

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAKTHROUGH WEEKENDS

Come and set aside extended time with God and journey together with your CG-mates. Sign up today at www.cefc.org.sg by clicking "My Account".

TODAY is the last day of registration.

Marriage BTW on 2 – 4 Jun
\$750 per couple

Men's BTW on 2 – 4 Jun
\$350 (twin) / \$510 (single)

Women's BTW on 26 – 28 May
\$350 (twin) / \$510 (single)

IDMC 2017 REGISTRATION

Early Bird has been extended! Sign up by 31 May 2017 to enjoy Covenanter special rate at \$60 (leaders) and \$120 (members) on <https://voyager.cefc.org.sg>

If you have already signed up for IDMC, serve the body of Christ together! Find out more on <http://volunteer.idmc.org.sg>. For all enquiries, email info@idmc.org.sg

STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for the following:

Executive (Finance)

Human Resource Staff

Manager (Media, Communications and Resources)

For more information, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment>
Email your resumes to hr@cefc.org.sg by 30 April.

THE ALPHA COURSE

Many have been saved through Alpha and you can be part of this amazing experience by inviting a pre-believer!

Come for our first introductory dinner,

Date: 19 April (Wed)

Time: 7 to 9.30pm

Venue: YMCA Orchard (1 Orchard Road, S238824)

Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com> or email alpha@cefc.org.sg for enquiries.

DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Discovery Weekend is a one-day session for courting couples to see where they are and where God is in their relationship, that they may grow to honour Him in all they do as His disciples. Sign up at the Information Counter on Sundays!

Date: 22 Apr (Sat)

Time: 8.45am – 5.00pm

Venue: BPJ Centre Chapel (Level 3)

For enquiries, please email fic@cefc.org.sg

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

P.A.N.D.A. Champs is a character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds. We need more than 10 volunteers to mentor these children.

Schedule: 6 – 22 Jun, every Tue and/or Thu, 9am – 1pm at Bukit Panjang

Training will be provided on 27 May, 2pm – 4pm at BPJ Centre Patience Room.

To sign up or enquire, contact Cai Aiwei (6760 0533; caiaiwei@newlife.org.sg) or Lewis Woo (9634 9457; lewiswoo@newlife.org.sg)

COVENANT EFC

ACKCentre: 2 Kallang Avenue, CT Hub #10-26, Singapore 339407

ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30am ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am

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VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

COVENANT EFC

BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 16 APR 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS ADRIAN CHAN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: BENJAMIN & SHARON TAN

CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY! HE IS ALIVE!

REV TONY YEO AND REV TAN KAY KIONG, SENIOR PASTORS

C *hrist died for our sins ...
He was buried, and ...
He rose again the third day ...*
– 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (KJV)

Today is Easter Sunday. For us Christians, this is the greatest celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead.

The earth-shattering truth is that on the third day after He died and was buried, Jesus rose from the dead. The symbol of Christianity is an empty cross. The Bible's glorious message is that Jesus is alive today, having triumphed gloriously over sin and death. As C. S. Lewis put it: "Jesus has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because he has done so. This is the beginning of the New Creation, a new chapter in cosmic history has opened."

Through His death, burial and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing eternal life for those who believe in Him.

Easter is not a memorial to a good religious teacher, but a celebration of the fact that Jesus, the Saviour, is alive today! I am a living proof, and so are the many Christians who celebrate Easter today.

... by being raised from the dead he was proved to be the mighty Son of God, with the holy nature of God himself. – Romans 1:4 (LB)

Jesus died once for all (Rom 6:10; Heb 10:12) and rose from the dead. Three days after paying the penalty of our sins on the cross, the sinless Jesus conquered death by rising from the grave and breaking the power of sin. It was this final sacrifice of blood that opened the only way for us to have a relationship with God and to have a home with Him forever. If Jesus is who He says He is, will you start believing and following Him today?

Today, Jesus' tomb remains empty because He has risen. This is the assurance that those who believe in Him have been fully justified!

SERMON OUTLINE

Christ is Risen!

SCRIPTURE: I CORINTHIANS 15:1-II ■ SERMON: DR ROLAND CHIA

Introduction

A. THE _____ OF THE RESURRECTION

B. THE _____ OF THE INCARNATION

C. THE _____ OF THE RESURRECTION

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:
23 APR – REV TONY YEO (BPJ), PS ANDY LEW (WDL) AND PAUL SHI (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Facing Opposition II

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 4:6-23 ■ SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

Ezra 4 is an unusual passage comprising different records of oppositions in different zones under different kings. The key spiritual lesson is: You cannot expect to do God's work without any opposition. In fact, we can expect more opposition.

Two unpleasant realities:

A. When Falsely Accused (vv.6-16)

1. We don't know much about the nature or result of this accusation under the reign of King Xerxes or Ahasuerus. There were two accusations we gleaned from verses 7 to 16:
 - a. "A rebellious and wicked city" (vv.12,15,19)
In three verses, the people were branded as rebellious, wicked, troublesome and seditious.
 - b. "Default on their taxes when the city is rebuilt" (vv.13,16)
2. Application:
 - a. In the human realm, we can be falsely accused or feel greatly misunderstood
What do we do? See 1 Peter 3:14-17;19. Look at the godly saints who were falsely accused: Joseph, Moses, David, Jesus.
 - b. In the spiritual realm, the Bible tells us that the devil is a liar and the accuser of our brethren (Jn 8:44; Rev 12:10).
3. Illustration: Dark period in Oswald Chambers' life. Put on the full armour of God.

B. When Forced to Stop (vv.17-23)

- "stop work ... compelled them by force to stop ... came to standstill (vv.21,23,24)
1. As a result of the accusation, the work of God was stopped. Isn't it strange that even though their work was the will of God, they were forced to stop? Shouldn't it be unstoppable?
 2. Think about these examples of God's work seemingly coming to a standstill, yet God's purpose continued: Adam and Eve in the Garden, Abraham, Israel in wilderness, Israel in exile, Jesus on the cross.
 3. Application: If you feel your life has come to a standstill due to some circumstances, what do you do? Trust God to do a new thing. Persevere in His ways.

Conclusion

God's work may be stopped, but God's purpose and plans are unstoppable.