

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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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 TONY YEO

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 EDMUND WONG

Introduction

Why was the divine judgement on Ananias and Sapphira (vv.5, 10) so severe and unfair (cf. Rev 22:15)? We tend to rank sins according to their seriousness. But God puts lying on par with idolatry and immorality. Because He doesn’t grade on a curve. There is something so poisonous and deadly about living a lie that it must be exposed! God uncovers the lie we live because we have:

A. So Much to Prove

- a. Acts 4:34-35 – Laying the proceeds from the sales of properties at the Apostles’ feet likely happened at Solomon’s Portico (v.12), a temple compound large enough to hold the disciples. i.e. it was done in full view of everyone.
- b. Acts 4:36-37 – When Barnabas did his part, we can imagine the apostles and disciples commending and praising him. It was likely that Ananias and Sapphira desired the same commendation (Devotional Journal, 24 May 2018).
- c. Ananias and Sapphira could have said to the Apostle Peter that they needed some of the proceeds they kept back, and could only give the remainder to the poor. But they chose to give the impression that they were more sacrificial than they actually were.
- d. Focus: In our ‘dress-to-impress’, ‘fake-it-to-make-it’ world, seek to improve ourselves rather than impress others.

B. So Much to Hide

- a. Verses 1 to 2 – Their hearts pre-conceived and pre-meditated a plot to deceive.
- b. Verse 3 – Their hearts, like Judas’ heart, were filled with Satan (Lk 22:3). In contrast to the disciples who were filled with the Spirit.
- c. Verse 9 – Their hearts were testing the Lord (cf. Psa 78:18-22). It was likely that they were having a faith crisis, doubting whether God could provide if they gave all the proceeds away.
- d. Cf. Josh 7:1 – Every time there is a fresh move of God, the stakes are high. It takes only one hidden sin, unchecked and undealt with, to bring down a man/woman and a church. And we lose the battle from there on!
- e. Focus: Live with nothing to prove, nothing to lose, nothing to hide. Find a trusted few to whom you can confess your sin in a safe place

C. So Much to Fear

- a. Verses 5, 11 – It was likely the story travelled through the grapevine if it happened in the open at Solomon’s Portico, and through the young men who carried their bodies. The grave stones would themselves tell the story to those who passed by.
- b. The fear of God is meant to act as a deterrent, preventing a repeat incident and preserving the purity of the Church.
- c. Verse 12 – The fear of God is also meant to promote the Gospel, so that outsiders see how great our God is. The judgement of God is always redemptive!
- d. Focus: The litmus test for the fear of God in us is found in how we relate to leaders who are God’s representatives. Our reverence for God is shown in our deference to leaders.

Conclusion

Unlike Ananias and Sapphira who concealed their sin, fell at Peter’s feet and died, we can confess our sin, fall at Jesus’ feet and live. For the cross is where wrath and mercy meet!