

# Announcements

## 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.cfcapps.com>** For enquiries, email [alpha@cfc.org.sg](mailto:alpha@cfc.org.sg)

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

## 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://cfc.ch/cfcwomen> by 10 Apr

## DISCOVERY WEEKEND

This is a full-day workshop for courting couples to discover how to build a strong foundation in their relationship based on honest interaction, biblical principles and purity. **This will be held on Sat, 14 Apr, 8.30am to 5pm at ACKCentre Performing Arts Studio.** Register at the Information Counter. For enquiries, email [fic@cfc.org.sg](mailto:fic@cfc.org.sg)

## 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.

## 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.

## SERVE ON MISSIONS WEEK (22 & 29 JULY)

Missions Week is coming up! **We invite you to step up for missions by helping in logistics, Sunday services or foyer activities.** Register and find more details at <http://cfc.ch/MW18Sign-up> For enquiries, email [missions@cfc.org.sg](mailto:missions@cfc.org.sg)

## OLDER ADULTS, HEALTH MATTERS FORUM

Older adults prefer to remain engaged and productive whether they have retired or not. Beyond the occasional cough and colds, their concerns about health may gravitate towards chronic or challenging medical conditions. What can we do? Organised by the Encouragers-in-Covenant (EiC), this forum addresses current concerns that Covenanters have regarding themselves or their loved ones.

**Date:** 21 April (Sat)

**Time:** 9am-12.30pm (breakfast will be served at 8am)

**Venue:** WDL Centre, Chapel Level 4

**Sign up at [voyager.cfc.org.sg](http://voyager.cfc.org.sg)** Registration closes on 18 Apr.

## CAMP COVENANT EARLY BIRD EXTENSION

The early bird registration for Camp Covenant has been extended till 15 April! Registration ends on 29 Apr. Sign up in Voyager.

## ORDINATION SERVICE

Come and join the celebration as we witness the ordination of our beloved **Ps Barney Lau** on **29 Apr, 2:30pm** at WDL Centre Main Sanctuary. RSVP at [cfc.ch/ordinationsservice](http://cfc.ch/ordinationsservice)

## PASTOR'S SABBATICAL

Rev William Wong will be on overseas sabbatical leave from 2 Apr to 29 May 2018.



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## What Is so Important About Easter?

REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTOR

Last Sunday night, we received the sudden news of Rev Dr Rick Seaward's home-going. The former Senior Pastor of Victory Family Center (VFC) was a Christian statesman in Singapore with a big Kingdom heart for unity among churches and pastors locally and globally. He was also known as the Missions Pastor of Singapore who raised many missionaries and planted many churches here and abroad. We paused to pray for the Seaward family and the VFC community in Singapore.

As I think of the Jesus' death on Good Friday, I am thankful that three days later, it was Easter. Easter is not some memorial to a nice, good religious teacher who lived 2,000 years ago. It's a celebration of the fact that Jesus is alive today. It proved that Jesus is who he claimed to be — God in the flesh who came to earth to save us. Easter is so much greater than we can comprehend. It is a story of victory and redemption in Christ. We celebrate Jesus Christ rising from the dead.

Easter is the difference between life and death. Without Easter, we don't have hope.

The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ came to earth to save us from spiritual death. We

are all sinners. We fall short of God's perfect standard. The punishment for our sin is death, not just physical death but spiritual death — eternal separation from God.

The Bible tells us that because of God's great love for us, He made a way for us to reach Him through Jesus. Jesus willingly died an agonising death on the cross to pay the price for our sins, and built a bridge between God and us. He died in our place.

Praise be to God! The story didn't end there. Jesus conquered death by rising again after three days. That glorious day is what we call Easter. It is the day sin lost its grip on us. It is the day death was vanquished by the ultimate expression of Christ's love for us. Because Jesus lives, we can also live forever with Him in heaven.

