

Announcements

COVENANT ARTIST FELLOWSHIP

Calling all Covenant Artists! Let's use our creative talents to expand God's Kingdom. We would like to pool together and brainstorm how to use our gifts to support the \$40M Seed Fund. Let's get together, fellowship over a museum visit and empower each other to use art to exult the name of our most high God!

Date: 7 Nov (Wed) **Time:** 3pm

Venue: The Parkview Museum
600 North Bridge Road, Parkview Square,
Level 3 Singapore 188778
For enquiries and registration go to: <http://cefc.chlcefcartistgather2018>

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Love is for couples who are planning or expecting their first baby.

Date: 3 and 10 Nov (Saturdays)

Time: 12pm - 5pm **Venue:** BPJ Centre
Register at the Information Counter.

NURTURE MASTERCLASS

This training aims to equip CGs to nurture seekers and new believers in the foundation of their faith. It is also for those who are keen to know how to multiply spiritually by helping others become disciples of Jesus.

WDL Centre 28 Oct, 1-3pm at Joy Room (Level 4)

East Centre 28 Oct, 1-3pm at The Pod 1, Capri Hotel & Suites

BPJ Centre 4 Nov, 1-3pm at Grace Sanctuary

Register at <http://cefc.ch/nurture-masterclass>

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Baptism Class will be held on Sun, 4 Nov, 1.00pm to 3.30pm at WDL Centre.

Membership Class will be held on Sat, 10 Nov, 9am to 4pm at ACKCentre.
Register at the Information Counter.

CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking to fill the position of **Executive (Buildings and Facilities)**. For more details, please go to <http://www.cefc.org.sg/about-us/recruitment>. Applicants should either be a church or CG member. Interested candidates, please email your resume to hr@cefc.org.sg

BOWL & BOND

Calling all fathers with sons aged 11-13 years old, join this event and bond with your kids!

Date: 1 Dec (Sat) **Time:** 3pm - 6pm

Venue: Temasek Club 131 Rifle Range Road Singapore 588406

Fee: \$30 for a father-and-son pair. \$15/pax for additional participant. This includes three games, shoe rental and finger food. Bring your own socks. Registration starts today until 18 Nov. Register at Voyager. For enquiries, email fic@cefc.org.sg

BREAKTHROUGH WEEKENDS

Today is the last day of registration. Sign up at <https://voyager.cefc.org.sg> If you do not have an account yet, click "Request New Account".

ENCOURAGERS-IN-COVENANT SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Encouragers-in-Covenant is organising "It's Never Too Late", a spiritual retreat for Covenanters aged 50 and above.

Date: 15 - 17 Nov (Thu - Sat)

Venue: Forest City Phoenix Hotel, Johor

Speaker: Rev David Wong
Register at Voyager. For enquiries, email encouragersadmin@cefc.org.sg

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Kids Champ Club (KCC). Mentor and instill values in P1 - P4 children. The first run is from 2 Feb to 8 Jun, fortnightly every Sat, from 2.00pm - 5.30 pm (includes pre and post-briefing). New volunteers are required to attend the training on Sat, 19 Jan, Sat, 2.30pm to 4.30pm at Fajar Youth Hub, Blk 419 Fajar Road S670419

Steady Readers (SR). Instill a love for reading and improve the literacy skills of K2 - P4 children. First run begins on 21 Jan to 25 May, 8.00pm to 9.30pm. Serve once or twice a week in BPJ Centre (Mon/Wed) or in WDL Centre (Tue/Thu). New volunteers are required to attend **only one** training either on 5 or 6 Jan, 1pm to 5pm at Fajar Youth Hub, Blk 419 Fajar Road S670419.

For enquiries, please contact Jason at jasonlee@newlife.org.sg or 9635 1135.

COVENANT EFC 40TH ANNIVERSARY Disciple Now!

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Next Generation

... for Godly Families
and Generations

... for a Growing IDMC
Movement in Singapore

... to Impact Our Society
& Culture

... for a Growing Global
IDMC Movement

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**ONE CHURCH
MULTIPLE CENTRES**
BPJ Centre:
Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

WDL Centre:
Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

East Centre:
Sun 9am & 11am

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Cultivating Conversations

NELSON ONG, FAMILIES-IN-COVENANT

During a family holiday in Bali, we paraglided and it was exhilarating! Then we chillaxed at the popular alfresco dining place. We couldn't stop reliving our experience of soaring like eagles in the sky. Another family with two children came and sat next to us. They weren't rowdy, so they didn't disturb our conversation. They just plonked there, flipped open their digital devices and remained quiet. They only spoke when they ordered food. What a sight to behold - everyone at 100% screen-time! There wasn't any conversation among them the whole evening.

