

# Announcements

## ALPHA: HOW CAN WE HAVE FAITH?

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:** 25 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](mailto:alpha@cefc.org.sg)

## ORDINATION SERVICE

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

## IMPACT MAGAZINE

IMPACT Magazine is available today at the foyer at \$4/copy. You can also subscribe at \$24/year or \$44/two years. Many pastors in third world countries are requesting for IMPACT. You can help them by sponsoring their subscriptions at \$32/year. The theme for April/May 2018 issue is "Family Issues".

## 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](http://cefc.ch/cyanop) For more information, go to [cefc.ch/cyaninfo](http://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>

## 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>

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## CAMP COVENANT 2018

You can still sign up for the early bird rates all the way until registration closing next Sun, 29 Apr. Join us as 1 church, 3 centres come together!

## SERVE AS CURRICULUM WRITER

We are looking for curriculum writers for Sunbeam Preschool who will contextualise and adapt an existing curriculum for local context and age-appropriate learning, and compile lesson notes with craft/activities for Sundays. You can do these tasks at your home.

If you love kids, own a personal computer, has basic skills in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, and preferably with an experience in early childhood or children's work, sign up at <http://cefc.ch/ocwriter>

## 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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**WDL Centre:**  
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Sun 9am & 11am

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**BUKIT PANJANG, 22 APRIL 2018**

SERVICE LEADER: PS YAM KENG MUN • WORSHIP LEADER: PS LIM KENG YEOW AND KAREN

## Small Groups, Big Impact

PS LEE DA-WIN, SMALL GROUP INFRASTRUCTURE

How did history's first megachurch (with at least 3000 members; see Acts 2:41) hold its regular meetings?

"Day by day," says Acts 2:46, the believers were "attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes". The believers of the Acts Church joined in corporate worship celebration ("attending the temple together") and in the small group meetings ("breaking bread in their homes"; emphasis mine). It wasn't "either ... or"; it was "both ... and".

Small groups are a vital and indispensable part of the healthy body life of a church, in the same way that the worship celebration (i.e. Sunday church service) is. The Early Church understood this. And I reckon this may also be why the small group construct has been timelessly inscribed into God's Holy Word from the very beginning of Church history.

Dr Ajith Fernando writes, "In early Methodism, attendance at Class meetings (i.e. Bible study groups) was compulsory. No "tickets" for the Sunday society meetings (i.e. Sunday service) were given for those who missed more than three meetings in a quarter. These Methodists were serious about their community life. And the small groups helped them to get serious about it." Churches today embrace this

too. Most churches have an infrastructure of small groups, though they may refer to them by different names. In some churches, CG is the abbreviation for "cell group", because CGs have life – they live, grow, function, reproduce, and eventually die – just like cells in a living organism.

Indeed, we wholeheartedly affirm this in Covenant EFC. But our CGs also carry our distinctive Covenant DNA. Our CGs are covenantal communities – we are brothers and sisters-in-Christ who enter into a mutual covenant to walk together in small group community. Which is why our CGs are "Covenant Groups" instead!

"Small groups," says Rev Edmund Chan, "are the essential base for discipling in a local church" and are intentional discipling units in the discipling church! The Covenant Group, therefore, is a covenantal community of authentic disciples and intentional disciplers.

"Day by day," continues Acts 2:47, "the Lord added to their number ... those who were being saved." May the Lord, by His grace and in His good timing, do likewise in Covenant EFC, both through the Sunday celebration as well as through the faithful ministry of our Covenant Groups.

# Sermon Outline

## Keys to a Vibrant Church

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:42-47 • SERMON: DR AJITH FERNANDO

### Introduction

### Conclusion

**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:**

29 APR – REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), REV TONY YEO (WDL) AND PS EDMUND WONG (EAST)

# Last Week's Sermon Summary

## 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. How does the Holy Spirit empower us to share Christ?

#### A. Its Gives 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)

1. In 50 days, Peter went from the greatest coward to the greatest orator! The “new” Peter had encountered Christ and was filled with the Holy Spirit.
2. No believer is exempt from the filling of the Holy Spirit (2:17-18). We all have been the given the power and the confidence. The gifts of the Holy Spirit opens the door to bring people to salvation (2:21; 1:8).
3. “Everybody wants confidence but you don't find it in self-help books. You find confidence in the Holy Spirit.” – Rick Warren
4. Illustration: Helper in Bukit Panjang, Delia, joined a mission trip and shared the Gospel in Philippines.
5. Application: Believe that you can share Christ confidently!

#### B. It Points to 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)

1. “What does this mean?” (2:12) The Holy Spirit led Peter to put the puzzle together.
  - a. Peter preached what they knew about Jesus (2:22-23). They saw Jesus perform miracles and they crucified Jesus.
  - b. Peter preached what they failed to see about Jesus (2:24-34). Using Old Testament texts (Psa 16:8-11; 110:1), Peter showed that Jesus is both the crucified Christ and the risen Lord.
2. But how well do we know the pieces of Scriptures? “If we are truly feeding on the Scriptures, the Spirit will be pleased to use us to communicate His truth.” – Kent Hughes
3. Illustration: Divine appointment in Manila
4. Application: Know the Christ in the Scriptures!

#### C. It Causes 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)

1. Only the Holy Spirit can bring conviction, but Peter gave an invitation to everyone to receive forgiveness.
2. “And there were added about three thousand that day” (2:41). From 120 people to 3,000 in one day.
3. Do we really believe that the Holy Spirit brings conviction? Never be surprised that people are coming to Christ.
4. Application: Pray for “Celebration of Hope 2019” on 17-19 May. God will do it again!

### Conclusion

Closing Testimony: Sharing Christ at Christmas  
Share Christ!