

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 disciplinemaker? 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 idtadmin@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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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.

The first is a commercial property available for sale in Bedok, which was previously used by a church for worship services on weekends. The other is a HDB place-of-worship site in the Ubi vicinity, to be released for public tender as a multi-church hub in the first half of 2019. It appears the Lord is leading us into unchartered territory as both property possibilities are relatively new concepts for our church. God is setting the bar higher and we are to arise with greater and bolder faith in response. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to direct the Property Committee and the Church Board to be wise and diligent in assessing the options and to discern His will.

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 TONY YEO

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 TONY YEO

Introduction

The Need of the World Today

We live in a divided world – among nations as well as within families and churches! The dream to maintain peace on earth has been elusive at best and impossible at worst. Of all the things that Jesus, the Prince of Peace could have prayed for the Church, He prayed four times for UNITY and ONENESS among us in John 17:11b, 21a, 22b, 23a. Francis Schaeffer: “We cannot expect the world to believe that the Father sent the Son, that Jesus’ claims are true, unless the world sees some reality of the ONENESS of true Christians.” And if there is ONE PLACE that should exemplify this Oneness – it’s the Church! “Believers are never told to become one; we already are one and are expected to act like it.” - Joni Eareckson Tada

Two fundamental principles for Growing in Oneness -

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

1. *Erōtō* (“I pray”) signals another major shift in Jesus’ concern for the disciples as they faced their future mission and their ultimate destinies.
2. The bridge between “these” referring to the apostles (vv.6-19), and “those” referring to future believers is the word of truth that they have all believed.
3. Verse 22 “The GLORY that you have given me I have given to them..”
The word GLORY, *doxa*, appears 19 times in 15 verses in the book of John. 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 essence, the glory refers to the GLORY of the GOSPEL! “Christ in God” in verses 21, 23 (The Glory of the Redeemer) And “Christ in Us” in verses 21, 23 and 26 (The Glory Of The Redeemed). “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” (Col 1:27)
4. There is a threefold implication for the Church –
 - a. We PERCEIVE His Glory (See)
 - b. We PARTAKE OF His Glory (Share)
 - c. We PROCLAIM His Glory (Speak)Actions Speaks Louder Than Words! Hence, we have New Life Community Services.
Application: Covenant EFC and New Life’s mission is to 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 (John 17:25-26)

1. “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). Jesus’ prayer ended with a promise. Illust: Swee Kee’s conversion
Application: Claim Jesus’ promise personally today for your unbelieving friends, family, colleagues this week and even for this coming Christmas.
2. Jesus way of making known His love to the world is through our DEEPER LOVE – to first experience the Father’s love and to exemplify it. If the world sees love and unity, they will believe that God is love. If the world sees hatred and division, they will reject the message of the Gospel. The way God chooses to draw people to His love is through His church reaching out in love. Illustration: New Life Charity run - CGs raising funds for the Next Generation

Conclusion

Illust: “When I see the Hand, I can see the Face”! When the community sees the hands of New Life, may they not just see the face of Covenant EFC, but the face of Jesus!