Stephan Labossiere wrote, "A great relationship has great communication. That means knowing how to effectively express yourself and how to listen properly." Building intentional discipling families (IDMF) requires parents to make an effort to initiate and maintain it. It begins with parents cultivating healthy conversations as a couple, then passing it on to their children to build strong relationships.

Deuteronomy 6:7 says, "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." The word "them" in this passage is not referring to "children" but

to "these words" in verse 6, i.e. the commandments to know the true God and to love Him wholeheartedly. "Talk of them" or have conversations about God and His Word with your children:

When you sit with them, while having meals, playing games, watching movies, doing homework, etc. Develop the habit of conversation. "What would Jesus do?" is a good conversation starter. Have a dialogue, not monologue. Hear from your children how their day was - achievements, encounters, emotions, etc.

When you walk with them, point to the surrounding nature and talk about the Creator. Dialogue on the things observed or encountered. Acknowledge that God is walking closely with us (Matt 28:20; Psa 121:8).

When you lie down at night, enjoy your children's presence by your side. Read a Bible story, talk about it, count God's blessings and retire with thanksgiving together.

When you rise in the morning, praise God for the new day. Bless your family, prepare your children for the day and trust the sovereign Lord for guidance. Start your day with reverence and deference to God, and your children will do likewise.

Cultivate positive conversations to build IDMF. Start today, talk about God and life in your family!

Sermon Outline

The Person God Uses

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 18:24-28 • SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Introduction

What Kind of Person Does God Use?

A. THEY USE THEIR _____ FROM GOD (vv.24 - 25)

“Eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures ... instructed in the way of the Lord ... fervent in spirit, spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus ... speak boldly...”

B. THEY STAY _____ IN GOD (v.26)

“Priscilla and Aquila heard him and took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.”

C. THEY ARE _____ FOR GOD (vv.27 - 28)

“And when he wished to cross to Achaia ... greatly helped those ... powerfully refuted”

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:

28 OCT - REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), PS MATTHEW LO (WDL) AND REV BARNEY LAU (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

THREE GREAT GOALS OF SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIANS

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 18:1-23 • SERMON: REV EDMUND CHAN

Introduction

1. Four Inadequate Ways To Define Success - Our Possessions, Position, Power, Performance
2. But these Symbols of SUCCESS eventually become empty!!
3. Why? Because no matter how much we ACQUIRE and ACHIEVE, we can't take ANY of them with us when we leave this world!

Three Great Goals of Successful Christians that we can infer from Acts 18:1-23 -

A. SINGLE-MINDEDNESS

(The Power of Focus)

“When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word” (v.5)

1. Paul had a new centre of gravity - JESUS!
2. The Power of FOCUS. Beware of Distractions
- Illust. Distracted Driving
3. A word on Multi-Tasking. Stay focused!
4. Determine CAN DO vs MUST DO

B. WHOLEHEARTEDNESS

(The Power of Faithfulness)

“At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow.” (v.18b.)

1. Likely a Nazirite vow (cf. Num 6)
2. A sense of duty. A debt of love
3. A comment on Paul's Tentmaking (vv.1-3,5)
4. Wholeheartedness vs Addictions
(Responsibility vs irresponsibility)
A nine-year-old girl's addiction to gaming (UK) - playing 10 hours a day!
5. Concern. The Domestication of Discipleship!

C. GODLINESS

(The Power Of Fortitude)

“But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul ...” (v.12)

1. God's SHOWER OF GRACE in two ways:
 - a. Divine Assurance (v.9-10)
 - b. Divine Wisdom (v.11, 20)
2. Four Sabbath Lessons - Life is short. Needs are many. Man is weak. BUT GOD IS GREAT!!
3. Leadership. Clarity and Courage!
Put GOD in the equation of life!

Conclusion. The Story of Donald Stratton

Pearl Harbour. “Am I Worth Dying For?”
[And Jesus whispered to me, “Yes!”]