

# Announcements

## ALPHA: HOW DOES GOD GUIDE US?

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:** 16 May (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)

## MISSIONARY COMMISSIONING

We warmly invite you to celebrate with us as we commission our Covenant Missionaries on **3 Jun, 2.30 pm at WDL Centre Main Sanctuary**. Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/commissioning2018> (password: MissCom2018) by 16 May.

## CAMP COVENANT BRIEFING

If you are attending Camp Covenant, do attend the Camp Prayer and Briefing **next Sun, 20 May at WDL Centre Sanctuary at 1.30pm-3.00pm**.

## HOKKIEN PARENTS' NIGHT

Honour and show your love to your parents by inviting them to the Hokkien Parents' Night.

**Date:** 26 May (Sat) **Time:** 7pm - 9pm  
**Venue:** WDL Centre Main Sanctuary (Level 2)  
**Guest Speaker:** 周黛兰姐妹  
Free buffet dinner starts at 5.45pm (first-come, first-served). Admission is free. For enquiries, call 6892 6811.

## MANDARIN PARENTS' APPRECIATION LUNCH

You can still buy tickets only for today at the foyer as more tables have been added due to high demand. We have limited tickets left so don't miss the opportunity!

## FAMILIES-IN-COVENANT

Families-in-Covenant and Generations of Virtue (GOV) are organising an All the King's Daughters event titled "My Mother is Better than Google" for mums and their 8 to 12-year-old daughters. Julie Hiramine and Carol Loi of GOV will be there to explore these questions:

How do media and technology affect my relationships? How can we be wise with the power of technology placed in our hands?

**Date and Time:** 26 May, Sat, 9am - 12pm (Registration starts at 8.30am)

**Venue:** WDL Centre (Level 4 - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience Rooms)

**Fee:** \$10 per person  
Sign up at [cefc.ch/ATKD2018](http://cefc.ch/ATKD2018) and pay at the Information Counter.

## CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for **Executive (Global Alliance)**. For more information, go to <https://www.cefc.org.sg/about-us/recruitment>. Applicants should either be a church or CG member, with a heart to answer God's call in their lives in furthering Covenant EFC's mission. Interested candidates, please email your resumes to [hr@cefc.org.sg](mailto:hr@cefc.org.sg)

## NEW LIFE FRIENDS' DAY

Come and join us as we celebrate New Life Friends' Day **next Sun, 20 May at the worship services in BPJ, WDL and East Centres**. Hear the different testimonies of how Covenanters love the community for Christ, and find out the different platforms by which you can be a blessing to the community. Be inspired to Give to a Need and to be a Gift to a Life!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ps Adrian Chan and Sandra Chi for successfully completing their two-year Master of Theological Studies degree.



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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, 13 MAY 2018**  
SERVICE LEADER: PS SHARON FONG • WORSHIP LEADER: PS LIM KENG YEOW

## Leaving a Godly Legacy

STACEY TAY, WOMEN-IN-COVENANT

**M**other's Day was first celebrated in 1908 by Anna Jarvis who held a memorial for her late mother Ann Reeves Jarvis, who had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War. Anna's original intent was to continue her mother's work and to honour her.

Over the years, the Mother's Day celebration has become commercialised and is almost inextricably linked to carnations and chocolates. But it is still a time for us to remember and honour our mothers. We honour them not just because they raised us or that they are notable citizens like Ann Jarvis; we honour them because our Heavenly Father instructed us to "honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you" (Exo 20:12). Respecting, caring and providing for them pleases God, who cares for all our families.

Those of us who are mothers also need to remember the sacred trust God has given us

in our children. We have a finite time to influence them. At this time of the year, I am reminded of my natural mother who passed on unexpectedly when I was 12 years old. I wonder if she would have done anything differently if she knew she were to be called home earlier than expected. It has influenced my own motherhood. I truly treasure the moments I have with my own children. I deposit life skills and testimonies of my own walk with the Lord so that they can have a godly legacy even when I am no longer around.

After my natural mother passed on, I had a wonderful and prayerful step-mother who raised me and my brother. She deposited her godly legacy in us. God guarded my growing years. From this I discovered that as parents, we have a promise that our children will be "taught by the Lord" (Isa 54:13). We need not fear for our children, because we have a deep assurance that God holds our families in His hand.

# Sermon Outline

## Motherhood – The Redemptive Journey

SCRIPTURE: RUTH 1:1-22 • SERMON: DR STACEY TAY

### Introduction

Being a good mother is not about doing more but is about submitting to a redemptive inward journey.

We are called to:

#### A. Return to God (vv.1-6, 19-22)

#### B. Release Our Expectations (vv.7-13)

#### C. Redeem Our Relationships (vv.14-18)

### Conclusion

Recognise the hand of God in our family lives!

**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:**

20 MAY – REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), PS LEE DA-WIN (WDL) AND REV TONY YEO (EAST)

# Last Week's Sermon Summary

## When the Pressure Is On

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 4:1-31 • SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

### Introduction

Acts 4 records for us the beginning of opposition to the early Church. Not surprisingly, it starts from the religious leaders. How did Peter and John respond when they were under pressure and what can we learn from them?

#### A. We Must Stand UP (vv.1-22)

1. We stand up to witness: Peter and John stood firm under intimidating circumstances (vv.5-7) and bore witness for Jesus! (vv.8-12). We are to stand up and witness about Jesus!
2. We stand up by God's Spirit: What Peter did was so surprising seeing that he had previously denied his Lord three times! The text tells us that he was filled with the Spirit and this gave him the words to say under pressure. This is a fulfilment of God's promise to His disciples in Luke 12:11-12; 21:12-15. We stand up by the power of God's Spirit.
3. We stand up by living life with Jesus: The Sanhedrin were stunned, speechless and did not know what to do. They recognised that Peter and John had been with Jesus (vv.13-16). Peter himself said that they cannot but speak about what they have "seen and heard" (v.20b). In other words, living with Jesus and experiencing Him in our daily lives allow us the confidence that He is real and alive and thus enable us to stand up under pressure. One primary way we can do so is to listen with expectancy as we read the Scriptures daily. God speaks to us!

#### B. We Must Stand ON (vv.23-30)

1. We stand on each other: After Peter and John were released, they immediately went back to share with the rest of the disciples (v.23) and they prayed together (v.24). We need to have people whom we can stand together with under pressure. Even our Lord called His inner circle to come alongside Him when he was under pressure (Mk 14:33-34).
2. We stand on the Scriptures: When they prayed, they actually quoted from Psalm 2:1-2 (vv.25b-26) and made the connection to what they were experiencing (vv.27-28.) Knowing the Word allows us to "connect the dots" as to what's happening around us and see God in our lives and circumstances. Let's be deeply, intentionally and fully rooted in the Word!
3. We stand on Prayer: Finally the disciples prayed an incredible prayer. Instead of asking God to destroy their adversaries, they asked for boldness in their own proclamation, and for God to continue to do signs and wonders for others to believe (vv.29-30). Under pressure, all the more we must ask God for strength to do His will!

### Conclusion

The opposition we face in Singapore may not be so fierce, nonetheless it is there and growing. We must make the choice daily to live with God in His Word, obeying Him by His Spirit, so that when opposition comes, we can stand up for Him!