

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVE IN IDMC 2017

This year's IDMC conference is about "Rekindling Your Spiritual Passion". We are expecting over 6,000 delegates from over 17 countries participating across 3 days and we need 400 Covenanters to serve the larger Body of Christ. Passion is about living the intentional life. If you have registered for IDMC 2017, this is a great opportunity to live out your passion by serving together with fellow Covenanters. Find out how you can serve at <http://volunteer.idmc.org.sg>

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Senja Homework Corner needs teachers for primary level to coach community kids residing in/near the rental blocks, once or twice a week (Mon to Thu), 7.30pm – 9.00pm at Block 632A Senja Road.

Choa Chu Kang Homework Corner held at CCK Community Club also needs teachers for primary level to coach community kids on Thursdays from 8.00pm to 9.15pm.

To sign up or enquire, email vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg

CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE

We will have our Child Dedication Service on 16 Jul in all the worship centres. You can start registering today at the Information Counter.

Please note that parents dedicating their children are strongly recommended to attend the Dedication Class on 21 May at WDL Centre, 1pm-4pm. We believe that discipleship begins at home and we look forward to journeying with you towards an Intentional Disciple Making Family!

ALPHA: WHO IS JESUS?

Alpha Session 1 "Who is Jesus?" will be held this Wed, 26 Apr. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Many have been saved through this and you can be part of this amazing experience by inviting a pre-believer! Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com> or email alpha@cefc.org.sg for enquiries.

CYAN CAMP EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

The early bird registration for Covenant Young Adults Network (CYAN) Camp has been extended. Sign up today with your CG through Voyager before it ends next Sunday, 30 Apr. Have a powerful encounter with God and have fun too. We would love to see you there! Dates: 23 – 26 Jun
Speaker: Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn
Theme: Drinking from the Fountain of Living Water
For enquiries, email cyan@cefc.org.sg

CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for the following to join the Staff Team:

- Executive (Finance)
- Human Resources Staff
- Manager (Media, Communications and Resources)
- Executive (Congregational Operations)

Applicants should either be a church or CG member. For job requirements, please go to <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> If interested, email your resume to hr@cefc.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

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EAST CENTRE, 23 APR 2017

SERVICE LEADER: JEREMY KOH ■ WORSHIP LEADER: DAVID CHONG

Revival Prayer Meetings Update

PS EDMUND WONG, PRAYER MINISTRY

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. – Acts 4:31

Last week's Revival Prayer Meetings were marked by God's tangible presence with us. There was an atmosphere of anticipation and eagerness to meet God. A Covenanter said he had not felt so uninhibited in worship for a long time. Another could not fully describe in words the experience of soaking in God's presence. Still another wanted to worship some more on the way home — after the programme was over!

A much-needed word was heard through Rev Paul Jeyachandran. His personal testimonies were extremely inspiring and faith-building. Our eyes were opened again to see that God is looking for those who will surrender fully, so that He will show up gloriously. As we responded to God, tears flowed freely and knees dropped easily. We also celebrated Holy Communion as we contemplated on Pastor Kay Kiong's question, "Where

are you?" in our own faith journey.

But that's not the end! Last Saturday, I met a resident at a community event. He shared about himself and his family with me. I prayed with him and invited him to church. He came, heard the Gospel and received Christ. Some years ago, I had the honour of baptising a leader's father in-law. His mother-in-law was not ready to receive Christ then, though she was happy to interact with his CG. Fast forward to last Christmas — she received Christ, and last Sunday she was baptised.

Revival is not an end in itself. God wants to revive us fully, so that we will proclaim the Gospel boldly. Stay tuned for the next two Sundays, when we will share more how God has been raising Covenant EFC to proclaim the Gospel!

Meanwhile, let's keep making space for the fire. Come 10 minutes earlier on Sunday to worship. Make time in your CGs to meet God unhurried through intimate prayer and worship. And when the divine appointments come, follow His leading. And be surprised by God along the way!

SERMON OUTLINE

Life in the Meanwhile

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 4:24 – 5:2 ■ SERMON: PS ANDY LEW

Introduction

A. What Stops Us (Ezra 4:24)

“Then the work on the house of God that is in Jerusalem **stopped**, and it **ceased** until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.”

B. What Revives Us (Ezra 5:1-2)

“Now the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, **prophesied** to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel who was over them.” (v.1)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

30 APR – PS SHARON FONG (BPJ), REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (WDL) AND PS EDMUND WONG (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Are You Looking for Jesus?

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 28:1-10 ■ SERMON: BISHOP EMERITUS ROBERT SOLOMON

Introduction

The resurrection of Jesus is the greatest miracle in all of history. It is the best answer to the human problem of death. (There are two key human problems: sin and death; cf. Rom 6:23). Good Friday deals with sin; Easter deals with death.

There are two instructions in this text:

Come and See (v.6)

The angel invites the women who went to the tomb to “come and see”. “He is nowhere” becomes “He is now here.” Notice the response of coming and seeing. The women came to Jesus, clasped His feet and worshipped Him (v.9). Clasp feet would have proved that He was not a ghost (real feet stand on the ground; cf. Lk 24:39), nor an imposter (pierced feet). Here is another subtle piece of evidence.

Go and Tell (vv. 7, 10)

After inviting the women to “come and see” the angel instructs them to “go and tell” the disciples (v.7).

In an interesting twist to the story, the guards are then described as “going and telling”. They went and told their employers and bosses (chief priests) all that had happened (v.11). They told the truth. But astonishingly, instead of changing their attitudes towards Jesus, the chief priests confer with the elders and made a devious plan to suppress the truth. They bribed the guards to tell a lie — that the disciples stole the body (vv.12-13). The soldiers are told to “go and tell” a lie, which was “widely circulated” (v.15).

There are therefore two different groups that were on a “go and tell” mission, one telling the truth, the other spreading the lie. To this day, we see this.

Lessons

1. Easter is an invitation, first of all, to come and see. Many Christians are practical atheists. They live as if God is dead.
2. It is an invitation to translate theory into personal experience.
3. If we don't tell, they will not know. Also there are others who are going and telling the lie. If we don't tell, the lie will spread. In other words, the challenge involves both personal evangelism and public apologetics.
4. Come and See. Go and Tell. Note the women's intensity in their intention (v.8 – they ran). Jesus met them. He was actually going ahead of them (v.7), but He turns around to meet and greet them (a nice touch!). In our going, we often meet Him. In our obedience, we often meet Him.