

Announcements

NEW LIFE CHRISTMAS OUTREACH FOR COMMUNITY CHILDREN

Is your CG keen to be part of an outreach to bless children and their families during Christmas celebration? You can serve in New Life Christmas outreach. CGs will be involved in the planning and running of the event with the support of the staff. Don't miss this opportunity to share Jesus as the true reason of this season!

Kids Champ Club

Date: Sat, 15 Dec,
Time: 3pm – 5pm
Venue: BPJ Centre

P.A.N.D.A. Champs

Date: 21 Dec (Fri)
Time: 2.00pm – 5.30pm
Venue: BPJ Centre

To sign up and for more information, contact Jason at 9635 1135 or jasonlee@newlife.org.sg

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

NEW LIFE STAFF RECRUITMENT

New Life needs committed and passionate staff to reach the next generation and be a blessing to the community. We are looking for talented people called to turn their passion into career to fill in the following positions:

- Youth Team Leader
- Childcare Principal (BPJ Centre)
- Office and Liaison Manager

If you are interested, download the application form at tinyurl.com/nlcsjobform and email to hr@newlife.org.sg Share this opportunity with your networks and friends too.

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



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BPJ Centre:
Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

WDL Centre:
Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

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Sun 9am & 11am

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EAST, 11 NOV 2018

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We are One!

FELIX WONG, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NEW LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Vision 2028 & Beyond Faith Exploit 4: Disciple Now to Impact Our Society and Culture

In 2017, after serving for 16 years as a secondary school teacher, I took no-pay leave to enrol as an IDMC Institute intern. After a year of rest and reflection, God called me to move out of my comfort zone to serve in New Life Community Service as the Deputy Executive Director on 1 January 2018.

In the past, I had some questions such as how New Life was birthed and what is the relationship between New Life and Covenant. Throughout my journey, I have discovered that New Life and Covenant EFC are indeed ONE – in our Mandate, Mission and Mobilisation.

We are ONE in our mandate as New Life was birthed out of Covenant EFC's desire to reach our community and impact our society and culture. We are also ONE in our mission to love the community for Christ and be a blessing to the community around our worship centres. From Bukit

Panjang to Woodlands to the East and to our future worship centres – we are ONE in our mobilisation of volunteers as well as funding. 99% of our volunteers and the majority of our donors are Covenanters.

We are grateful to God for blessing us with this unity of oneness, demonstrated by how New Life and Covenant EFC work together to love our community for Christ. Ephesians 4:4 says, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called."

Today, after 18 years, we are awed by God's blessings upon New Life and Covenant EFC. United as ONE, we will forge forward together to impact our society and culture as God leads us towards Vision 2028 & Beyond.

One of the key burdens which God placed upon my heart is to continue to bring about this oneness between New Life and Covenant EFC. Will you join us to be a blessing to our community and make a lasting impact in our society and culture, far beyond our imagination of what our ONE life can do for Christ?

Sermon Outline

We Are One!

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 17:20-26 • SERMON: REV TONY YEO

Introduction

1. The Need of the World Today
2. Jesus' Prayer – for us to be ONE!

Two fundamental principles for Oneness, as seen in John 17:20-26 -

A. To Grow In This Oneness, We Must Seek the Greater Glory (vv.20–24)

“The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one” (v.22)

B. To Grow In This Oneness, We Must Abide in the Deeper Love (25–26)

“I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.” (v.26)

Conclusion

“We Are ONE!”

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:

18 NOV – REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), REV TONY YEO (WDL) AND PS EDMUND WONG (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Guardians of the Gospel

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 20:1-38 • SERMON: PS BARNEY LAU

Introduction

Key feature of Acts 20 is Paul's encouragements to the churches he planted, especially the church in Ephesus where he spent over three years. One suspects these encouragements are lengthy, like at Troas (vv.7-12) and the farewell address to the Ephesian Elders, possibly just an excerpt of a longer farewell, because Paul had something important yet personal and heartfelt to say to these churches.

A. A Life Sold Out for the Gospel (vv.17-27)

1. Paul's address to the Ephesian Elders began emphatically and personally which may be paraphrased as, “ALL of you know me personally by experience how I've worked and lived among you the whole time I was in Asia.” (v.18b)
2. Paul was asking them to look at his life as they lead the Ephesian church as:
 - a. Servants of the Lord with all humility (v.19)
 - b. Teachers of the Word with all responsibility (v.20)
 - c. Witness of Christ with all audacity (v.21)
3. Verse 24 - Paul's purpose and determination to live a life sold out for the Gospel:
 - a. Certainty of mission – to testify to the Gospel of Christ
 - b. Clarity of ministry – which is to serve, teach and witness
 - c. Center of motivation – the grace of God through Jesus his Lord and Saviour

B. A Church United in the Gospel (vv.28-38)

1. Paul exhorted the Ephesian Elders in verse 28 to:
 - a. Look after ourselves and look after those under us (Be on guard).
 - b. Lead the flock whom God has placed under our care (Overseer).
 - c. Love the Church that God loved and Jesus died for (Shepherd).
2. Paul's example in verses 31 to 35 to lead the flock and love the Church by our:
 - a. Presence – Paul was present serving, teaching and toiling among them.
 - b. Words – Paul taught, admonished and encouraged.
 - c. Actions – Paul modelled love and leadership in how he lived.
3. In the context of Acts, and Paul's later letters to the Ephesians and Timothy, Paul was exhorting them to be on guard from false teachings that may come from without (v.29, eg. Jewish opposers) and arise from within (v.30, e.g. believers influenced by Judaizers in Acts 15).
4. Paul ended his farewell telling the elders that they “must help the weak” (v.35). Why? It goes back to Paul's exhortation to look after themselves, lead the flock, **and** love the Church. Paul's collection of love gift from the Macedonian churches on this third missionary journey for the poor Jewish Christians in Jerusalem is a tangible expression of loving the Church by helping the weak!
5. The Church is united in the Gospel, because it is a Gospel of love and grace!

Conclusion

What is it about the Gospel that we are to be guardians of? The grace of God through Jesus Christ our Lord, that is the Gospel of God worth living sold-out lives for and building a Church that is united in it! We are the Guardians of the Gospel!