

# Announcements

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Calling all constitutional members of Covenant EFC! You are invited to join our upcoming AGM on Sun, 25 Mar, 2:30pm at BPJ Grace Sanctuary.

Please update your mailing address/email address at <https://voyager.cefc.org.sg> to receive the AGM notification. Financial Report and Church Constitution (available to constitutional members only) will be available for collection at our booth at the foyer next Sun, 18 Mar.

## STM TRIPS IN 2018

Are you interested to go on short-term missions trips (STM) this year? Rally your CG and register with Missions Office.

Requirement and commitment: Trippers **must** be CG members, attending CG regularly, and committed to attending STM training and team meetings.

For more information on STM trips between May and Dec 2018, email [missions@cefc.org.sg](mailto:missions@cefc.org.sg) to receive details of upcoming trips.

## SERVE IN ALPHA

The Alpha Course is a series of informal and relaxed sessions exploring the Christian faith. Many have come to know Christ through Alpha and you can be part of this amazing experience by serving as a **group leader /assistant, prayer intercessor, usher or helper**. Alpha begins on Wed, 4 Apr, and will carry on for 10 sessions, ending on 27 Jun.

### Training for Alpha Group Leaders and Assistants:

Date for Part 1: 27 Feb (Tue)

Date for Part 2: 6 Mar (Tue)

Time: 7.15pm – 10pm

Make-up Date : 13 Mar (only for those who have attended either Part 1 or Part 2)

Venue: ACKCentre (#10-10)

Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com>

Email [alpha@cefc.org.sg](mailto:alpha@cefc.org.sg) for enquiries.

## STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking to fill in positions on the church staff. Please go to <http://www.cefc.org.sg/about-us/recruitment> for more information.

## GOOD FRIDAY OUTREACH SERVICE

Good Friday is just round the corner! Start praying and inviting your friends and loved ones to our evangelistic services on 30 Mar, 9am and 11am.

### BPJ Centre

Testimony: Peter Yu (local artiste)

Speaker: Ps Andy Lew

### WDL Centre

Testimony: Li Nanxing (local artiste)

Speaker: Paul Shi

### East Centre

Testimony: Lucas Chow (former Mediacorp CEO)

Speaker: Ps Matthew Lo

The offering collected on Good Friday will be donated to Biblical Graduate School of Theology. Light refreshments will be served for your guests. See you there!

## SERVE IN DANCE MINISTRY

Dance is a language that transcends borders. It is an expression of worship since the days of old. Today, dance continues in the house of God!

Whether you're trained in contemporary, ballet, jazz or other dance genres, Covenant Dance Ministry is calling out to you to join us!

**Sign up today at the booth at BPJ and WDL foyer or at <https://step-up.cefcapps.com>**

For more information, email [cefedance@gmail.com](mailto:cefedance@gmail.com)

Auditions will be held on Tue, 20 Mar, 8.30pm at ACKCentre. Prior registration is required.

## CHILDREN'S FEST 2018 MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

New Life's Children's Fest is back on Sun, 8 Apr! Be one of the 600 Covenanters who shows love to the community and brings joy to the children.

**Sign up individually or as a CG at <https://tinyurl.com/loveCF2018> or email [jasonlee@newlife.org.sg](mailto:jasonlee@newlife.org.sg)** See you there!

### Volunteer Briefing:

**BPJ Centre:** 18 Mar, next Sun, 2.30pm at the Chapel

**WDL Centre:** 25 Mar, Sun, 12.30pm at the Main Sanctuary

For enquiries, email [jasonlee@newlife.org.sg](mailto:jasonlee@newlife.org.sg)

## MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER

Lent is the season we remember what Jesus did on the cross to save us. On Maundy Thursday, we will gather in prayer and repentance to renew our love for God and pray for those yet to know Jesus. God wants to work in answer to our prayers to bring repentance and revival. See you on **Thu, 29 Mar, 8pm at WDL centre!**



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**East Centre:**  
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**EAST, 11 MARCH 2018**

SERVICE LEADER: BENJAMIN SUN • WORSHIP LEADER: SIMON AND LILLIAN SEOW

## Sex Is God's Good Gift

REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI, DIRECTOR, INTEGRATED EQUIPPING

One of the issues that surfaced in our Whole Life Inventory is that while we are doing well in our spiritual disciplines, we are not doing so well in the area of sexuality.

