

## » NURTURER REFRESHER TRAINING

For those who signed up during Step Up Sunday to be a Nurturer and those who want a refresher on nurturing new believers to prepare for this coming Christmas and 2017 harvest, come join us!

**Date:** 21 Nov (Mon)  
**Time:** 7pm–10pm  
**Venue:** ACKCentre

## » CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

**Executive (Finance)**

This role is required to perform financial accounting responsibilities such as weekly cash receipt recording for Sunday tithing and other income types, monthly bank reconciliation and monitoring cashflow balance. He/She will also coordinate the cash collection process during events. Prior relevant experience is preferred.

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

For more information, please visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment>  
 Email your resumes to [hr@cefc.org.sg](mailto:hr@cefc.org.sg) by 27 Nov.

## » NEW LIFE WORKSHOP

Join our workshop to know more about us and how you can be a blessing to the community.

**Date:** 29 Nov (Tue)  
**Buffet Dinner:** 6.30pm–7.30pm  
**Workshop:** 7.30pm–9.00pm  
**Venue:** BPJ Centre, Chapel (Level 3)  
 To RSVP, email [volunteer@newlife.org.sg](mailto:volunteer@newlife.org.sg) or call 9716 7154.

## BAPTISM CLASS

Register at the Information Counter today!  
**Date:** 11 Dec (Sun)  
**Time:** 1.00pm–3.30pm  
**Venue:** WDL Centre

*For other announcements,  
 please download the  
 “Covenant EFC” mobile app.*

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SERVICE LEADER ELDER PS JEREMY KOH // WORSHIP LEADER ALLISON LIM



## Loving the Community for Christ

BY: ELDER JOHNNY TAN, NEW LIFE INTERIM DIRECTOR

**A**nn was sent to a girl's home at the age of 12 years old as her parents could not manage her at-risk behaviours. Ann's father would lock her up at home when she refused to go to school. However, she became more rebellious and craved for attention from men. She met a man online and met up with him for a date. She was raped. After her release from the girl's home, she got into prostitution, took drugs and had multiple relationships and subsequently had her first child at 16 years old. New Life Community Services (New Life) counselled and helped her find a shelter and foster care for her children and assisted in her education for a better future.

Hong, 40 years old, has multiple health issues like depression, mild stroke, migraines and occasional breathing difficulties. She became the main breadwinner and caregiver to four children when her husband was incarcerated in 2014. Her husband left a huge sum of unpaid bills and debts. Unemployed and estranged from her own family and the few friends she has, New Life assisted her to apply for monthly food ration and other assistance.

While waiting for the approval, New Life gave financial assistance to help her tie over the period of unemployment. The caseworkers in New Life advised her where to look for employment and worked with the relevant agencies such that her children's education were not affected. Hong is thankful to New Life's assistance.

Do visit the foyer to read the story of Ann and more youths like her.

New Life as the face and hands of Covenant EFC is reaching out to children, youths including those at-risks, and families with children who are attending school, through the student care centres, child care centres, youth hubs and through the work in the Reformative Training Centre. New Life seeks to love the community for Christ and mentor the next generation as they go through life transitions.

We are thankful for the volunteers, donors and prayer support given by Covenanters over the last 16 years. Without the mighty hand of God and your faithful support and prayers, New Life would not be able to do its tasks.

Thank you and do keep New Life in prayer!



## VISION

AUTHENTIC  
 DISCIPLESHIP  
 & INTENTIONAL  
 DISCIPLEMAKING  
 OF A CERTAIN KIND

## VALUES

GRACE  
 GROWTH  
 GODLINESS

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# SERMON OUTLINE



## Love as Jesus Loves

Scripture: **MATTHEW 9:36** Sermon: **PS BARNEY LAU**

### Introduction

In order to love the community as Jesus loves, we must:

#### A. See as Jesus Sees

“when he saw the crowds...”

#### B. Feel as Jesus Feels

“...he had compassion on them...”

### Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:

27 Nov **PS LEE DA WIN** (BPJ) **PAUL SHI** (WDL) **REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI** (EAST)

# LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



## Ready with the Gospel

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:15** // Sermon: **REV TAN KAY KIONG**

### Introduction

Spiritual warfare series: Reminder that life on earth is not on a cruise ship but battleship; not a playground but battleground. God is not a killjoy. Every spiritual blessing have been given to us in Christ. Satan is out to oppose us. He will throw every lie and false teaching against us. That's why we must put on the belt of God's truth. He will load us with every guilt and shame. That's why we need to be protected by the breastplate of Christ's righteousness.

Third piece of the armour — the shoes of the Gospel of peace. Historically, the Roman soldier would first put on the belt. Then he would place the breastplate into position. Next, the soldier would put on his strong army boots or *caligae*. It was made of leather, a thick sole with straps that was tied to the ankle and shin. At the bottom of the soles were hobnails to ensure a good grip. So what does this piece of armour mean for us in spiritual warfare?

Two Fundamentals:

#### A. Stand Firm on the Gospel of Peace

1. Mankind is at loggerheads with God. Satan tempted Adam and Eve in the garden with the thought that God has shortchanged them. As a result, they chose to be their own master, lived their own mission and landed up in their own mess. But God didn't give up on us. He sent Jesus as a mediator between God and us, to pay the debts of sin we have committed and to reconcile us back to God forever (see Eph 2:1-2; 2:4,13-14; Rom 5:1). The readiness of the shoe of the Gospel means we have obtained the **peace *with* God** in our lives.
2. Application: If you are not a Christian, will you receive this gift of peace into your life? If you are already a Christian, while you have the peace *with* God, do you possess the peace *of* God (this means you experience the peace of God in spite of circumstances)?
3. Some verses that help me possess peace: Isaiah 26:3 trust in God; Psalm 119:165 love His ways; Philippians 4:6-7 power of thanksgiving.
4. Find me a Christian soldier who has the peace *with* God as well as the peace *of* God, then I will show you a Christian soldier who is readily standing on the Gospel of peace.

#### B. Reach Out with the Gospel of Peace

1. The devil hates it when there are people who receive the peace *with* God and peace *of* God through the Gospel. He also hates it when Christians reach out with the Gospel of peace.
2. The picture of a Christian soldier who is all ready to go out at any moment to announce the good news to others is a reminder of Isaiah 52:7. Satan has declared war but we are the ambassadors of peace.
3. Application: PDA through B.L.E.S.S.

### Conclusion

Put on the shoes of the Gospel of peace.

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