

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 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 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 cefdance@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 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

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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WOODLANDS, 11 MARCH 2018

SERVICE LEADER: PS SHARON FONG • WORSHIP LEADER: BENJAMIN AND SHARON TAN

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: REV TONY YEO

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

More to Life

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:1-11 • SERMON: PAUL SHI

Introduction

Approximately 75% of the top 100 grossing movies are about people possessing supernatural or extraordinary abilities on a mission. When we read about the disciples, these were ordinary people endowed with supernatural abilities focused on a clear mission: to advance the Kingdom of God.

The most dangerous lies of the enemy are the subtle ones. One of the subtle deceptions that creep into our Christian life is that Christian life is lame, tame and same. But when we read the book of Acts, the disciples were known as people who ‘turned the world upside down’¹ (Acts 17:6).

Background: Acts 1:1-11, records Jesus’ last gathering with his disciples. He had appeared before them for the last 40 days, and taught them about the Kingdom. Now these are the last ‘recorded’ instructions Jesus gave to His disciples before his bodily ascension.

A. Wait! (Acts 1:1-5)

1. Note that Jesus did not command His disciples to strategise, plan, execute, but rather Jesus commanded them to wait. This is not to say, planning, strategising and executing is not important, but Jesus said **wait** — wait for the baptism in the Spirit.
2. Why? It is easier and more natural to first **do**. But the Jesus wanted them to **wait**. The principle here is that to do God’s Work, we need to do it God’s Way, with God’s Empowering. The disciples needed to depend on the power that came from Jesus before they went to advance His Kingdom.
3. What is the baptism in/with the Spirit? When does it happen?
 - a. Baptism of the Spirit means ‘immersed’ in the Spirit.
 - b. Our church believes that there is one baptism (1 Cor 12:13), but multiple fillings of the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18).
4. So the first thing Jesus told His disciples to do was to WAIT!

B. Witness (Acts 1:6-8)

1. When the disciples asked Jesus whether He was going to restore the Kingdom of Israel, Jesus ironically responds to His disciples to build a spiritual Israel as His witnesses, proclaiming the Kingdom of God.
2. The disciples were to receive ‘power’ when the Holy Spirit comes upon them. What kind of Power?
 - a. Gospel transformational Power (Rom 1:16)
 - b. Inner life transformation power (Eph 3:14-19)
 - c. Supernatural signs and wonders (Acts 6:8)
3. Acts 1:8 is a programmatic verse which summarises the movement of Acts. The disciples were witnesses in: Jerusalem: Acts 1-5, Judea and Samaria: Acts 6-8, Ends of the earth: Acts 13-28.

C. Disciple (Acts 1:9-11)

1. We live in the age between Acts 1:11 (Christ’s ascension) and Revelation 22:20 (Christ’s return).
2. Therefore, we are to disciple in this age of time. Four biblical core convictions for an intentional discipling church:
 - a. Jesus Christ is coming again soon (Rev 22:20).
 - b. The urgent task is world evangelisation (Mk 13:10).
 - c. The key to evangelisation is intentional discipling (Matt 28:18-20).
 - d. At the heart of intentional discipling is authentic, biblical disciples of Jesus Christ (Matt 4:19).

Conclusion

Pray that God places a hunger in our hearts to not settle for a lame, tame, same Christian life, but to experience more of God’s presence and power in our lives.

¹Even though this was used in a derogatory manner, the disciples were actually turning the world right side up. The point is that the disciples were changing and impacting the world!