

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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WOODLANDS, 10 JUN 2018

SERVICE LEADER: PS KATHERINE CHAN • WORSHIP LEADER: PS LIM KENG YEOW AND KAREN

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 TONY YEO

Introduction

Illustration: Satan's beatitudes for the Church

Context: God's presence manifested in holiness (Acts 5:1-11). God's presence manifested in power (Acts 5:12-16).

The Unstoppable Church is:

A. Unified (vv.12-13)

1. “With one accord” (NASB) (*homothumadon*) – means one mind, passion, purpose.
2. Unity is a vital character of the church. Before Pentecost, “all with one mind continually devoting themselves to prayer” (Acts 1:14). On Pentecost, “day by day continuing with one mind in the temple” (Acts 2:46). They practised love by having “all things in common” (Acts 2:44), and prayed to God “with one accord” (Acts 4:24) for boldness to speak His Word. The Church was “of one heart and soul” (v.32a) in selling and sharing (v.32b, Acts 4:34-37). It was marked by “all with one accord” (Acts 5:12).
3. The unbelieving Jews in Jerusalem were described as “the rest” (Acts 5:13a) and “held” the church “in high esteem” (v.13b).
4. Illustration: Covenant EFC combined board retreat, Solemn Assembly, Celebration of Hope.
5. Application: Stand in unity with the Church today!

B. Multiplied (vv.14-16)

1. The early Church grew in numbers “to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets” (vv.14-15a).
2. One of the “many signs and wonders” through the apostles (v.12) was Peter's shadow “overshadow[ed]” (v.15b, KJV) the sick and healing took place. The verb “overshadow” occurred three times in Luke and Acts (Lk 1:35, 9:34; Acts 5:15) wherein it pointed to the overshadowing presence and power of God. Peter's shadow intrinsically had no power, but it was a means by which God manifested His power. Beware of extremes. Don't confuse the means with the end. The genre of the book of Acts is descriptive, not prescriptive. God can sovereignly manifest His presence and power in any way He wills and pleases.
3. People from the “small neighbouring communities” “in the vicinity of Jerusalem” brought to the apostles “those who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits” for healing and deliverance (v.16). We believe that the most important world that we live in is the unseen world; the most precious commodity in the unseen world is truth.
4. An “unclean spirit” (*akathartos*) is a New Testament synonym for a demon and is mentioned over 20 times. While Christians cannot be demon-possessed, demons can oppress us by deceiving (Jn 8:44), blinding (2 Cor 4:4), accusing (Rev 12:10), tempting (Matt 4:1-11), intimidating (1 Pet 5:8), and opposing us (1 Thess 2:17-18). Stay away from any occult practices. Repent from all sinful desires. Renounce sin and its ingrained habits. Receive God's forgiveness and assurance that you are His child. Rededicate yourself to Christ with determination.
5. “All were being healed” (v.16b) – “all” is not a promise of historical precedence. Healing of sicknesses is made possible through the redemptive death of Christ and His resurrection. The “redemption of our bodies” will be at Christ's Second Coming (Rom 8:22-23).

Conclusion

Through the blood of Christ, a new house of God is built so that we can be the unstoppable Church unified and multiplied to advance His Gospel and Kingdom. Will you be part of this unstoppable Church for Christ in the end times?