

Announcements

ALPHA: WHY AND HOW SHOULD I TELL OTHERS?

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: 13 Jun (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

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Love is for married couples preparing for their first child.

Dates: 30 Jun and 7 July (Saturdays)

Time: 12pm - 5pm

Venue: BPJ Centre

Register 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

SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

Pray and Repent is the spiritual burden for our upcoming 40-day prayer season. Let's get ready to pray! Come and join LoveSingapore's Solemn Assembly.

Date: 1-7 Jul (Sun-Sat)

Time: 8pm-10pm

Venue: BPJ Centre

IDMC INSTITUTE'S ONE-YEAR INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME INTRO SESSION

IDMC Institute's One-Year Internship Programme is an opportunity to discover the God of the Word, be mentored, and journey together with a community of fellow disciples, as you crystalize God's call on your life in the marketplace, ministry or in missions. Come and find out more 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.cefc.org.sg/idmci today!

CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking to fill the following positions:

- **Executive (Global Alliance)**
- **Ministry Executive (Hokkien)**

For more information, please 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



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BUKIT PANJANG, 10 JUN 2018

SERVICE LEADER: PS YAM KENG MUN • WORSHIP LEADER: CHUA SUE ERN

Camp Covenant 2018

JEREMY KOH, CAMP COMMANDANT, CAMP COVENANT 2018

“When prayer and repentance clash”, “not ritual but righteousness”, and “repentance and quietness” are some learnings that 1,080 campers gathered from Rev Dr Gordon Wong at Camp Covenant 2018. This is the first and final combined camp for all the three-centres! As of this writing, not all sessions have concluded. If you have missed it, prepare to come for the 2020 decentralized centre camps!

In line with this year's theme “We are Church: Pray and Repent!”, the camp anchored on Joel 2:12-13 wherein God calls us back to Him again. What better way to celebrate our 40th anniversary than to return to Him! God constantly calls us to do so. Have we wondered why it is so difficult to obey? Return to Him not in form and rituals, but in quietness of heart to enlarge His Kingdom. At the camp, we reflected on how our hearts are repenting, whether our inability to be quiet is an obstacle, whether our rituals are overshadowing our worship and walk, or even whether past hurts are hindering what God can and will do through us.

When God calls in whatever way, we sometimes miss it or are reluctant to respond appropriately. We tend to excuse ourselves with “Yes God, but ...” “You are a gracious God right?” “You want me to be nice and patient to whom?” “Surely You do not want me to go through this?” “How long must I wait, Lord?” Oswald Chambers said: “In intellectual matters you can think things out, but in spiritual matters you will only think yourself into further wandering thoughts and more confusion. If there is something in your life upon which God has put His pressure, then obey Him in that matter ... Spiritual confusion can only be conquered through obedience. As soon as we obey, we have discernment.”

God is calling us to build for the future by first praying and repenting! May we respond promptly to His Word, His promptings, His will and His ways, and repent as He points us to the right way. Interestingly Acts 5:32 tells us that the Holy Spirit is given to those who obey. May our obedience bring more of His presence anew daily. See you in 2020!

Sermon Outline

THE DISCIPLESHIP OF RADICAL OBEDIENCE

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 5:17-42 • SERMON: REV EDMUND CHAN

Introduction

1. One of the greatest problems in Discipleship today is...

2. Acts 5 highlights TWO Vital Principles for True Discipleship -

A. THE TESTIMONY OF DISCIPLESHIP IS CHANGED LIVES

“... yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching...” (v.28)

B. THE TEST OF DISCIPLESHIP IS OBEDIENCE

“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people...” (v.20)

Conclusion. Going Forth IN FAITH!

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

17 JUN - REV TAN SOO-INN (BPJ), BISHOP ROBERT SOLOMON (WDL) AND DR FREDDY BOEY (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

The Unstoppable Church

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

Introduction

The visible versus the invisible. The book of Acts often highlights the reality of the invisible world through visible events and circumstances. It's a continuation of Jesus' ministry after His ascension. So just as the Son of God who is invisible became visible in bodily form, so the Holy Spirit who is invisible now becomes visible through the Apostles and the Church. Don't get caught up with the visible rather than the invisible. All too often, we want the visible — the external and supernatural signs and wonders. But we are missing the invisible — the internal Holy Spirit who is even more supernatural and wondrous.

Two signs of the unstoppable Church:

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

1. Acts 5:12 “Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.” Notice the emphasis: “regularly done” and “through the hands of the apostles”. There is healing and hope in the name of Jesus.
2. The word “altogether” denotes more than just meeting together. The Greek word refers to being “one mind and without dissent”. But what constitutes their unity? Their purity and integrity. So much so that verse 13 tells us “none of the rest dared joined them”. Why? They were afraid. Acts 5:11 “And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.” While that did not sit well with some people, others were amazingly drawn to it: “And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.” (v.14) The Church of Jesus Christ doesn't want mere numbers or attendance. We want believers and disciples who will live in humble purity and integrity before God and one another. Application: 40th Anniversary burden, combined retreat for the three Boards, Solemn Assembly

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

1. What happened in verses 15 to 16 is simply incredible. There was such a manifestation of God's power through the apostles that people were desperate to do anything to get healed or delivered from unclean spirits. We may find it weird that they resorted to Peter's shadow to heal the sick. Paul had a similar incident recorded in Acts 19:11-12. We must be careful not to treat it as normative or prescriptive for Church life. Don't focus on the methodology and mantra. The key is to look to Jesus and be desperate for healing in His name.
2. Application: While believers cannot be demon-possessed, we must be careful not to expose ourselves to evil and darkness, and give room for all sorts of demonization. For a deeper deliverance in God, consider these four biblical considerations: Repentance, Renunciation, Restitution and Rededication.

Conclusion

Jesus alone gives us true unity and deliverance. Let's find them in Him!