

» COVENANT EAST MEETING

Have you heard God's call for you to go to Covenant East? If yes, join us for a time of bonding and get to know one another. If not, join us for a time of prayer to seek God.

Date and Time: 11 Jun (Sat), 9am–11am

Venue: UE Convention Centre, 4 Changi Business Pk Ave 1, Singapore 486016
RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/CEFCEastPrayerMeet>

If you are going to Covenant East, please fill up the form at <http://tinyurl.com/GoCEFCEast> if you have not done yet.

» SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Steady Readers Programme

Help children overcome challenges in reading and instill a love for books in them from **July to November every week at 8.00pm to 9.30pm.**

Kids Champ Club

If you love children, serve in this character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds from **6 Aug to 17 Dec, every Saturday at 3pm to 5pm.**

To volunteer or enquire, contact Lewis Woo at 9634 9457 or Cai Aiwei at 6892 7219 or caiaiwei@newlife.org.sg

» FOOD STALL CLOSED

Please note that the food stalls at both centres are closed this month of June due to school holiday.

» CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PASTORS

The Church congratulate Ps Sharon Fong and Ps Barney Lau on their successful graduation from their theological studies. Ps Sharon Fong graduated from Singapore Bible College with Master of Arts in Biblical Studies, while Ps Barney Lau graduated from Biblical Graduate School of Theology with Master in Christian Studies.

» CAMP COVENANT BRIEFING

Camp Briefing **today** for all the Campers at the following venues:

WDL Centre Sanctuary at 12.30pm–1.30pm

BPJ Centre Sanctuary at 2.30pm–3.30pm

» UNIVERSITY BEFRIENDER PROGRAMME

Let's B.L.E.S.S. the Chinese international students who come to study in Singapore with our hospitality. We are looking for families to reach out to them through the University Befriender Programme from **Aug 2016 to Aug 2017**. Drop by our booth at the foyer today to find out more or email missions@cefc.org.sg
Last day to sign up is 26 Jun.

» CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

Finance Manager

Reporting to the Finance & Human Resources Director, this role is responsible for the accounting, internal controls, financial and management reporting requirements and budgeting process. This role prepares and reviews quarterly financial performance, GST reporting and makes preparations for the Annual General Meeting which includes financial review, presentation slides, and liaison with auditors. This role will also be involved in the regular tithing collections cash count.

Requirements:

- Degree holder in Accounting
- Minimum 5 years relevant experience and 2–3 years managerial experience
- Has sound and up-to-date knowledge of financial statutory requirements
- Able to multi-task under tight deadlines

Applicants should either be a church or CG member, intending to answer God's call in furthering Covenant EFC's mission.

For more information, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment>. Interested candidates, email your resume to hr@cefc.org.sg by 19 Jun.

WOODLANDS 5 JUN 2016
SERVICE LEADER PS IVAN HO // WORSHIP LEADER PRISCILLA SAMUEL



Pray for Our Pastors

BY: REV TONY YEO AND REV TAN KAY KIONG, SENIOR PASTORS

Pastors are endangered species. In a *US survey conducted on pastors: 70% battle depression; 80% feel discouraged; 94% have families who feel the pressure of ministries; 78% have no close friends; 90% report working 55 to 75 hours per week; 97% have been betrayed, falsely accused or hurt by their trusted friends. Yet, the pastoral calling is a precious calling. Pastors are given by God to equip the saints for the work of the ministry (Eph 4:11–12).

Thus, last Sunday was a joyful milestone for Covenant EFC. We witnessed the installation of five new pastors in our church family. Several guests said the service was refreshing—dignified yet fun! One said that this is indeed a family church as the camaraderie among the leaders was obvious.

Two of our ministry staff, Portia Chan and Sharon Fong, were welcomed as pastoral staff, and three of our finest lay leaders, Elder Sebastian Quek, Lim Keng Yeow and Kirk Tan, were installed as our first batch of lay pastors. We are eternally grateful to God for leaders who walk with Him. These are leaders who know and keep their station in God's Kingdom.

