

Announcements

NEW LIFE DAY

We are celebrating New Life Day “We are One!” **next Sun, 11 Nov.** We invite you to this journey of discovering more about New Life’s history and identity as the Face and Hands of Covenant EFC.

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am and 12.30pm
To find out more about New Life, contact 6892 7191 or email@newlife.org.sg, like our Facebook page (New Life Community Services) or follow us in Instagram (newlifese).

NEW LIFE RUN DONATION

New Life Charity Run was held on 20 Oct, Saturday during CSC Run by the Bay. We are thankful for the 205 runners from 58 teams.

You can still support the teams until 19 Nov. Go to tinyurl.com/charityrunteams Select the team you wish to support. Process your donation (all donations are eligible for 2.5 times tax deduction). For more information, contact Trevor at 8767 7089 or fundraising@newlife.org.sg

IDT AND SFF SIGN-UP

Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT)

Are you seeking to grow in Christian maturity and in becoming an authentic disciple and intentional disciplemaker? Apply by 16 Dec.

Spiritual Friends and Foundations (SFF)

If you are younger in the Christian faith, learn the basics of discipleship lifestyle in SFF. Apply by 18 Nov.

Apply at Voyager. Email idtadmin@cefc.org.sg for enquiries.

COVENANT ARTIST FELLOWSHIP

Calling all Covenant Artists! 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 (this 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.ch/cefcartistsgather2018>

KIDZBLAST (BPJ ONLY)

Invite **pre-believing kids aged 7 to 12 years old to KidzBlast Outreach on Sun, 25 Nov.** Admission is free, but registration is required. Register online at <http://cefc.ch/KBNov18> or collect the registration forms at the Information Counter. **We need Covenanters to serve with us.** If you would like to serve, email tng.sunbeam@cefc.org.sg

BOWL & BOND

Calling all fathers with 11 to 13-year-old sons, 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 participants. This includes three games, shoe rental and finger food. Bring your own socks.

Register at Voyager. Registration ends on 18 Nov. For enquiries, email fic@cefc.org.sg

CELEBRATION OF HOPE PRAYER LEAD-UP

We praise God for the Body of Christ that gathered at PraySingapore to seek the welfare of our city and ask God for harvest in the coming Year of Proclamation.

Join us for the monthly regional Celebration of Hope prayer lead-up! This is open to all Christians in Singapore. God acts in answer to our prayers because He desires that none should perish!

Date: 7 Nov (Wed) **Time:** 8.00pm – 9.30pm

Venue: BPJ Centre, Grace Sanctuary

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. Registration ends on 6 Nov. For enquiries, email encouragersadmin@cefc.org.sg



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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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BUKIT PANJANG, 4 NOV 2018

SERVICE LEADER: PS YAM KENG MUN • WORSHIP LEADER: BENJAMIN AND SHARON TAN

The Field Is Now White for Harvest

PS SHARON FONG, DISTRICT MENTOR AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

“ For the aunties and uncles whom you see daily in your life, those who deliver newspapers to you and serve you kopi at the coffee shop, you need to look at them and ask yourself a question: Can you live in eternity without them? If you can’t, you need to do something about it now!” I was deeply stirred in my heart when Bishop Rennis Ponniah, Singapore Anglican Bishop, shared this months ago.

Today, people don’t really notice other people. We don’t really acknowledge each other while walking on the streets or smile at the one sharing the same table in the coffee shop. Even on the train, we are busy with our smart phones, catching up on the latest YouTube video or talk of the town. We do not really realise the existence of other human beings, let alone, look at them and mull over the challenge issued by Bishop Rennis. No wonder, when we lift up our eyes, we don’t see that the fields are white for harvest (Jn 4:35). No wonder, when the church

rallies us to win the lost for Christ, we see more difficulties and inconveniences, because we don’t notice them in the first place.

Bishop Rennis’ thought-provoking sharing unsettled me for some months. Luhidas, the Bangladeshi estate cleaner who has been cleaning my HDB block for some years, never fails to be the first one to smile and shout from afar when he sees me, “Good morning, sister! How are you this morning?” I haven’t been mindful of him. I am usually too focused on my own world that I don’t easily notice people. God has used Luhidas to urge me to open my spiritual eyes to see as God sees, and to be humble to realise that people are not a mere part of the backdrop or value chain. Every single person who crosses my path is beautifully made by God. I must lift up my eyes and see that the field is now white for harvest. Today, let’s lift up our eyes from our gadgets and see the world through the eyes and heart of God!

Sermon Outline

Guardians of the Gospel

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 20:1-38 • SERMON: PS EDMUND WONG

Introduction

A. A Life Sold Out for the Gospel (vv.1-27)

B. A Church United in the Gospel (vv.28-35)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:

11 NOV – REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), REV EDMUND CHAN (WDL) AND REV TONY YEO (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

The Gospel That God Gave Us

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 19:1-41 • SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

What kind of Gospel do we have in Singapore and Covenant EFC today? A senior pastor in the US dressed like a homeless person and sat outside the church door to see how his church members will respond. They did well. Many gave him water and food, and prayed for him. We have a Gospel of love and sacrifice, not convenience and comfort.

Acts 19 shows a full outworking of the Gospel. Three spheres of engagement:

A. It's a Gospel that Fills and Changes Us (vv.1-10)

Two groups of people:

1. The 12 men known as disciples but were neither baptised in the Holy Spirit nor know Jesus. Most likely not born-again believers. Without the Holy Spirit and Jesus, you can't be changed.
2. The Jews who were stubborn, unbelieving and spoke against The Way: The more they listened, the more hardened they became.

Do you have a relationship with Jesus?

B. It's a Gospel that Overcomes and Subdues Evil (vv.11-20)

Acts 19:11 sums it up: "And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul." Notice also that these miracles are not an end in itself. The outcome is clearly expressed in verse 20: "So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily."

God uses Paul's handkerchief and working apron to bring about miracles. God can use anything because He is all powerful. Miracles do not lie in the items but in God. Take note that this is a description, not a prescription, thus don't replicate what you read.

The Jews tried to use the name of Jesus to cast out demons. But they were attacked by the evil spirits. Be the real deal. Don't mess with the power of darkness. Darkness can't mess with us because of Jesus.

As a result of this seeming comical incident, the Gospel continued to spread and the people abandoned their idols. Young converts burned their magic spells to turn to God. Reflect on what is valuable vs what is priceless.

C. It's a Gospel that Touches and Impacts Society (vv.21-41)

Verses 21 to 22: Luke tells us that Paul purposed to go to Rome and Spain to advance the Gospel of Jesus. Truly his vision had no limit.

Verses 23 to 41: Paul's work in Ephesus created a riot. But God provided the mayor and saved them. This is God's supernatural intervention through government authority.

Let the **Truth** prevail: The Church and Gospel are still around today, but not Artemis or her deity.

Let our **Moral Integrity** shine: Uphold the law and let our actions speak louder than our words.

Let our **Unity** be strong: If we are not united, we cannot impact our city.

Conclusion

G.O.S.P.E.L. – God's Only Son came so that we won't Perish and have Eternal Life (Half-Time Summit)