

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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... 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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SERVICE LEADER: PS SANDRA CHI • WORSHIP LEADER: JONATHAN CHI

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: PS EDMUND WONG

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 ALONE!

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 17:20-26 • SERMON: REV EDMUND CHAN

Introduction

1. E pluribus unum (USA motto): “Out of the many, one.”
2. 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.”
3. Two fundamental principles for growing in Oneness -

A. TO GROW IN THIS ONENESS, WE MUST SEEK THE GREATER GLORY (vv.20-24)

1. Verse 22 “The GLORY that you have given me I have given to them...”
But what is this glory that Jesus is talking about?
At least 5 Possibilities – (a) The Glory of HEAVEN, (b) The Glory of SONSHIP, (c) The Glory of PREACHING THE GOSPEL, (d) The Glory of MIRACLES, and (e) The Glory of APOSTOLIC OFFICE in teaching and miracles.
2. My view is this –
 - a. There are 2 reasons WHY there are so many different views on what THE GLORY is –
 - (1) Because the essential meaning was NOT directly given;
 - (2) Because the essential meaning is MULTI-LAYERED!
 - b. In essence, THE GLORY refers to the GLORY of the GOSPEL!
The KEY to understanding the essence of the glory is the IMMEDIATE TEXT itself in verse 22 – “that they may be one as we are one”
The answer lies in a Binary Relationship – “I in Them...You in Me...”(v.23)
“Christ In God” (The Glory Of The Redeemer) And
“Christ In Us” (The Glory Of The Redeemed).
PAUL says, “CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY”!! (Col 1:27)
 - c. It's All About The Oneness Of God (In Essence) In Their Oneness Of Purpose (In Mission) To Bring About The Oneness Of A New Humanity (In Redemption)!
A New Humanity Where We Are Not Colour-Coded But Christ-Coded!
That's the GOSPEL of the RESTORATION of the IMAGE of GOD in this NEW HUMANITY!!
It is thus a glory rooted in the Gospel.
3. Implication is Threefold – (1) We PERCEIVE His Glory (See), (2) We PARTAKE OF His Glory (Share) and (3) We PROCLAIM His Glory (Speak) - But Actions Speaks Louder Than Words! Hence, we have New Life Community Services – the face and hands of Covenant EFC!

B. TO GROW IN THIS ONENESS, WE MUST ABIDE IN THE DEEPER LOVE (vv.25-26)

1. “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)
2. Illust. Two Brothers on a Sand Bank. The sacrifice of the elder brother.
3. Two examples of New Life's loving commitments
4. Two examples of Visitors coming to know Christ.
The way God choose to draw people to His love is through His church reaching out in love.

Conclusion . “When I see the Hand, I can see the Face”!!