of the City

Overview:

Church | One Heart One Voice

A call to love Singapore: Pray for her. Seek God wholeheartedly. For when we do so, God has promised to reveal Himself to our people and our nation. (Jeremiah 29:7, 13-14)

Family | One Foundation One Future

A call to love Singapore: Sink roots. Be fruitful and multiply (Jer 29:5-6). In this family segment, there will be an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage vows. The organisers are inviting participation through local churches.

Nation: One People One Destiny

A call to love Singapore: Dream the Father's dream for Singapore (Jer 29:11).

Harvest | One Name One Hope

A call to love Singapore: Seek her shalom through Good News and good works (Jer 29:7).

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Sermon Outline

Seeking the Welfare of the City

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 17:1-34 • SERMON: BENJAMIN SUN

Introduction

If given one request, what would you seek for the welfare of our city, Singapore?

We seek the welfare of our city by:

A. Being a Messenger of the Word (vv.1-15)

B. Bringing a Message to the World (vv.16-34)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:
14 OCT - REV EDMUND CHAN (BPJ, WDL AND EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

More Surprise

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 16:11-40 • SERMON: REV BARNEY LAU

Introduction

Paul's second missionary journey was intended for ancient Asia Minor (now modern-day Turkey) which encompasses the Phrygian, Galatian, Asian, and Bithynian regions and cities of Mysia and Troas mentioned in Acts 16:6-8. But God led them to Philippi in Macedonia, which is in modern-day Greece. The narrative contrasts in Acts 16 accentuate the surprises of God's plans!

A. Unlikely Converts in Unlikely Places

1. The Philippian church was started with three unlikely converts in three unlikely places!
2. Contrast 1: Closed Doors (to Asia) but Open Hearts (in Macedonia)!
 - a. God's Compass: Living in daily Devotion to Jesus, by Walking in the Discernment of the Spirit, by Obeying in Deference to God's will and leading!
 - b. Not passively (abdicating personal responsibility) praying/waiting for Lord's guidance, but actively (personal ownership) walking and praying as He guides.
3. Contrast 2: Not in the Synagogue but by the River.
 - a. God's Convention: It is God who converts, not us – there are no fixed methods!
 - b. Paul's usual entry point is the synagogue, but Philippi had too few Jewish men to form a synagogue. Yet, it is God who converts in the most unlikely places!
4. Contrast 3: Not a Macedonian Man but a Wealthy Asian Business Woman
 - a. God's Choice: God always knows who the right person for His purposes is. Perhaps because of Lydia's hospitable personality, Paul's lodging/operations in Philippi were taken care of (v.15), and the Philippian church supported Paul's missionary endeavors financially (Phil 4:14-18).
5. Contrast 4: The enslaved could see, but the free could not.
 - a. God's Compassion: No one is out of reach from God! Even a spirit-possessed slave girl understood who God is. But not her masters, for all they understood was the financial loss as a result of her freedom!

B. Unbelievable Witness in Unbelievable Circumstances

1. Framed by a lie and beaten half dead, yet Paul and his party were praying and praising God to the extent that all the prisoners listened in, and stayed back despite a miraculous opportunity to flee! Jailer and his household came to Christ as a result!
2. Contrast 5: Prisoners, yet Prayer and Praise warriors!
 - a. Paul and his party were imprisoned, but they were not disheartened!
 - b. How we choose to go through our share of life's heartaches (our exterior) reflects God's share of our heart and life (our interior)!
3. Contrast 6: Was Hopeless and Desperate, but now Hopeful and Delivered!
 - a. Jailer was about to kill himself but was saved instead, because he found salvation and hope. It is God's initiative to save (v.14b), our only response is repentance (v.30b); our hope (v.15b) is anchored in God's assurance (v.31).
4. Contrast 7: Excessive injustice met with Exceeding Grace
 - a. Paul is a grace-giver only because he is a grace-receiver!
 - b. Despite being unjustly punished, Paul did not pursue justice due him.

Conclusion

Our God became the most unlikely and did the most unbelievable: He became man taking all our sins, and died for His creation who rejected Him!