Today if you would make Jesus Christ as Lord of your life, you will no longer be condemned to spiritual death. There is **hope**, not only for eternal life with Jesus, but even today you will be filled with purpose, passion and power for living.

So what does Easter have to do with you? **Everything!** Will you choose Jesus today? A life with Jesus or a life apart from Him?

# Sermon Outline

## The Resurrection: A Unique Sign for a Unique Claim

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 20:1-31 • SERMON: REV DR TAN SOO-INN

- 1. One of the reasons the Bible was written was to help us continue to have faith in Christ. (vv.30-31)**
- 2. The key evidence for the identity of Christ is His resurrection from the dead. (vv.24-29)**
- 3. We know Jesus rose from the dead because His tomb was empty. (vv.1-10)**
- 4. We know Jesus rose from the dead because people met the resurrected Christ. (vv.11-22)**
- 5. We know Jesus rose from the dead because lives were transformed. (chp 21: 15-19)**
- 6. We know Jesus rose from the dead because of the existence of the Church. (vv.19-23)**
- 7. However evidence alone cannot compel belief. (vv.6-10)**
- 8. But when we choose to put our faith in Christ we find life, full and eternal. (vv. 31; chp.10:10; chp.11:25-26)**

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

8 APR - PAUL SHI (BPJ), PS SHARON FONG (WDL) AND PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

# Last Week's Sermon Summary

## Aligning with God's Agenda

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:12-26 • SERMON: PS EDMUND WONG

### Introduction

God never intended any disciple to be spiritually barren. Spiritual fruitfulness is His agenda for us! Our 40th year journey as a church is like that of Israel who left behind her barrenness (in the desert) to journey into a new territory of fruitfulness. We are now tasting the appetiser. The main course is coming!

The disciples were in a 10-day period of waiting. But they didn't wait passively. In obedience to Jesus' command to stay in Jerusalem until power comes, they aligned themselves with God's agenda in the meantime.

What it takes to align with God's agenda of fruitfulness:

### A. Be Devoted to Prayer (vv.12-14)

1. Devote – “adhere closely, attend diligently, to be earnest and continuous”. In short, they superglued themselves to God's presence rain or shine, with or without traffic jam. Prayer was locked into their schedules.
2. They prayed not just in the upper room but also in the temple (Lk 24:52-53), at both the formal and informal places, through structured and unstructured times.
3. They did not pray round the clock. They had to attend council meeting and make strategic decisions, help those in need financially and materially. But all those activities branched out from prayer as their divine centre.
4. They did it together with one heart, mind and passion, regardless whether male or female, tax collector or fisherman, biological or spiritual family.
5. Focus: Busyness and boredom lead to barrenness. Let's build prayer into our busy routines. In our boredom, let's do that which is empowering rather than just entertaining!

### B. Be Directed by Scripture (vv.15-26)

1. Why is there a need to replace Judas? They knew from Israel's history and Jesus' ministry that they had to make up 12 to represent a new spiritual community. But there is more.
2. Verse 16 – cf. Psalm 69. They were directed by the Old Testament which finds its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus' life and ministry (cf. Jn 2:17, 15:27).
3. Verse 26 – casting lots itself was a Jewish practice that has precedence in the Old Testament to establish scapegoat for their sacrificial system, the guilty family who sinned, boundaries for the tribes, etc. They believed that through lot casting, these decisions were from the Lord (Prov 16:33).
4. After Pentecost, lot casting was no longer featured. God's leading was grounded in Scripture and confirmed by other means e.g. the leaders listening to the Spirit together, a vision, favour and open doors in cities, etc.
5. Focus: How has God directed you through Scripture lately? Keep a journal especially of Bible passages (words/phrases) in your reading and reflection that grabbed your attention. God will confirm that leading (e.g. through circumstances that will unfold).

### Conclusion

A call to spiritual attentiveness through prayer and Scripture. So that we enter into spiritual fruitfulness!