

Announcements

MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER

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!**

EASTER FAMILY LUNCH

We will have an Easter Family Lunch next Sun, 1 Apr at BPJ and WDL Centres. **Please note that there will be no parking in BPJ Centre on that day.**

WOMEN 4 WOMEN

More Precious Than Jewels is a discipleship seminar organised by Women-In-Covenant for all the women in Covenant EFC. Embark with us on a growth journey of discovering our significance in God and becoming *A Certain Kind of Woman!*
Date: 28 Apr (Sat) **Time:** 9am - 1pm
Speaker: Pastor Ann Chan
Venue: BPJ Centre, Main Sanctuary
Registration is required. Sign up at <http://cefc.ch/cefcwomen> by 10 Apr.

PARENTING TRAINING

We believe that discipleship begins at home. Let's journey together towards an Intentional Disciple Making Family (IDMF). We strongly encourage you to join us in this coming run.

Parenting with Hope. For parents of tweens and teens. This will be held on **7-28 Apr (four Saturdays), from 2pm to 4pm at ACKCentre. Registration fee is \$90/couple. Register today at the Information Counter.**

ALPHA

Alpha is a series of informal and relaxed sessions exploring the Christian faith. Many have come to know Christ through Alpha. Invite your pre-believing loved ones or friends! **It starts on Wed, 4 Apr and will carry on for 10 sessions, ending on 27 Jun. Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com>** For enquiries, email alpha@cefc.org.sg

4 April Introduction: Is There More To Life Than This? 7pm - 9.30pm at YMCA Orchard 1 Orchard Road (238824)

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.

SERVE IN WORSHIP VOCALIST MINISTRY

Worship Vocalist Ministry is looking for people who love singing and desire to serve God with this talent. For more details, email cefc.wv@gmail.com
Sign up at <https://step-up.cefcapps.com>

LAST CALL TO SERVE IN CHILDREN'S FEST

We still need 220 volunteers to serve with us at Woodlands. Sign up individually or as a CG at <https://tinyurl.com/loveCF2018> You may also email jasonlee@newlife.org.sg to register or enquire. Don't miss this opportunity to bless the children and their families. See you on 8 Apr!

Children's Fest Volunteer Briefing is happening today at WDL Centre Main Sanctuary at 12.30pm

COOKING DEMO OUTREACH

Invite your pre-believing friends to our cooking demo. We will teach how to cook Lu Rou Fan and Ma Lai Gao on **8 Apr, 7.30pm at the foyer of WDL Centre. Registration fee of \$5 per pax** includes food sampling. To register or enquire, contact Vincent Chia via WhatsApp at 9842 8275.

APRIL 2018 DJ COLLECTION

Hard copies of the Devotional Journal (DJ) for Apr 2018 are available at the Information Counter at Level 1 while stocks last. The digital copy is available at our church website and "Covenant EFC" app.



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Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

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East Centre:
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EAST, 25 MARCH 2018

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Let Us Prepare Our Hearts

PS EDMUND WONG, PRAYER MINISTRY

Today is Palm Sunday. More than 2,000 years ago, Jesus entered into Jerusalem to a red carpet reception by the Jewish crowd. They had expected Him to deliver them from their political and military oppressors. They cried out to Him, "Save us! Save us!" They were yearning for their long overdue freedom and thought it was finally here!

What a dramatic climax it would have been if He marched straight to the Roman governmental building, stared at Pontius Pilate in the eye and like Moses said, "Let My people go!" But instead, he went to the Temple. What he did was unexpected and unbecoming of a rabbi – creating havoc in the Temple grounds and stopping people from their religious status quo. Imagine the tables flipping, the coins sliding to the ground, and the doves flying into the air!

What was wrong with Jesus? Everything in the Temple was going on "just fine!". Or so they thought. He saw beyond the outward forms, no matter how good they looked. "My

house shall be called a house of prayer. But you have made it a den of thieves." He saw into the heart. Religion had been used for personal gain. No wonder Jesus declared that His people were like the fig tree in the city – barren and withered. And He wept for their state and their fate to come (Matt 21:1-19, Lk 19:1-46).

This week leading up to Good Friday and Easter is a God-given opportunity for our self-reflection. What is the true condition of our hearts that nobody fully sees? As one Covenant EFC pastor put it, what keeps us awake at night is what we really worship. If I may add, what we often ask in prayer reveals whether our motivations are self-centred or God-centred.

May God in His grace reveal our hearts for what they are and what He sees. So that as a church, we may truly pray and repent, and become spiritually fruitful again to the Father's glory. Let us prepare our hearts as we come together in prayer this Maundy Thursday, 8pm at WDL Centre. Have a blessed Holy Week!

Sermon Outline

Aligning with God's Agenda

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:12-26 • SERMON: PS LEE DA-WIN

Introduction

To align with God's _____, we must align with _____.

A. Be Devoted to _____

B. Be Directed by _____

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

1 APR - REV DR GORDON WONG (BPJ), DR TAN SOO-INN (WDL) AND REV CHRIS CHIA (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

The Case for Marriage

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL • SERMON: SEAN MCDOWELL

Introduction

The values of fluid gender, same-sex marriage and subjective truth have flooded the minds and shaped the worldview of the next generation in America. These ideas are on the shores of Singapore. Therefore, we need to be biblically equipped on the issues.

A. The Biblical Case for Marriage

1. In Genesis 1:27, God reveals Himself as a Creator. Since we are created beings, it implies that we have a purpose. If there was no God, then we would have no purpose.
2. God's command to the man and woman is to be fruitful and multiply.
3. God created people in His image, he created them male and female.
4. In Genesis 2:24, the command is for man to leave his father and mother and become one flesh with his wife. What does it mean to become one flesh?
 - a. Oneness in every way — relationally, physically, emotionally and financially.
 - b. Oneness biologically. We can perform every biological function by ourselves except for sex.
 - c. God's design was one man, for one woman, for one life time, and to populate the earth.
5. In Matthew 19:3-4, when the Pharisees asked Jesus about the issue of divorce, Jesus pointed them back to Genesis 1 – God made them male and female, and then Genesis 2:24 – man is to leave his father and mother to become one flesh with his wife. Reason being that Jesus wanted to remind them that it was one man, one woman, for one lifetime.
6. When Jesus spoke about issues of sexuality, he was more conservative.
7. When our worldview lines up with Jesus' worldview, we are always on the right side of history.

B. Case for Marriage Without the Bible

1. Same sex marriage is not the root of the problem; it is the fruit of the problem.
2. Broken heterosexual marriages have done more damage in our lives than same sex marriages have.
3. Sexual revolution states that:
 - a. Sex is divorced from babies. It is a purely physical act.
 - b. Marriage is about self-fulfillment. Marriage is about finding your soul mate.
 - c. Gender differences are irrelevant: "Gender is between your ears, not between your legs."
4. If we adopt these ideas on the sexual revolution then same sex marriage makes sense.
5. However, the original design for sex states that: Sex makes babies; society needs babies; babies need a mother and father. Studies have all shown that the optimal environment for a healthy self-image is for a child to have a mother and a father.

C. What Can We Do?

1. Repent. Work on our personal relationship with God, and on our marriages.
2. Help the next generation to see through the lies and the manipulation that is spreading through the wider culture.
3. Teach a positive view of the Bible, that sex is a gift.