The pastoral calling is not easy. As such, we ought to pray for our pastors. Pray that our pastoral team in Covenant EFC would be *A Certain Kind* of community. Here are seven vital areas to pray for:

A Hermeneutical Community
Lord, keep us true to Your Word!
To study and proclaim the Word

of God, guard the doctrines, be custodians of truth and think biblically

A Holy Community
Lord, keep us clean for Your use!
To diligently keep watch of self, marriage, and family so as to be a clean, cleansed and pure community

A Humble Community
Lord, may we decrease and may You increase!
To recognise the high privilege of calling which leads to true humility and true courage to do whatever, whenever and wherever the Lord directs

A Hungry Community
Lord, we hunger and thirst for you as the deer pants for the water!
To cultivate a hunger for God and build a learning community in Him—growing spiritually, learning intentionally and living faithfully

A Happy Community
Lord, may the joy of the Lord be our strength!
To serve the Lord with joy, knowing that we are in the centre of His will

A Helpful Community
Lord make me a servant-leader for the Body of Christ!
To be a bridge-builder and serve the larger Body of Christ

A Healthy Community
Lord, may we stay fresh in the ministry through holistic health!
To continue building deep in our lives—staying healthy spiritually, emotionally, mentally, physically and socially

To the new pastors, welcome to such a pastoral community!

*Survey conducted by Francis A. Schaeffer
Institute of Church Leadership Development
from a 1989 Fuller Institute project



VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VALUES

GRACE
GROWTH
GODLINESS

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SERMON OUTLINE



Walk Worthy of the Call

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 4:1–3** Sermon: **PS BARNEY LAU**

1. Therefore I Urge You...

2. Walk Worthy of the Calling

3. Walk Humbly in Unity

Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speaker:
12 Jun **PS ANDY LEW** (BPJ) and **PS IVAN HO** (WDL)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



Reaching Your Peak

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 3:20–21** // Sermon: **REV TAN KAY KIONG**

Introduction

In Him ... To Him

Ephesians 1–3 began with a thunderous doxology. Why? Because everything that we are and will be is found in Him—pure grace! Therefore, everything we are and will be must point to Him—doxology! See Ephesians 1:3,6,14 “to the praise of his glory”.

A Mind-blowing Doxology That Reveals How God Empowers Us to Reach Our Highest Peak:

A. The God Who Works Within You

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly ... according to the power at work within us (v.20)

1. God is able (Gk. *dunamai* from the noun *dunamis*) which means the miraculous and explosive power of God. God is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. *Huperekeperissou*: over and beyond, out of the great abundance of God. God can but sometimes he doesn't, not because He can't but because He knows what's best for us. Don't live like a Christian atheist or agnostic!
2. This super abundance of God must be seen in the context of Ephesians 3:19—to fill up the fullness of God in us. Verse 20: Paul explains it this way—it's according to the power of God at work within us! How does the fullness of God work within us? Imagine you are a droplet of water falling into the vast ocean of God's love. Illus: Heart for the lost and Christ-like award in graduation. We run a different race to get a different reward.

B. The God Who Works Beyond Us

to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (v.21)

1. It's startling for Paul to put the glory of the church before glory in Christ, but it's intentional. To give due emphasis to the place of the Church in God's plan. Truly, the honour of Jesus is in the hands of the Church.
 - a. Call to align with Covenant EFC's vision and mission
 - b. Illus: Juniper Tree/History of Covenant EFC church-plant pioneers
2. Not only will God's glory be seen in the Church; Paul writes that it will be seen “throughout all generations, forever and forever”. “Glory throughout all generations” means in all the history of the earth—past, present, and future—God will be glorified! “Glory forever and ever” means God shall be glorified in all eternity. This is where God “will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth” and throughout eternity.

Conclusion

Amen – Oh Yes!

Illus: Indonesian brother who stood for God in the marketplace