

Announcements

ALPHA: WHY DID JESUS DIE?

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: 18 Apr (Wed)

Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm

Venue: YMCA Orchard 1 Orchard Road (238824)

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

For enquiries, email alpha@cefc.org.sg

ORDINATION SERVICE

Come and join the celebration as we witness the ordination of our beloved Pastor Barney Lau on **29 Apr, 2:30pm at WDL Centre Main Sanctuary.**

C.Y.A.N. GATHERING

C.Y.A.N. Gathering is a fortnightly platform for young adults to invite their friends and gather as a community.

To get involved, sign up at cefc.ch/cyanop

For more information, go to cefc.ch/cyaninfo

Check out our Facebook updates at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cyan.cefc> and follow us on

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/cefc.cyan>

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

KIDZBLAST

Invite pre-believing 7 to 12-year-olds for KidzBlast outreach on 29 Apr. Admission is free but registration is required. **Registration forms are available at the Information Counter.** For more information, visit www.cefc.org.sg

We need you to help us serve! Please sign up at <http://cefc.ch/SERVEKB>

CAMP COVENANT 2018

As there are still vacancies, the **early bird rates has been extended all the way to closing on 29 Apr.** Join us as 1 church, 3 centres come together!

COVENANT PHOTOGRAPHY MINISTRY

Covenant Photography Ministry is holding a mini workshop for those who are interested in family portrait photography on **Sat, 21 Apr, 9am at WDL Centre.** This workshop will feature know-how on setting up the lights as well as photography techniques. Participants must have at least a high-end compact / interchangeable camera and basic photography knowledge. **To sign up, email** cefcphotographyministry@gmail.com **by 18 Apr.**

THANK YOU CHILDREN'S FEST VOLUNTEERS!

We thank God for the estimated 2,400 children and family members who enjoyed the fun and family bonding at Children's Fest in Bukit Panjang and Woodlands last Sunday. Thank you to the 565 amazing volunteers who stepped up to demonstrate love to the community for Christ! You all made a difference by selflessly giving your time to serve and bring joy to the community. We hope to see you again next year!

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.



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... to Impact Our Society & Culture

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SERVICE LEADER: PS LEE DA-WIN • WORSHIP LEADER: LOW WEI SHING AND MAVIS

Chairman's Heartbeat

ELDER LOUIS TAN, COVENANT EFC BOARD CHAIRMAN

Covenant EFC's 40th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Sun, 25 Mar 2018. In reviewing 2017, we are grateful to God for growing Covenant EFC from an average worship attendance of 5,610 in 2016 to 6,199, for 558 conversions, and for abundantly supplying \$17 million from tithes and offerings.

We would like to thank all members of the Council of Elders (COE), Church Board and its committees/boards for their dedicated service. In particular, we would like to thank Elders Hui Weng Tat and Benjamin Mow for their service to the Church Board and COE over the past decade as they both step down from the COE. We also welcome Deacon Wong Zeng Yi onto the Board.

As we move towards Vision 2028, God has entrusted to Covenant EFC Five Faith Exploits:

1. Disciple now for a vibrant and healthy next generation
2. Disciple now for godly families and generations
3. Disciple now for a growing Intentional Disciple Making Church (IDMC)

movement in Singapore

4. Disciple now to impact our society and culture

5. Disciple now for a growing global IDMC movement

Our strategy to accomplish this vision is to build Covenant EFC as one church with multiple centres. To support this, the Board has established the Investment Committee in 2015, and the Property Committee in 2016 to prepare for our future funding and infrastructure needs.

As we studied Ezra last year, God assured me from Ezra 7:27-28: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of our fathers, who put such a thing as this into the heart of the king, to beautify the house of the Lord that is in Jerusalem, and who extended to me his steadfast love before the king and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty officers. I took courage, for the hand of the Lord my God was on me, and I gathered leading men from Israel to go up with me." God's promise to me is to take courage for the hand of God is on us. So as a Church Board, we will take courage and together with you, lead the church to the destiny God has called Covenant EFC to.

Sermon Outline

The First Sermon

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:14-41 • SERMON: PS ANDY LEW

Introduction

Peter's first sermon ushered in a new era of discipleship and evangelism, which still resonates today.

A. A Great CONFIDENCE (vv.14-21)

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh” (v.17)

B. A Great CHRIST (vv.22-36)

“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” (v.36)

C. A Great CONVICTION (vv.37-41)

“Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” (v.37)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

22 APR - DR AJITH FERNANDO (BPJ, WDL AND EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

When the Holy Spirit Comes

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2: 1-13 • SERMON: PAUL SHI

Introduction

The subtle lies of the enemy are the dangerous ones. One of the lies I have fallen into is that the Christian life is lame, tame and same. However, when we look into the book of Acts, what we see is a Christian life that is alive, vibrant and exciting. We hope that as we look into Acts 2, we are inspired to live an exciting and real Christian life.

When the Holy Spirit comes, He comes to fill us.

Acts 2:1-4

Pentecost

Pentecost was one of the three great feasts of the Old Testament. The others were Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles. The fulfilment of Passover was in the cross. Jesus is now the Passover Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The fulfilment of Pentecost was seen in Acts 2. When Moses went up the mountain, the law came down; this time, Jesus ascended and the Spirit of God came down. The law of God is now written on the fleshly hearts of people in fulfilment of Ezekiel 36.

Wind and Fire

In the Old Testament, we see the Spirit of God revealed as both wind and fire. In the Old Testament, the Wind of God, or the breathe of God, is associated with the giving of Life. Genesis 2:7, Job 33:4, Isaiah 30:33 and Ezekiel 37 speak of God's breath giving life.

Fire also represents the presence of God in the Old Testament, in the way that He leads and speaks from fire. Exodus 3 is the famous story of God speaking to Moses from a burning bush. Exodus 13:21, Exodus 14:24, 19-20 and Deuteronomy 4:21 are a few of the references where God led His people and spoke through the fire.

Now the amazing thing is the Spirit of God comes as wind and fire and fills the disciples.

The picture here is that God's Spirit filled the disciples. The only way this is possible is because of the cross. Jesus Christ has now made us innocent in the sight of God, and we are now able to be filled with His presence.

Filled: The disciples were filled with the Spirit of God. What are we filled with today?

Acts 2:4-13

Three Observations of what happened when the disciples were filled with the Spirit:

1. Amazed. Astonished. Bewildered: Those who saw the disciples were amazed at the mighty works of God as the disciples spoke in other tongues. When was the last time we were amazed and astonished at the works of God?
2. **All nations** were gathered! They gathered and heard the disciples speak about the great works of God.
3. **Courageous:** The disciples originally were cowardly. As soon as they saw Jesus arrested, they scattered. But being filled with the Holy Spirit, their cowardice became courage, declaring the works of God to thousands of people.

10-Day Challenge:

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you.
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to prompt you.
3. Obey His prompting.