

# Announcements

## ALPHA: WHO IS JESUS?

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!

**Date:** 11 Apr (Wed)

**Time:** 7pm - 9.30pm

**Venue:** YMCA Orchard 1 Orchard Road (238824)

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

For enquiries, email [alpha@cefc.org.sg](mailto:alpha@cefc.org.sg)

## 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**

## 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.

**Date:** 14 Apr (Sat)

**Time:** 8.30am - 5pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre Performing Arts Studio

Register at the Information Counter.

For enquiries, email [fic@cefc.org.sg](mailto:fic@cefc.org.sg)

## HOKKIEN SERVICES MUSICIAN RECRUITMENT

Would you like to serve and worship God through your musical skills?

**The Hokkien Congregation is looking for keyboardists, guitarists, bass players and drummers for the Hokkien Services at BPJ and WDL Centres on Saturdays.**

The Woodlands Hokkien Service is held at 2.30pm and the Bukit Panjang Hokkien service is held at 5.30pm on Saturdays.

If you are interested to serve, email [faith.chen@cefc.org.sg](mailto:faith.chen@cefc.org.sg)

## IDMC 2018 - FAITH & FIRE

**Sign up for IDMC 2018 by 31 May 2018 to enjoy the Covenanter special rate at \$60 (leader & spouse) and \$120 (member) on <https://engage.cefc.org.sg>**

**If you have signed up for IDMC, help serve the body of Christ together.** Find out more on <http://volunteer.idmc.org.sg>

For any enquiries, please email [info@idmc.org.sg](mailto:info@idmc.org.sg)

## OLDER ADULTS, HEALTH MATTERS FORUM

Dealing with health issues and growing old can mean taking eldercare leave, being homebound, bed-bound or wheelchair-bound. Supporting ourselves or our loved ones can also mean needing transport help for medical appointments, tracking medical consultations and respite care. What else 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 (refreshments will be served at 8am)

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

**To sign up, email [encouragersadmin@cefc.org.sg](mailto:encouragersadmin@cefc.org.sg)**  
Registration closes on 18 Apr.

## CHILD DEDICATION CLASS

**The Child Dedication Class will be held on 20 May, Sun, 1-5pm Joy and Love Rooms at WDL Centre.** Sign up at the Information Counter.

The Child Dedication Service will be held on Sun, 24 Jun.

## BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

**Baptism Class** on Sun, 6 May at WDL Centre from 1.00pm to 3.30pm.

**Membership Class** on Sat, 12 May at ACKCentre from 9am to 4pm.  
*Register at the Information Counter.*

## CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking to fill the following position within the church staff team.

• **Ministry Executive (Hokkien)**

Please go to <http://www.cefc.org.sg/about-us/recruitment> for more information.



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**ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES**  
**BPJ Centre:**  
Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

**WDL Centre:**  
Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

**East Centre:**  
Sun 9am & 11am

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**WOODLANDS, 8 APRIL 2018**  
SERVICE LEADER: PS IVAN HO • WORSHIP LEADER: CHUA SUE ERN

## A Gateway to Paradise

PS ADRIAN CHAN, INTEGRATED EQUIPPING

**H**oly Week touched my heart once again—deepening the devotion towards God, and strengthening the mind and will to follow Jesus. For me, this Holy Week also culminated with the joy of baptizing 42 brothers and sisters who formally confessed allegiance to God. Some underwent their baptism solemnly. Some could not contain their emotions, shedding tears of repentance, thankfulness or dependence upon God. One baptizand wept right through her baptism. Each one metaphorically took up the cross to declare himself or herself as a Christ-follower before a watching world.

Carrying one's own cross involves paying the daily price of yielding the whole being, in exchange for the surpassing treasure found in knowing God. It is easy to say "Yes, thank You Jesus for dying on the cross", but this does not translate to "Yes, I too will carry my cross, and die to my self-centered life and follow

You". Yet, Jesus has said that whoever wishes to be His disciple must deny himself, take up the cross daily and follow Him (Lk 9:23, Matt 16:24, Mk 8:34). Surely, **the cross is the main story**, not a sub-plot.

We are to be co-crucified with Christ, and then live a new life. We learn from the seed—it must die to its form before it becomes a thriving tree. **The grave is but a gateway to paradise, and death a pathway to resurrection**, as someone has said. It involves a fresh way of thinking!

Denying oneself, taking up the cross and following Jesus will be a daily experience in our lifelong pilgrimage. For me right now, it is to die to my wish for advanced biblical learning. Rather, I give in, with God's peace and joy, to the Spirit's prompting to serve my family and Covenant EFC in the coming years. What about you? What must you say "no" to today? And what is the cross you must carry? Be co-crucified with Christ, and live the new life in Him!

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# Sermon Outline

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When the Spirit comes ...

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:1-13 • SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

## Introduction

## Conclusion

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# Last Week's Sermon Summary

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The Resurrection: A Unique Sign for a Unique Claim

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

## Introduction

How do we know the Christian faith is true? As followers of Jesus Christ, we discover that we may have to make costly decisions for the privilege of doing so. Indeed, there are many Christians around the world who are tortured and killed for their faith. Besides, if Christianity is not true, then the claims of Christ --- forgiveness of sin, life after death, reunion with loved ones who have died in Christ, etc., ---- are also not true. We know Jesus is who He claims He is because He died and rose again.

This Easter, we re-examine afresh the reasons why we believe Jesus really died and really rose again, not just to satisfy our intellectual curiosity but to renew our faith, both for ourselves and for those we are trying to reach with the gospel.

1. We know that Jesus rose from the dead because His tomb was empty.
2. We know that Jesus rose again from the dead because people actually met the risen Christ.
3. We know that Jesus rose from the dead because those who met Him were transformed.
4. We know that Jesus rose again from the dead because of the existence, survival and growth of the church.

We will discover that though evidence cannot compel belief, there is more than enough evidence to justify belief. And when we choose to put our faith in Christ, we will find, and continue to experience, life full and eternal (John 10:10).

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**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:**

15 APR - REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (BPJ), PS ANDY LEW (WDL) AND REV TAN KAY KIONG (EAST)