

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



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

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 or Joshua Leong at 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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SERVICE LEADER: PS SHARON FONG • WORSHIP LEADER: LOW WEI SHING AND MAVIS LOW

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!

Sermon Outline

Two Life-Changing Questions

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 21:37-22:29 • SERMON: PS IVAN HO

Introduction

A. "Who Are You, Lord?"

B. "What Shall I Do, Lord?"

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:

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

Last Week's Sermon Summary

When Our Will Is Not Necessarily God's Will

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 21:1-36 • SERMON: PS EDMUND WONG

Introduction

There are times when our desires and will may conflict with God's will for our lives, without realising it. Or we may be at a point of making a decision (be it a property search, career switch, marriage partner or ministry involvement) and wondering: What is the will of God for me?

The Apostle Paul was on route to Jerusalem. He navigated not just through Asia, but tricky situations to keep doing the will of God in his life.

What living according to the will of God takes:

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

1. Verse 4 – through the Spirit. Though Paul had said he was constrained by the same Spirit to go to Jerusalem. Did God want him to go or not? Why is there an inconsistency?
2. The prophecy was consistent, but the disciples' value system of safety for Paul (cf. 9:23-25, 19:31-32) — safety, comfort, convenience — cannot be the yardsticks to determine God's will!
3. Verse 10 – 'we' i.e. Luke and Paul's companions who know him best were swayed. To discern God's will, even the best of us need to exercise due diligence beyond common sense and our value systems.
4. Focus: A W.I.S.E. way to discern God's will (Pastor Kay Kiong) — Word of God, Inner witness of the Spirit, Supernatural intervention, Eldership

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

1. Verses 22 to 24 – the request of the Jerusalem leaders, so that Paul's reputation and the church's unity was safeguarded. But it required Paul to go beyond the basic requirements of purifying himself.
2. Verse 26 – Paul could have debated from the Old Testament, cited his credentials, claimed he was under Antioch's authority, not Jerusalem. That he was not required to do it and knew better. But he acceded to their request at the next available opportunity, at his own cost.
3. Paul may have differed with them, but chose to align though it spelt trouble for him later (vv. 27-36).
4. Focus: God leading us through our leaders vs directly by Himself is not an either-or, but both/and. We can have an independent view, not an independent spirit (Ps Tony).

Conclusion

Jesus kept His station and did God's will so that we can be saved. In following Jesus may we say, "Not my will but Yours be done!"