

# 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.



... 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

### ACKCentre

2 Kallang Avenue,

CT Hub #10-26, Singapore 339407

### 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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EAST, 25 NOV 2018

SERVICE LEADER: BENJAMIN SUN • WORSHIP LEADER: DAVID CHONG

## The Fifth Gospel

VINCENT CHIA, OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Rodney "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: REV BARNEY LAU

### 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 TONY YEO

### Introduction

The "will of God" is an over-used phrase and even mis-used. "God's will" often merely means "the best plan I could think of right now" (dressed up in spiritual rhetoric!). Throughout the Scriptures, **the will of God is paramount!** But often we find ourselves caught in a tug-of-war — my will vs God's will.

Acts 21:1-36 shows how the Apostle Paul himself was facing this tug-of-war between God's will and his will. What do we do when our will is not necessarily God's will? Living according to God's will means we are to:

#### 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.14)

1. Context: Paul had a mission to present collective gifts from the Gentile churches as a symbol of unity to the church in Jerusalem (Acts 19:21; 20:22) and to preach the Gospel in Rome and beyond.
2. Prophetic voices – disciples persuading Paul not to go (v.4) and Prophet Agabus' warning that there will be trouble there (vv.10,11).
3. But Paul was very grieved by their response (vv.13-14). Paul prized the name of Jesus more than his own life. The disciples and Agabus's concerns were logical, legitimate and even correct. But their conclusion was incorrect. It was God's will for Paul to go to Jerusalem. Principle: Safety is not a benchmark to determine God's will!
4. Application: A W.I.S.E. way to discern God's will correctly – Word of God, Inner witness of the Spirit, Supernatural intervention, Eldership.
5. Focus: Seek the Lord and whatever the Lord tells you, follow Him. The heart of discipleship is about listening to and following Christ. Pray for an attitude of waiting: **Align to God!**

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

1. Act upon God's will promptly (v.17). Paul acted upon it and arrived at his goal – Jerusalem. Likewise we must act upon our understanding of God's will for our lives. We can never be 100% sure of God's will before we do it. Ultimately it is a venture of faith and God honors that faith in us.
2. Submit to God's will willingly (vv.18–26). Paul need not submit to the Jerusalem Council or go through the Jewish rites, but he was willing to submit himself to their leadership counsel and do God's will humbly. Likewise God looks beyond what we do and looks at our hearts. How we do what we do is just as important to God.
3. Complete God's will faithfully! (vv.27–36). Paul was about to complete the rites when he was falsely accused of violating the temple laws resulting in the mob beating him up. Paul did not merely do God's will, he did it well and carried it to completion.
4. Application: Are we willing to submit humbly to the leadership authority God has placed over us at home, family, workplace, nation and church? We can have an independent view, but beware of an independent spirit where there is no proper accountability and authority structures in life.
5. Focus: Pray for an act of surrender — Just do it!

### Conclusion

Story of Japanese pastoral couple Tak and Sue's adoption of a special-need baby. Jesus kept His station to align to God's will, so that we can be saved. May we in following Jesus say: "Not my will but Yours be done!"