We see this in the expression of sex outside marriage and the use of pornography. That's why we have taken the theme of repentance and prayer for our church this year. That's why we have also set apart this Sunday and the next one to take a hard look at sexuality.

Here are three simple thoughts we want to share:

Firstly, sex is God's good gift to mankind. He invented sex! How can it be bad? He created us as sexual beings – male and female. Sex was designed to unite the first couple in marriage – for procreation (Gen 1:28), for pleasure (Prov 5:18), for protection (1 Cor 7:1 – 2) and as part of our personhood (Gen 1:27). Sex is God's good gift to us!

Secondly, the evil one takes this good gift and twists it around to enslave us. In this hyper-sexualised world, we are encouraged to freely express our sexual desires as and when we want.

The Scriptures clearly warn us in Rev 17:5 – 6 (NIV): "This title was written on her forehead: MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished."

What is meant to be a good gift is used by the evil one to destroy God's people. Let us be aware that there is a war for our souls. Let us repent and by God's power break free from bondages in our lives.

Finally, someone has likened sex to fire. It's a powerful gift. In the right places – it can provide warmth, cook our food and drive our engines. But fire outside of its proper confines can burn, hurt and kill. God gave mankind the good gift of sexual intimacy within the covenant bond between a man and woman. It builds and fosters their relationship and gives the possibility of future generations. Any other expression of sexual intimacy beyond that becomes like a wild fire. It can hurt you badly. May the Lord bless your life with the true fire that gives life!

# Sermon Outline

## Mind Your Body

SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20 • SERMON: PS BARNEY LAU

### Introduction

#### A. Our \_\_\_\_\_ is for the \_\_\_\_\_.

“The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord ...” (v.13a)

#### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ is for the \_\_\_\_\_.

“... and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.” (vv.13b-14)

### Conclusion

**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:**  
18 MAR - SEAN MCDOWELL (BPJ, WDL AND EAST)

# Last Week's Sermon Summary

## Good News

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:1-11 • SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

### Introduction

The book of Acts is a sequel to the gospel according to Luke, where it tells us what Jesus began to teach, and now continues through His Holy Spirit in His Disciples. Jesus speaks to them about the Kingdom of God. The Good News is that:

#### A. Jesus Is Alive (vv.1-3)

1. Jesus showed Himself to be alive through many convincing proofs to His disciples. How do we know these to be true? Firstly, the book of Acts is a reliable historical document as skeptical Sir William Mitchell Ramsay discovered for himself through his own archaeological discoveries. Secondly, the disciples were not hallucinating because He appeared to them in various circumstances and in some totally unexpected situations (e.g. on the Emmaus Road). Hallucination is personal and in the mind. There may be mass hysteria, but not mass hallucination.
2. What it means for us is that Jesus has indeed conquered death (a manifestation of sin) and has proven that there is eternal life. For those of us who believe, is Jesus alive only on Sundays or every waking moment of our lives? Living life with the risen Lord is what it means to be His disciple.

#### B. Jesus Is Lord! (vv.4-8)

1. After 40 days of being taught about the Kingdom of God, the disciples were still concerned only about their own nation. Jesus reminded them that what God has in mind is far larger than Israel — for the whole world to know that Jesus is Lord! The idea of being God's witness is taken from Isaiah 43:10 where Israel was to be the witness of the one and only true God.
2. As modern day disciples, we have the freedom to make those exclusive statements. What's more important is for us to know how we can substantiate them. Beyond the clash of worldviews, the Lordship question is a clash of “will-view”. Jesus is Lord! But will you allow Him to be the Lord of your life?

#### C. Jesus Is Coming Again (vv.9-11)

1. We are often so caught up with the here and now that we forget that Jesus is coming again! Yet His return is truly the good news we long for when He will “wipe every tear from their eyes”. There will be no more death, mourning, crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away (Rev 21:4).
2. Yet there will also be final judgement on unbelievers when the Lord returns (Rev 21:8). We are not told to run away from the world to wait for His return. Rather we are to run to the world with the Gospel that can save all who believe!

### Conclusion

What are we doing with the Good News that Jesus is Alive, Jesus is Lord, and Jesus is coming again? Let us go and proclaim that to the world!