

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALPHA: WHY DID JESUS DIE?

Introduce Jesus to your family and friends at Alpha this Wed, 3 May, from 7.00pm to 9.30pm at YMCA at Orchard. Registration is free, but pre-registration is required at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com>. For enquiries, email alpha@cefc.org.sg

MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men's Ministry Network brings you the men's conference "Facing the Uncertain". Sign up at <https://mmn-mensconf2017.Eventbrite.com>. Registration ends this Wed. **Date:** 20 May (Sat) **Time:** 8.30am – 12.00pm **Venue:** Queenstown Baptist Church **Speakers:** Lucas Chow and Geoff Gorsuch

CYAN CAMP EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Today is the last day of early bird registration. Don't miss it! Sign up with your CG through Voyager.

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:

- 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

ALL THE KING'S DAUGHTERS

Families-in-Covenant brings you "All the King's Daughters", a tea party for mothers and their tween and teen daughters. Come and learn from Julie Hiramine, Founder of Generations of Virtue and Quek Shiwei, Director of Kallos.

Date: 20 May, Sat **Time:** 3.30pm – 5.30 pm

Venue: 5 Little Monkeys Cafe
20 Kallang Avenue

Fee: \$25/person

Sign up at bit.ly/ATKD2017 and pay at the Information Counter.

CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE

We will have our Child Dedication Service on 16 Jul at all the worship centres. Register 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 to 4pm. We believe that discipleship begins at home and we look forward to journeying with you towards an Intentional Disciple Making Family!

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Would you like to bless the community kids? We need teachers for primary level to coach them at the following locations:

Senja Homework Corner

Once or twice a week (Mon to Thu) from 7.30pm to 9.00pm at Block 632A Senja Road

Choa Chu Kang Homework Corner

Every Thursday from 8.00pm to 9.15pm at CCK Community Club

Email vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg to sign up or enquire.

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, 30 APR 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS SEBASTIAN QUEK ■ WORSHIP LEADER: PS FABIAN GHUI

Let's Go Fishing!

PS SHARON FONG, OUTREACH MINISTRY

A few weeks ago, my family and I had the opportunity to attend an Admiralty Zone 3 Residents Committee (RC) dinner with Mr. Vikram Nair (MP of Admiralty) as the Guest of Honour. The RC thanked Covenanters for their faithful service to the community kids at HDB void decks through storytelling. As my sons saw pictures of Covenanters conducting storytelling, I asked them, "Should the Church just be within the walls of the church building or should we also go beyond?" They pondered for a while and answered, "The Church should be beyond our walls and should be a blessing to others." Indeed, Christ has not called us to stay within the church building; we have been commissioned to be "fishers of men".

This month of April, we want to celebrate how Covenanters are acting in obedience as they intentionally reach out to others. On Good Friday, approximately 400 newcomers came to our evangelistic services (adult, Sunbeam and Momentum), 35 persons

rededicated their lives to Jesus and about 50 prayed to receive Christ. In the Domestic Helpers' Appreciation Tea, 19 persons prayed to receive Christ. I also witnessed many employers setting aside their precious time to bring their helpers to this event. All glory to God! We rejoice too that Covenanters are walking in obedience by inviting their friends to hear the Gospel this month of April.

Recently, one couple in our church has encouraged me. One day, they hopped into a Grab hitch by divine appointment. Prompted by the Spirit, they decided to invite the Grab driver to attend our church's Good Friday service. Amazingly, he came and was blessed by the service. This testimony gives us a glimpse of how a church should go beyond the church building to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the community.

Indeed, we are blessed to be a blessing. Let's go out of the church building and be fishers of men. Let's go fishing together!

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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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SERMON OUTLINE

Wake Up!

SCRIPTURE: HAGGAI 1:1-11 ■ SERMON: PS EDMUND WONG

Introduction

A. Drifting Off (vv. 1-4)

B. Coming Back (vv. 5-11)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

7 MAY – REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), PS ANDY LEW (WDL) AND PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Life in the Meanwhile

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

Introduction

Two questions that must be answered when we are in spiritual standstill:

A. What Stops Us (v.24)

“Then work on the house of God in Jerusalem ceased, and it was stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.” (v.24)

- a. Context: Two sets of oppositions caused the rebuilding of the temple to be stopped (4:1-23). The work on the temple “ceased and it was stopped” (4:24) for 15 years!
- b. Sometimes life feels like Good Friday. We must be aware of drifting discipleship: dedicated → discouraged → disbelief → disengaged
- c. Four signs of drifting discipleship: less time for the Word and prayer, less time with other Christians, less conviction of sin, less relevance of the Gospel
- d. But God's silence is not His absence. – Charles Swindoll

B. What Revives Us (vv.1-2)

“When the prophets, Haggai the prophet 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)

- a. The Word of God Convicts Us (5:1)
 - i. Haggai warned of distracted discipleship: building their own homes instead of the house of God (1:4,9).
 - ii. Zechariah warned them not to repeat the mistakes of their fathers and return to Him (1:3). They had returned to the land, but their hearts had drifted.
 - iii. God is more concerned for our doxology than our geography.
- b. Personal Testimony: Almost bought a house before going for missions
- c. The Word of God Sustains Us (5:2). God promised to be “with them, and supporting them.”
- d. Application: Keep on anchoring in God's Word daily to keep us from drifting.

Conclusion

Personal Testimony: Almost dropping out of Singapore Bible College due to personal and family crisis.

God is with us!