

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMPOWERING GOD'S MEN

Calling all men! You are not made to walk alone. Discover the journey of walking together with other Christian men. *Empowering God's Men Series* is a monthly session over four Saturdays, from 7.30am to 9.30am at Zion-Bishan Bible Presbyterian Church. Breakfast starts at 7am.

Dates and Speakers:

15 Jul – Rev Dr David Wong

19 Aug – Rev Dr Chua Chung Kai

16 Sep – Dr Geoff Gorsuch

14 Oct – Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn

Register at <https://mmn-egm.Eventbrite.com>
Registration closes on 31 May.

BRASS PLAYERS FOR WORSHIP MINISTRY

Worship Ministry is recruiting brass players for the upcoming IDMC conference and Anniversary Sunday service in September. Instruments required are trumpet, saxophone, trombone and flute. Auditions will be held in June. Rehearsals will begin in July until August. Players should have their own instrument.

If interested, email Adrian Lim at cefebrass@gmail.com

ALPHA: WHY AND HOW SHOULD I READ THE BIBLE?

Introduce Jesus to your family and friends at Alpha this Wed, 31 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

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP

Baptism Class on Sun, 25 Jun, 1.00pm to 3.30pm at WDL Centre.

Membership Class on Sat, 17 Jun, 9am to 4pm at ACKCentre.

Register at the Information Counter today!

CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for the following:

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

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

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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.30pm ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am (Pre-service prayer: 9.30am)

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VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
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- Balance
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WOODLANDS CENTRE, 28 MAY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS SHARON FONG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: PS LIM KENG YEOW & KAREN LIM

IDT and Selah Moments

PS YAM KENG MUN, DISTRICT MENTOR, SMALL GROUP INFRASTRUCTURE

Scripture memory, Bible reading, journaling, sharing lives, meeting weekly (except for the term breaks which brought relief to many of us who were juggling work, ministry and family) — 18 months of Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT) came to an end this week for cohort 13. I have two reflections on IDT: Rootedness and Repentance.

Readiness or Rootedness?

We think of readiness as a qualification to step up into a new role. Although we assume the importance of prior experience and training, we struggle with readiness. Can we ever be ready? In contrast, we are asked to be rooted in Christ (Col 2:7). Being grounded is to be steadfast and immovable when we are ambushed by conflicting choices. Work choices that take us away from our families, gaming hours online leaving us with panda-eyes, or living double lives watching pornography in the privacy of our rooms. Rootedness is a process over time — time to live out God's Word in our lives when we deal with storms and questions in life.

Regret or Repentance?

Repentance is a recurring theme in the Bible. Many times, God leads us to look at the condition of our hearts. We realise our lack of love for the Lord. We glimpse our self-deception. We make excuses to cover up our pride and unwillingness to seek after God. We notice the shallowness of our roots in God's truth. During Selah moments, we ask ourselves if we truly believe in Jesus as our Lord and not just our Saviour. Will there be momentary sadness or profound sorrow as we grieve over our sin? Or do we put our hands to the plough and declare that we know whom we believe and are persuaded that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him (1 Tim 1:12)?

There is a consequence of living an isolated life. Rootlessness and pride will not just be forgetting to read the Bible or praying before meals, but forgetting God's faithfulness and His grace in our lives. We would fall away, choosing ways apart from God and loving our own selves.

SERMON OUTLINE

GOD's Word for the Discouraged

SCRIPTURE: HAGGAI 2:1-9 ■ SERMON: PS IVAN HO

Introduction

A. Press ON because GOD is with YOU! (Haggai 2:1 – 5)

B. Press ON because Greater Days are ahead! (Haggai 2:6 – 9)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

4 JUNE – PS EDMUND WONG (BPJ), REV TONY YEO (WDL) AND PAUL SHI (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Will You Colour Their Lives?

SCRIPTURE: ZECHARIAH 8:23 ■ SERMON: PS EDMUND WONG

Introduction

We live in a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, Ambiguous) world where people look for hope to anchor and assure them in such times.

Ten nations – ten symbolising fullness and completeness (Gen 31:7, Exo 11:1, Neh 4:12). That's what the rebuilding of the Temple is for — to become a house of prayer for the nations who would be coming (vv.20-22)!

What it takes for us to colour people's lives with hope:

A. Be That Change by the Grace of God

1. Take hold – to seize with force. A trigger of trauma for the Jews when they were oppressed and invaded by foreign empires (Egypt, Babylon).
2. Yet this time, it's a desperate appeal and posture of submission by the Gentiles. The grand reversal by God, despite Israel's unfaithfulness!
3. Verses 3 to 5, 11 to 12 — The Gentiles would be attracted to Jerusalem that would be restored with the covenantal blessings of long life, biological and agricultural fruitfulness, joy and peace. And Israel will fulfill their destiny to be that light to the nations.
4. Focus: If you are a Christian, even your cat and dog should tell the difference (C.H. Spurgeon). Our lives either point the way to Jesus, or stand in the way of Jesus!

B. Be Their Companions in Their Search for God

1. Go with you – these Gentiles were likely God-fearing proselytes who wanted to go to the temple to worship.
2. To be a companion in the journey, you need to be close enough and walk the journey long enough to influence.
3. We heard – how? Ezekiel 3:12, Nehemiah 12:43, Joshua 2:10. The effects of what we do and say goes beyond what we understand or expect.
4. Focus: Walk the journey with the next generation, who listen with their eyes and think with their feelings (R. Zacharias). Sign up to be a New Life volunteer or join the New Life run.

Conclusion

There is hope for change, because God sent His son to colour our lives red with His blood!