

Announcements

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 tomorrow, **31 Dec, 8pm to 11pm at WDL Centre!**

CELEBRATION OF HOPE 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 hosted by Covenant! This is open to all Christians in Singapore. God acts in answer to our prayers because He desires that none should perish!

Date: 4 Jan (Fri)

Time: 8.00pm – 9.30pm

Venue: BPJ Centre, Grace Sanctuary

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

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

Jason at volunteer@newlife.org.sg

SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP

STM Trips for 2019 are now available for sign-up. Please register before the end of January 2019 if you are interested to go on any of the trips in the first six months of the year.

Countries we will be ministering in are:

1. Malaysia - Klang
2. Mongolia – Ulaanbaatar & beyond
3. Indonesia - Pekanbaru, Batam, Bandung, Surabaya
4. Philippines - Manila
5. Vietnam - Hanoi
6. Cambodia - Cambodia
7. Myanmar - Maubin
8. Katmandu - Nepal

Closing date for registration is 31 January 2019

Requirement & Commitment

- a) Tripper must be a member of a CG and attending CG regularly
- b) Tripper must be committed to attending STM training and team meetings.

Register for trips at

<http://cefc.ch/2019STMTripsRegistration>

or view the information on more trips in 2019 at <https://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/our-ministries/missions>

JAN 2019 DJ COLLECTION

The Devotional Journal (DJ) for Jan 2019 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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SERVICE LEADER: PS ADRIAN CHAN • WORSHIP LEADER: JENNIFER HO

Abounding Grace

TONY TAN, ELDER-DESIGNATE
REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work ... You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way ... – 2 Corinthians 9:8, 11a

As we close 2018, let us reflect on the bountiful grace we have received from the Lord throughout the year. Let us thank Him for always being with us, for upholding us and for never abandoning us as we journeyed across mountains and valleys.

In life, good and bad run on parallel tracks. I am sure that through 2018, each one of us have experienced our share of victories and defeats, joys and sorrows, tears and laughter. In all things however, a universal constant remains — God's grace is sufficient and we can experience the fullness of His peace and presence through the power of His love that sustains us.

Having been thus enriched by His all-sufficient grace and mercies, our grateful response must be to abound in good works and generosity. Has God supplied us with every necessary provision and more? Has He protected us and kept us out of harm's way? Has He blessed and established the works of our hands? As an act of thanksgiving, let's reciprocate by channelling His abounding grace into generous giving to advance His mission and purpose for His church.

We have a vision to raise a seed fund of \$40M for the purpose of advancing the IDMC Movement in Singapore. May each Covenanter contribute generously and in faith, believing that God will accomplish His purposes through Covenant EFC. Let's be faithful to bring the best of our firstfruits by Feb 2019.

Sermon Outline

The God Worth Living For

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 28 • SERMON: PS ANN CHAN

Introduction

Acts 1:8 Fulfilment

Acts 28 closes with 2 Strong Reminders for us at the close of 2018:

A. The God Who Superintends Over Our Circumstances (Acts 28:1-10)

B. The God Who Strengthens Our Witness (Acts 28:11-31)

Conclusion

Live with a sense of gratitude. God is in control.

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

6 JAN – REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ & WDL) AND REV TONY YEO (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

When Storms Come

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 27 • SERMON: PS IVAN HO

Introduction

Context: Paul's journey from Jerusalem to Caesarea under persecution and trials (Acts 21-26). Acts 27:1-28:16 is a detailed, accurate and reliable historical account of the apostle Paul's voyage from Jerusalem to Rome. Luke was with Paul and provides an eyewitness account of the long sea voyage. From Acts 27, we learn that when storms come in our lives, a godly response is to:

A. Be Secure in God's Will: God's Words Are True (vv.1-26)

1. Paul's past experience of God's trustworthiness and faithfulness.
2. God has also told Paul that as he has testified in Jerusalem, so must he testify in Rome (23:11). God's will has been made clear to Paul.
3. Paul could be secure in God's will even when his circumstances were unfavourable and his situation was life-threatening:
 - a. Unfavourable circumstances: Everyone on board the ship faced difficulties and dangers (vv.7-10).
 - b. Life-threatening situation: All of them faced destruction and death (vv.11-12, 15-20).
4. Being secure in God's will doesn't mean there are no doubts and fears. Paul had real fears.
 - a. Paul brought the situation before God in prayer and petitioned for everyone's safety (vv.21-24). God answered through an angel: "**Do not be afraid, Paul;** you must stand before Caesar. And, behold, **God has granted you** all those who sail with you." (v.24).
 - b. Paul needed to first be reassured and strengthened by God's words before he could strengthen and encourage others: He told them to "Take heart!" twice (vv.22, 25)
5. Application: Be secure in God's will for your life, because His words are true. Remember His track record of faithfulness. Hold fast to His words and promises! Tell unbelievers about God's promises that He has fulfilled in your life! People will see the reason for your deep sense of security even when storms come your way.

B. Let Go of Personal Control: God Has Got You (vv.27-44)

1. Don't cling to personal control. The sailors let down anchors and prayed to their pagan gods for day to come, and then sought to abandon ship the next moment. For Christians, that would be like praying to God for deliverance, but not trusting Him to save and instead trusting in our own solution. We must **fully trust God to deliver us!**
2. However, letting go personal control doesn't mean we just sit back and do nothing (vv.26, 39). It does mean we do our best and entrust the rest to God. **Prayer and action! Faith and works!** Three key things Paul did: (a) Encouraged the men with hope (vv.21-26); (b) Stopped the sailors from abandoning the ship (vv.30-32); and (c) Got the men to eat for strength (vv.33-36).
3. Giving God full control. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Our Lord Jesus surrendered to the Father's will: "**... not my will, but Yours, be done.**" (Lk 22:42)
4. Three pictures of letting go of personal control:
 - "... *Cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go.*" (v.32) – let go of **our own way out!**
 - "... *Cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, ...*" (v.40) – let go of **your entrenched position!**
 - "... *Loosening the ropes that tied the rudders. ...*" (v.40) – let go of **your fixed direction!**
5. Application: When storms come, let go of personal control and let God take control of your life! **God has got you!** God takes over and fulfills His word (v.44). **God will bring you safely to shore!**

Conclusion

Closing story: Mark Hall's cancer experience.

Song: "Oh, My Soul"