

# Announcements

## NO ALPHA THIS WEEK

There will be no Alpha session this week. It will resume next Wed, 30 May.

## BRASS PLAYER FOR WORSHIP MINISTRY RECRUITMENT

Worship ministry is recruiting brass players for the upcoming IDMC Conference and Anniversary Sunday Service happening in the end of August. Players should have their own instrument. Instruments required are trumpet, saxophone, trombone and flute. Auditions will be done in June. Rehearsals start in July until August. If interested or for enquiries, email Adrian Lim at [cefcbrass@gmail.com](mailto:cefcbrass@gmail.com)

## STM TRIPS IN JUL TO DEC 2018

If you are a CG member, come and bless the nations through the following STM trips!

### Mongolia

- July – nomad ministry
- Sep and Dec – campus ministry
- Sep / Oct – medical mission
- Oct – equip churches in the province

### Indonesia

- Aug in Bandung – ministry to the elderly
- Nov in Surabaya – teach basic Christian disciplines to church plants

### Myanmar

- Dec in Maubin – Christmas outreach in villages and children's home

**Requirement and commitment:** CG member attending CG regularly and committed to attend the STM training and team meetings.

**Register at <http://cefc.ch/2018STMsignup> by 30 Jun.** For more information, email [missions@cefc.org.sg](mailto:missions@cefc.org.sg)

## HOKKIEN PARENTS' NIGHT

Honour and show your love to your parents by inviting them to the Hokkien Parents' Night.  
**Date:** 26 May, this 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.

## COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Covenant EFC has built credibility in helping families start afresh with clean homes. You can use this platform individually or as a CG to serve and connect with these families on these dates:

- 26 May, half day at Yishun – 4 helpers
- 2 June, full day at Taman Jurong – 20 helpers
- 23 June, full day at Teck Whye – 15 helpers
- 30 June, full day at Yishun – 30 helpers

To sign up or enquire, call Vincent Chia at 9842 8275.

## FAMILIES-IN-COVENANT

Families-in-Covenant and Generations of Virtue (GOV) bring you "My Mother is Better than Google" for mums and 8 to 12-year-old daughters. Explore these questions with Julie Hiramine and Carol Loi of GOV: 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, this 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.

## SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Are you passionate in loving and mentoring children? Don't miss these opportunities!

**Steady Readers** is a reading literacy programme for K2 to P4 kids. The next run starts in Jul until Nov. You can serve once or twice a week from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. Serve at BPJ Centre every Mon and/or Wed, or at WDL Centre every Tue and/or Thu.

**Kids Champ Club** is a character-based mentoring programme for P1 to P4 children. The next run starts in Jul until Dec at BPJ Centre every Sat, 2pm to 6pm (includes pre and post-programme briefing).

To volunteer or enquire, contact Jason Lee at 9635 1135 or email [volunteer@newlife.org.sg](mailto:volunteer@newlife.org.sg)



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Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

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**BUKIT PANJANG, 20 MAY 2018**

SERVICE LEADER: PS YAM KENG MUN • WORSHIP LEADER: LOW WEI SHING AND MAVIS LOW

## Give to a Need, Gift to a Life

FELIX WONG, NEW LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICES, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Twenty years ago, I went on a four-hour hike from MacRitchie to Bukit Timah Hill with my wife, Ps Sharon. Shortly after two hours, we ran out of water! We were so thirsty and almost dehydrated. At that moment, water became my greatest need for the very first time in my life.

How about our community, what do you think are its greatest needs? What can we do to meet these needs?

Eighteen years ago, when Covenant EFC moved to Bukit Panjang, New Life Community Services was birthed with a clear calling to be the social arm of the church to love the community for Christ. New Life bridges the church to the community and vice versa. It is our prayer that through New Life, many lives from the community will eventually cross the bridge and experience the love of Christ in their lives.

As we serve the community through several platforms such as Steady Readers, children and youth mentoring programmes,

financial assistance, counselling and preschool education, our greatest desire is to demonstrate the love of Jesus and to make Him known!

As we celebrate New Life Friends' Day today, we would like to thank all of you for partnering with us to impact the community, whether through your time, talents or treasures. You make the vision of loving the community for Christ possible. At our Sunday worship services today, we will hear testimonies from some of Covenanters who have served the community through New Life. We hope that you'll be inspired by their sharing.

May we all join together in prayer for God to enlarge our hearts to be the church without walls. Let's rise up and take our place to impact our community! Do prayerfully consider some of the opportunities by which you can love the community for Christ as God enlarges our heart for our community.

Let's all *Give to a Need* and be a *Gift to a Life!*

# Sermon Outline

## The Jesus Community

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 4:32-37 • SERMON: PS LEE DA-WIN

### Introduction

#### A. Everything in Common (Acts v.32b)

“... no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had **everything in common**”

#### B. Every Need is Met (vv.34,35)

“There was not a needy person among them ... and it was distributed to each as any had need.”

### Conclusion

**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:**

27 MAY – PAUL SHI (BPJ), PS EDMUND WONG (WDL) AND PS MATTHEW LO (EAST)

# Last Week's Sermon Summary

## Coming Home

SCRIPTURE: RUTH 1:1-22 • SERMON: SANDRA CHI

### Introduction

There is a lot of pressure to be a mother in modern society. Despite its challenges, motherhood is also a deeply redemptive journey.

#### A. Home Is Where You Are Known (vv.1-7)

1. When Naomi decided to return home to Judah, she was no longer the same as before; at that time her life was indelibly marked by grief and loss.
2. “The name of” (five times in vv.3-5) and the word “*sa-er*” (v3, 5) which means “left behind” were emphasised. This signifies that these people and their pain and grief mattered to God.
3. Application: God knows us and the pains we go through.

#### B. Home Is Where You Are Unconditionally Loved (vv.8-18)

1. Naomi was a very sacrificial mother-in-law. Yet, she emphasised that since she has no sons to offer Ruth security and protection, there was no reason for Ruth to follow her. This was a slightly transactional view of relationship.
2. Ruth “clung” to Naomi – a picture of family relationship, love and covenantal faithfulness. She loves Naomi not for what Naomi can offer. It was an unconditional love.
3. Application:
  - a. Due to the many tasks involved in caring for ageing parents, we can start seeing them as hurdles to overcome. “Our parents are not problems to be solved, they are people to be loved.”
  - b. Often we see children as extensions of ourselves, seeing their successes as our successes and their failures as our failures. We have to be careful of remaking our children into our own ideal image – a better, more successful version of ourselves, rather than nurturing them in God’s image. “Our children are not projects to be accomplished, they are people to be loved.”

#### C. Home Is Where You Find Hope (vv.19-22)

1. Naomi’s motherhood journey finds restoration in chapter 4 through the birth of Obed as a continuation of Elimelech’s line. It also points to a larger redemptive picture of the Davidic line and Christ coming through this line.
2. Application: The story of Eden (望华 – hope in Yahweh). This hope is in the future glory of home.

### Conclusion

Come home to God where you are known, where you are unconditionally loved and where you find hope.