

Announcements

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Do you love children and would like to impact their lives? Don't miss these opportunities to bless and mentor the children in our community. They need you!

Steady Readers Mentors

100 volunteers are needed to mentor K2 to P4 children who are not reading at their academic age and having difficulty in school due to lack of proficiency in English.

Period: 21 Jan – 25 May 2019

Days & Venue:

Mon and/or Wed at BPJ Centre
Tues and/or Thu at WDL Centre

Time: 8.00pm – 9.30pm

Required Training: 5 OR 6 Jan 2019

Time: 1pm – 5pm

Venue: Fajar Youth Hub (Blk 419 Fajar Road)

Kids Champ Club Mentors

10 volunteers are needed to mentor P1 to P4 children displaying at-risk behaviour. This character building programme seeks to inculcate values such as responsibility and kindness.

Dates: 2 Feb – 8 Jun (fortnightly every Sat)

Time: 2.00pm – 5.30pm (includes pre and post-briefing)

Venue: BPJ Centre

Required Training: 19 Jan 2019

Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Venue: Fajar Youth Hub (Blk 419 Fajar Road)

Sign up now through this QR code. Email Jason at volunteer@newlife.org.sg for more information.



PASTOR'S SABBATICAL

Rev Barney Lau will be away on sabbatical from 1 Jan until 30 Jun 2019.

C.Y.A.N. GATHERING

Our speaker, Rev Isaiah Fadzlin, sums up his life journey as miraculous. He had a powerful conversion experience and his testimony has encouraged many around the world. He has been in full-time ministry for 15 years and is the Associate Pastor of Faith Assembly of God. Come find out what makes his life a miracle in the face of adversity!

Date: 23 Nov (Fri)

Time: 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Venue: Joyden Hall

To register and for more details, go to cefc.ch/cyanpif

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. Today is the last day of application.

Apply at Voyager. For enquiries, email idiadmin@cefc.org.sg

KIDZBLAST

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

40TH ANNIVERSARY

Disciple Now!

... for a Vibrant & Healthy 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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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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BUKIT PANJANG, 18 NOV 2018

SERVICE LEADER: PS TAN SIANG HONG • WORSHIP LEADER: JENNIFER HO

He Will Bring Us Into The Land

TONY TAN, ELDER-DESIGNATE
REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

I *f the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey.*

– Numbers 14:8

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord. – Haggai 1:7-8

We believe that God has led and gifted Covenant EFC to be One Church with Multiple Centres. This led us to plant Covenant East in 2016 with a pioneering group of about 250 members. On 4 Nov 2018, Covenant East celebrated its second anniversary with over 700 members in average worship attendance. God has truly blessed! We are thankful that as the team labours, God causes the growth. Soon, our East Centre will exceed the capacity of its current rental facility at Changi Business Park.

For a number of months now, the Property Committee has been seeking the Lord and exploring potential sites for a new worship centre in the East. By God's divine favour and timing, two property possibilities have emerged and the Committee is in the process of conducting the necessary due diligence and preparatory work.

God will certainly "bring us into this land" in His time and in His way. Each one who calls Covenant EFC home and believe in her vision will have to pray and "consider our ways". God calls us to be His faithful and obedient stewards and to set aside the resources needed to "build the house, that I may take pleasure in it, and that I may be glorified". We have a vision to raise a Seed Fund of \$40M in this faith journey. This will enable us to act swiftly should God give us the new land. Let's be faithful to bring the best of our firstfruit gifts to the altar by February 2019. God is no man's debtor!

Sermon Outline

When Our Will Is Not Necessarily God's Will

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 21:1-36 • SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

A. Discern God's Will Correctly (vv.1-16)

“And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, “Let the **will of the Lord** be done.” (v.16)

B. Do God's Will Humbly (vv.17-36)

“**When we had come to Jerusalem**, the brothers received us gladly.” (v.17)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:

25 NOV – PAUL SHI (BPJ), PS IVAN HO (WDL) AND REV BARNEY LAU (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

We Are One!

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 17:20-26 • SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

1. The Need of the World Today

Today we see a chaotic world divided over many issues. Divisive factors can range from different convictions and beliefs to different personalities and agendas to different motives and hidden agendas. Only Jesus can unify our differences! “Divisions in the Church breed atheism in the world. But unity in the Church reveals God!” In John 17, Jesus prayed emphatically four times for UNITY and ONENESS among us (See Jn 17:11,21,22,23)

2. Two fundamental principles for Oneness:

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)

What is this glory Jesus is talking about? The first occurrence of the word GLORY (appears 19 times in 15 verses in ESV) goes back to John 1:14- “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” In other words, the very splendor and majesty of God the Father is manifested in and through Jesus the Son. It is the divine and glorious “Break-In” into a sinful and lost humanity. The Message Bible paraphrases John 1:14 as: “The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.”

This is the GLORY that Jesus brings to us. The transcendent and unapproachable glory of the invisible God became visible and tangible to us. Jesus' glorious mission was to reveal God to us! Now the disciples will bear the privilege and responsibility of revealing God to humanity. Not by means of power and force but by humble service and kindness!

Application: Covenant EFC and New Life's mission: Love the community for Christ!

Illustration: New Life referral to Covenant EFC for house cleaning and burial cost!

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

The intimate prayer of Jesus ended with a wonderful promise in verses 25 to 26: Because the world does not know who the righteous Father is and why Jesus had to die on the Cross, He promised to keep making himself known to us and to the world. It's a promise that we must rejoice in and claim from Jesus today. He is the one who will be doing the heavy lifting.

What is Jesus' effective method? Through our DEEPER LOVE. He wants us to first experience the Father's love, only then can we exemplify the Father's love. “By this shall all men know you are my disciples if you have love for one another!” (Jn 13:35). The lost world cannot see God, but they can see Christians. Some Christians are prosecuting attorneys and judges instead of faithful witnesses, and this only turns lost sinners away from the Saviour.

Conclusion

We are ONE!