

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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WOODLANDS, 15 APRIL 2018

SERVICE LEADER: VINCENT CHIA • WORSHIP LEADER: BENJAMIN AND SHARON TAN

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: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Introduction

What is God's message?

A. The URGENCY of the TIMES (Acts 2:17a)

We're living in the LAST DAYS ...

B. The GIFT of GOD'S SPIRIT (Acts 2:17b)

Where GOD pours out His SPIRIT ...

C. The CENTRALITY of CHRIST (Acts 2:33)

Through His SON JESUS CHRIST ...

D. The POWER of GOD'S GRACE (Acts 2:38)

For the forgiveness of SINS

Conclusion

What's your response?

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:
22 APR - DR AJITH FERNANDO (BPJ, WDL AND EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

When the Spirit Comes

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

When the Spirit comes upon you, what do you think will happen?

In Acts 2:1, God filled them with His Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The filling of Holy Spirit on Pentecost signifies a new covenant and new ability for people to fulfill the Law. In the past, when they celebrated the giving of the law on Pentecost, they were not given the empowerment to fulfill it. With the filling of the Spirit, there is a new heart and spirit to love and obey God (Eze 36:26). Although we have the Holy Spirit who dwells in us as a seal of salvation, we must ask daily and regularly for the filling of the Spirit so that we may have a new heart, mind and spirit to love and obey God. Do you want to be filled? Rev Edmund Chan said that you can come to the Lord to be filled either with a cup, pail or barrel. Today, make a choice to come to the Lord with a huge barrel and ask Him to fill you completely.

When the Spirit comes, be filled in three ways: 1) Read the Word of God ; 2) Obey the Word of God; 3) Desire the Spirit of God.

When the Spirit of God filled the disciples in Acts 2:7, the people were amazed and astonished by new tongues. They were amazed because the Galileans were uneducated and yet they displayed a surprising array of linguistic expertise. The tongues in Acts 2 was evidently missional in nature so that the pre-believing Jews could hear the mighty works of God. When the Spirit came, there was an amazing empowerment and missional thrust. When the Spirit came, the disciples of Jesus Christ were filled and empowered to fulfill their destiny to be a blessing to the nations. In the past, God's people knew that they were set aside, blessed to be a blessing to the nations. But on the day of Pentecost, this filling of the Holy Spirit signified a new empowerment to carry out the Great Commission. The missional thrust in Acts 2 was amazing! The impact went from the upper room to the streets. They declared the mighty works of God to the many nations stated in the passage. When the Spirit comes, there will be an amazing new empowerment and missional opportunities to reach out to others. **When the Spirit comes, be amazed.** Be amazed by how the Spirit will lead you to reach out. Be amazed at His work in the lives of others.

When the Spirit comes upon your life, will you really be amazed? There are only two responses to this question. As stated in Acts 2:12-13, you will either be amazed or you will find it ridiculous. Many Jews in this passage refused to be astonished. They made up their minds about the filling of the Spirit and concluded that the disciples of Jesus had too much wine, although the season of wine was still two months away. When the Spirit comes, will you be excited, indifferent or cynical?

When the Spirit comes, be filled and be amazed!