

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.cfc.org.sg/idmci) today!



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**WDL Centre:**  
Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

**East Centre:**  
Sun 9am & 11am

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EAST, 3 JUN 2018

SERVICE LEADER: BENJAMIN SUN • WORSHIP LEADER: DAVID CHONG

## 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 BARNEY LAU

### Introduction

The Unstoppable Church is:

#### A. Unified (vv.12-13)

“... and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s portico.”

#### B. Multiplied (vv.14-16)

“And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number”

### 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: PS MATTHEW WONG

### Introduction

1. A great start in the book of Acts — the Church on fire! Then suddenly, two dead bodies!
2. Ananias and Sapphira’s sin is uncovered in this story, so are our sins, and God’s nature too.

#### A. So Much to Prove

1. There were no commands given by God that all believers must sell their property. Believers gave generously because they were reflecting Christ’s sacrificial love motivated by the Spirit.
2. Why did Ananias and Sapphira embezzle funds (“kept back”; Greek: *nosphizomai*), falsify their financial declaration to the apostles, and cover up? The probable explanation is that they wanted to impress the Church that they too could give generously.
3. Beware of living a “double life”. Let your life reflect Christ everyday. Let Christ be your Master. Knowing your identity as His child, your purpose is to obey Him, so your value is integrity.
4. If you are in sin, re-orientate your life back to Christ. Repent. Pulse check: Who is your Master?

#### B. So Much to Hide

1. Satan was Ananias and Sapphira’s master; they took on his identity: a liar. They hid the lie in their hearts (“contrived this deed in your heart”; Greek word *ethou*), to protect their pride.
2. Pride led them to feel more superior than God (“test the spirit”), as well as a false sense of control (could not relinquish “authority” over their possession) and they became fiercely independent from God.
3. Beware of hiding sin in your heart. Do not fill your heart with Satan, but with the Holy Spirit.
4. Do not let sin isolate you and force you into hiding. Walk in spiritual community and confession (Heb 3:13; Jas 5:16). Pulse check: What fills your heart?

#### C. So Much to Fear

1. Ananias and Sapphira feared being caught. Their death caused the Church and us to fear God.
2. As judgement fell on them, Peter says “Behold” (Greek, “be perceiving”). Today the Lord says: “Behold. See from my eyes! I am holy.” While we are positionally holy, walk in sanctification.
3. Why doesn’t such judgement that befell Ananias and Sapphira occur today? At new periods of salvation history, God uses extreme judgement (according to Warren Wiersbe, John Stott, F.F. Bruce). Examples, Leviticus 10, Joshua 7.
4. God’s decisive and swift judgement acted like a deterrence from sin, a warning not to let the wave of success become an excuse to become fiercely independent from God.
5. If you really love God, your motivation will not be to hurt Him nor anger Him, but to honour Him and glorify Him. Therefore, surrender! Pulse check: Do you truly love Him?

### Conclusion

At the cross, Jesus uncovered ... my sin – His forgiveness – my new beginning.