

Announcements

NO ALPHA THIS WEEK

There will be no Alpha this week due to the church camp. It will resume next Wed, 13 Jun.

CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

Executive (Global Alliance)

This role assists the Manager (Global Alliance) cum Personal Assistant (PA) to Leadership Mentor and is responsible to:

- Support the PA in general and administrative matters including doing Powerpoint slides, claims and leave submission.

• Support the work of Global Alliance (GA) in the following:

- Organise and coordinate overseas conferences and GA events
- Manage GA collaterals including website maintenance and brochures
- Set up catalogue and archival system for all GA resources to date and other projects as assigned

Ministry Executive (Hokkien)

This is an Operations role responsible to support the running of the Hokkien Ministry events and weekly Sunday programmes in alignment with the church and Hokkien Ministry direction. He/ She will work out the administrative and logistical requirements of the Hokkien ministry and coordinate the operational requirements with the rest of the Operations departments.

For more information, please go to <https://www.cfc.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@cfc.org.sg

JUN 2018 DJ COLLECTION

The Devotional Journal (DJ) for Jun 2018 is now available at our church website and "Covenant EFC" app. Hard copies are available at the Information Counter at Level 1 while stocks last.

INDONESIAN-FILIPINO MINISTRY WOMEN'S BREAKTHROUGH RETREAT

Here's an opportunity to bless your domestic helpers by letting them have an extended time with God, so that they can know and experience the Father's love. Sign them up for the Women's Breakthrough Retreat organised by the Indonesian-Filipino Ministry at the Information Counter today. For enquiries, email annalei.locsin@cfc.org.sg

Date: 24 Jun (Sun)

Time: 9am – 5pm

Venue: ACKCentre

Fee: \$10

40-DAY PRAYER

Pray and Repent is the spiritual burden for our upcoming 40-day prayer season. Let's get ready to pray! We will pray and repent in at least three ways:

- Personal daily prayer using the LoveSingapore prayer booklet
- Coming for the LoveSingapore Solemn Assembly on 1-7 Jul, 8pm-10pm at BPJ Centre
- Gathering for our church Overnight Prayer on 8 Aug, 10.30pm until 9 Aug, 6am at BPJ Centre, WDL Centre, and ACKCentre (for Covenant East)

IDMC INSTITUTE'S ONE-YEAR INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME INTRO SESSION

Find out more about the One-Year Internship Program at the Intro Session.

Date: 21 Jun (Thu)

Time: 7.15pm – 9.30pm

Venue: ACKCentre

For more information and to RSVP, please refer to the "Covenant EFC" app, or go to www.cfc.org.sg/idmci today!



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SERVICE LEADER: REV WILLIAM WONG • WORSHIP LEADER: BENJAMIN AND SHARON TAN

Let's Press On!

DR HO CHIAO EK, PRINCIPAL, IDMC INSTITUTE

2018 is a year of prayer and repentance for our church. I recently paused to assess where I am on this pilgrimage. Allow me to share my conversation with the Lord with you:

“Lord, I’ve been pottering in the temple courtyard whereas what I really want is to be praying within the Holy of Holies.

Forgive me, Lord!

There are so many distractions flooding my mind: meetings to prepare for, emails to respond to, appointments to attend, domestic arrangements to make ... enough! Stop!

Forgive me, Lord!

I start reading Your Word and my mind races off! I skirt around Your Word when I ought to drink deeply in the well of living waters. What did you just say to me, Lord? Oh!

Forgive me, Lord!

I start to pray ... remembering that prayer is not just talking to You, but listening too. So I quiet my heart to wait ... but in a moment, thoughts flood in and my mouth goes off, to tell You the myriad concerns

in my heart ... as if You don't know.

Forgive me, Lord!

I try again, to read Your Word, to pray Your Word, to wait, to listen, to commune with You, my loving Saviour and Lord ... then the time is gone and go I must. Duty calls.

Forgive me, Lord!

O Lord, I'm here but not quite here! May this not be the refrain of my life. I really, really long to be with you, to linger in Your presence, to hear Your gentle whisper of love, again.

Please help me, Lord!

Just this week, the Lord encouraged me again. Meditating on Psalm 65, I was reminded that “blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!” (v.4). Yes, it is such a joy and blessing to be in the Lord's presence. I will press on!

The upcoming 40-Day Prayer is an opportune time for us to press on together as a church family. Let's press on together!

Sermon Outline

The Unstoppable Church

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 5:12-16 • SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

A. A Deeper Unity (vv.12-14)

B. A Deeper Deliverance (vv.15-16)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:

10 JUN – REV EDMUND CHAN (BP), WDL AND EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Uncovered

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 5:1-11 • SERMON: PAUL SHI

Introduction

The church at this point was thriving! It was alive. We see that at this point, it was operating in: Presence that many power encounters followed them.

1. Signs and wonders: After the filling of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were so filled with God's Presence that many power encounters followed them.
2. Boldness: The Holy Spirit had changed Peter from a man who denied Christ to someone who declared His truth; someone who feared a servant girl to a fearless witness before the Sanhedrin. The disciples, once cowardly fishermen, are now courageous world-changers.
3. Generosity: The believers at this point shared all that they had so that no one amongst this new community had anything in need.

So we arrive in Acts 5:1-11, and it records the story of Ananias and Sapphira. From their lives we can learn three key principles that we need to be aware of:

A. So Much to Prove

When Ananias and Sapphira gave to the Church, it was a generous gift. Giving in the Church at this point was completely voluntary and not compulsory. Peter points out that what they had already belonged to them before they gave, whilst being part of the community.

So the question is then, why did they lie? Why did they 'embezzle' the money? The clue is found in Acts 4:36-37. Barnabas had sold a tract of land and gave the money to the apostles. Then Luke records the story from Acts 5:1 with the word 'but' indicating that there is a contrast to what had happened in this story. John Stott comments to say: "They wanted the credit and the prestige for sacrificial generosity, without the inconvenience of it. So, in order to gain a reputation to which they had no right, they told a lie. Their motive in giving was not to relieve the poor, but to fatten their own ego." How do we feel when others are praised more than we are?

B. So Much to Hide

The word 'embezzled' here is a rare word that is also used in Joshua 7:1. Likewise as much as Achan had so much to hide, so did Ananias and Sapphira. Numbers 32:23 says that our sin will find us out, and that was what happened. When we attempt to hide our sin from God, it will be revealed. There is nothing that we hide which will not be revealed in this life or the life to come. David attempted three times to hide his sin with Bathsheba, but God chose to record this story for the next 3,000 years in the most popular book for everyone to read.

Is there anything we are trying to hide from the Lord or other people at this point in time?

C. So Much to Fear

Because of what happened, a great fear fell upon the Church and on those who heard about it. NT Wright calls this 'dangerous holiness' when God's manifest presence was made so apparent that even a sin such as this was judged.

Manifest presence of God and the Omnipresence of God: The Omnipresence is God's presence everywhere at all times, as in Psalm 139. God's manifest presence is when God makes Himself known as in Exodus 3 as well as Acts 2. Here in this passage, we see the Manifest Presence of God revealed in His judgement, that's why the judgement was so harsh.

Conclusion

The unexamined life is not worth living. What are we trying to prove? What are we trying to hide? Are we living a life in which we experience the Presence of God?