

# Announcements

## CHRISTMAS OUTREACH SERVICES

Christmas is just around the corner! Invite your pre-believing friends, loved ones and colleagues to “Season of Hope” so that they can hear about the hope we have in Christ. Li Nanxing will share his testimony at BPJ Centre, Ps Judith Halim at WDL Centre, and Belinda Lee at East Centre.

**Date:** 25 Dec (Tue)

**Time:** 9am and 11am

**Venues:** BPJ, WDL and East Centres\*

*\*There will be a special offering collection at our Christmas services for Santhosa Samsara, a charity trust founded by Ps George Ebenezer that is raising funds to build a Child Healing Centre in India for children who have been abused.*

**Sunbeam** will have an outreach “A Christmas Wish” for kids aged 7 to 12 years old.

**Date:** 25 Dec (Tue)

**Time:** 9am and 11am

**Venue:** BPJ and WDL Centres

Admission is free. Register at <http://cefc.ch/sbxmas18>

Please note that there will be **NO Sunbeam services today.**

**China Nationals Christmas Service** will be held today, 23 Dec, 3.30pm to 5.00pm at WDL Centre Chapel 1 (Level 4).

## WATCHNIGHT

Let's look back and thank God for what He has done in this Year of Prayer and Repentance. Covenanters will testify how God moved their hearts to pray, repent and reach others with the Gospel. Let's look forward to the Year of Proclamation, believing God for a harvest in our church and land like never before. Come with your family and CG next Mon, **31 Dec, 8pm to 11pm at WDL Centre!**

## NO WEB SERVICE AT WDL & EAST CENTRES

Please note that there will be **NO WEB** service at WDL and East Centres next Sun, 30 Dec.

## SERVE IN NEW LIFE

**New Life Staff Recruitment.** New Life needs committed and passionate staff to reach the next generation and be a blessing to the community. We are looking for talented people called to turn their passion into career to fill in the following positions:

- Youth Team Leader
- Childcare Principal (BPJ Centre)
- Office and Liaison Manager

If you are interested, download the application form at [tinyurl.com/nlcsjobform](http://tinyurl.com/nlcsjobform) and email to [hr@newlife.org.sg](mailto:hr@newlife.org.sg) Share this opportunity with your networks and friends too.

**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)

Sign up at <http://cefc.ch/newlifechildren>

For more information, email

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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, 23 DEC 2018**

SERVICE LEADER: PS JEREMY KOH • WORSHIP LEADER: SIMON AND LILLIAN SEOW

## Ending the Year of Prayer and Repentance Well

PS EDMUND WONG, PASTORAL STAFF, DISTRICT MENTOR AND PRAYER MINISTRY

**W**e are about one week away before 2018 ends. How have you grown in prayer and repentance this year?

Last year, our senior leaders came back from their annual listening retreat with a strong burden: **Prayer**. The divine picture given to Senior Pastor Kay Kiong was Moses on top of the mountain, with his hands lifted up by Aaron and Hur. Every time his hands were lifted up, Joshua was winning the battle against the Amalekites (Exo 17:8-13). Bishop Rennis, President of National Council of Churches in Singapore, then declared 2018 as a year of prayer to prepare us for a national harvest in 2019, and our hearts resonated. These are exciting times of prayer-paration!

Besides our usual prayer platforms (e.g. CG Prayer and Praise), we intensified prayer this year by launching i12pray, a personal monthly prayer initiative to cover our leaders under attack and uphold our nation. We partnered with LoveSingapore during Holy Week for Solemn Assembly. We held overnight prayer meetings at our three centres on the eve of National Day, as our spiritual endeavour for revival.

We had a show of force during PraySingapore at the National Stadium, to register our solidarity and unity with the Body of Christ for the coming harvest. What a year of prayer this has been!

Moving forward, we will continue our prayer momentum for the harvest through the following:

**i12pray** – with refreshed monthly content that is more specific and targeted

**Celebration of Hope Prayer Lead-Up** – every first Friday (Jan to May) 8pm at BPJ Centre.

Recently, I came across a Facebook post by a friend: “If prayer isn't vital for your church, then your church isn't vital. This statement may be bold, but I believe it's true. If you can accomplish your church's mission without daily, passionate prayer, then your mission is insufficient and your church is irrelevant.” (Francis Chan, *Letters to the Church*).

Is prayer vital for your life and ministry? Let's end the year of prayer and repentance well, together. See you at Watchnight Prayer, 31 Dec, 8pm to 11pm at WDL Centre!

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# Sermon Outline

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## When Storms Come

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 27 • SERMON: PS MATTHEW LO

### Introduction

#### A. When Storms Come, Cling onto Christ

#### B. When Storms Come, Stay Anchored to His Promises

### Conclusion

Before the storm hits ...

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**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:**

DEC 30 – PS ANN CHAN (BPJ), REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (WDL) AND PS MATTHEW LO (EAST)

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# Last Week's Sermon Summary

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## Obedying the Divine Call

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 25-26 • SERMON: PAUL SHI

### Introduction

As we approach the end of the book of Acts, let's not treat it like a museum, textbook, or history class, but let there be an inward conviction of holy discontentment where we long to experience Jesus in our daily lives the way the Early Church did.

In Acts 25 to 26, the apostle Paul, an insignificant prisoner testifies against the backdrop of a gigantic Roman empire. Yet, after more than 2,000 years, the Church continues to thrive while the Roman empire only lives on the pages of history books.

What is it about the apostle Paul that had made such a huge impact?

#### A. Unwavering Faithfulness

Acts 25:10 – Paul claims to be innocent in the light of the charges brought by the Jews against him. He appeals to Caesar in the light of this accusations.

Acts 26:30-32 – Paul would have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar. What would compel someone to do something like this?

Acts 23:11 – Jesus gives Paul a clear mandate that He will be a witness not just in Jerusalem but also in Rome.

At the heart of how Paul lives his life is being compelled by the LOVE of Christ. Therefore, Paul is unwavering in his mission.

The word used here for “compel” literally means totally controlled and completely dominated. In 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, Paul says that we are compelled by Christ's love and we no longer live for ourselves, but we live for the One who died for us. So even though Paul may have been set free since the charges brought against him were not deserving of death or imprisonment, Paul chose to remain in prison and to appeal to Caesar in order to fulfil his God-given mission.

#### B. Uncompromising Obedience

In Acts 26:12-17, Paul testifies of his heavenly vision and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul's heavenly call defined his identity, mission and purpose. He was called to be a witness, servant and to be the 'sent one', i.e. apostle. His mission was to open the eyes of Jews and Gentiles, and his purpose was to see people turn from the kingdom of Satan to the Kingdom of God. So therefore, Paul says that he was not disobedient to his heavenly call. He remains obedient to the LORD because of this calling. When we say obedience in the Christian life, it does not simply mean that there are “do not's”, it also means being proactive in obeying Jesus.

At the core of our identity as Christians is to be witnesses — to be testimonies for Jesus. Paul was unhindered in being a witness to Agrippa so much so that he was unperturbed to say that he wants him to be a Christian. And not just Agrippa but everyone to be a Christian.

Personal application: One of the reasons we are afraid to be witnesses is because we struggle with the fear of man. So we pray that the love of Christ would compel us and overcome the fears in our hearts.

### Conclusion

If we are to grow spiritual, as much as studying the Scriptures, prayer, community are critical, but when we are a witness for Jesus in our neighborhood, schools, workplace, it not only has the potential to change our environment, but invigorates our spiritual life.