

# 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 or go to <http://cefc.ch/newlifechildren>  
For more information, email Jason at [volunteer@newlife.org.sg](mailto:volunteer@newlife.org.sg)



## INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING (IDT) SIGN-UP

Are you seeking to grow in Christian maturity and in becoming an authentic disciple and intentional disciplemaker? Apply by 16 Dec at Voyager. For enquiries, email [idtadmin@cefc.org.sg](mailto:idtadmin@cefc.org.sg)

## COH 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:** 5 Dec (Wed) **Time:** 8.00pm – 9.30pm

**Venue:** BPJ Centre, Grace Sanctuary  
This night's prayer will be done in Mandarin and English.

## LIVING IN BABYLON (LIB) INTRO TO CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Life transitions are difficult; uncertainties abound. As you embark on a new journey in the polytechnic, ITE, JC, pre-NS or university, you need a solid rock to hold fast to. Come and build a strong foundation in your faith. Bring your questions and rediscover Christianity!

### Dates and Time:

13 Dec, Thu, 9:30am – 9:30pm

14 Dec, Fri, 10am – 6pm

15 Dec, Sat, 9am – 1pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre, 2 Kallang Ave, #10-03

To sign up and for more details, go to <http://cefc.ch/lib> Registration closes on 11 Dec. For enquiries, email Ps Adrian Chan at [adrian.chan@cefc.org.sg](mailto:adrian.chan@cefc.org.sg) or Joshua Leong at [josh8778leong@gmail.com](mailto:josh8778leong@gmail.com)

## DEC 2018 DJ COLLECTION

The Devotional Journal (DJ) for Dec 2018 is now available at our church website and "Covenant EFC" app. Hard copies are available at the Information Counter at Level 1 while stocks last.

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**BUKIT PANJANG, 25 NOV 2018**  
SERVICE LEADER: PS YAM KENG MUN • WORSHIP LEADER: KAREN LIM

## The Fifth Gospel

VINCENT CHIA, OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

**R**odney "Gipsy" Smith said, "There are five Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and the Christian. Most people will never read the first four."

Last month, on two separate occasions, two recently released prison inmates sought help from the church because they needed some resources to start over. Mr D had a job waiting for him three weeks later, while Mr F was anxious to find a job. Both of them do not have cash to their name.

When I met each of them, they asked the same question, "Will you help someone who is not a Christian?" This gave me an opportunity to start a simple spiritual conversation: "Jesus loves you and me. He died on the Cross for each of us, regardless of race or religion. The church will try and help fill the gaps till you collect your first pay check," I replied. Both were given EZ-Link top-ups as well as some vouchers.

I met with them again separately for another EZ-Link

top-up. Mr D shared that if the church had not stepped in to help, he would never have journeyed to be self-reliant in such a short time. Mr F said, "Many saw my tattoos and prison record, but you saw hope!" I was thankful for the opportunity to be the Fifth Gospel by sharing my life as well as God's love.

### How can we be the Fifth Gospel?

- Be a Work-Befriender to the elderly by helping them with their household chores regularly.
- Invest in the lives of children by serving in Storytelling and Craft once a month.
- Be the face, hands and feet for Home Makeovers by giving families a brand-new start.

Those who get to witness God's love will remember it for a lifetime. Covenanters, let's joyfully step forward to share God's love and impact lives!

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# Sermon Outline

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## Two Life-Changing Questions

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 21:37-22:29 • SERMON: PAUL SHI

### Introduction

#### A. "Who Are You, Lord?"

#### B. "What Shall I Do, Lord?"

### Conclusion

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**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:**

2 DEC - REV EDMUND CHAN (BPJ, WDL AND EAST)

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# Last Week's Sermon Summary

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## When Our Will Is Not Necessarily God's Will

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

### Introduction

Overview of Acts: Acts 21 – The start of the journey to Rome.

What do we do when our will is not necessarily God's will.

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

1. Paul bid his tearful goodbye to the Ephesian leaders in Acts 20 and began his voyage to Jerusalem. He knew it was God's will for him to go back to Jerusalem. But he was going back to a lion's den — trials and tribulations await him (Acts 19:22).
2. Two encounters that challenged Paul's discernment of God's will:
  - a. Tyre (Acts 21:4): Disciples "through the Spirit" told Paul not to go to Jerusalem. So who heard it correctly? No dispute about the suffering at Jerusalem. But on hindsight, we know that their good intention was not God's will for Paul.
  - b. Caesarea (Acts 21:10-14): A prophet named Agabus declared these words to Paul: "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"
3. Agabus was not a "fly-by-night" prophet. He prophesied a famine in Acts 11:28 and it came to pass. So his words were taken seriously and the disciples urged Paul not to go to Jerusalem. Verse 13 tells us that this broke Paul's heart. Is Paul being stubborn or lion-hearted, valuing the Gospel more than his own life? This shows us that the fear of the unknown, pain and hardship are not factors to discern God's will! Acts 21:14 concluded with these words: "Let the will of the Lord be done!"
4. Application: God's moral, permissive and sovereign will. W.I.S.E. framework (Word, Inner witness, Supernatural intervention, Eldership).

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

1. In verse 17, Paul finally arrived at Jerusalem. The leaders welcomed him warmly and they rejoiced over all that had happened among the Gentiles when they heard his report. Then in verse 21, the leaders needed to clarify something they heard about Paul. They asked him to observe the Nazarite vow with four other men to show his reverence for the Jewish law. Paul submitted to their request (vv.23-26). The plan didn't work and Paul was seized by the people, but God saved him. God's will was fulfilled. He became a prisoner of the Gospel.
2. Two application questions:
  - a. Are we prepared to graciously submit to the leadership authority God has placed over us?
  - b. Are we conscious not to say or do anything that has not been verified as factual or truth?

### Conclusion

Story of Dickson & Allison and Tat & Sue.

Richard Baxter say it all: "Lord, what thou wilt, where thou wilt, and when thou wilt."