

» 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 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 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 IVAN HO // WORSHIP LEADER SAMUEL LIM



Loving the Community for Christ

BY: ELDER JOHNNY TAN, NEW LIFE INTERIM DIRECTOR

Ann 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!



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SERMON OUTLINE



Love as Jesus Loves

Scripture: **MATTHEW 9:36** Sermon: **PS EDMUND WONG**

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 TONY YEO**

Introduction

Overview of Spiritual Warfare series: The Christian life is not a walk, but a warfare. The Christian walk is not a playground, but a battleground. The Church is not a cruise ship, but a battleship.

Theology of two kingdoms: The kingdom of light and darkness for the great tussle for souls. God raised up the Church to be the transforming instrument and agent of the Gospel to the world. Satan's one mission is to cripple the advance of the Church by making it spiritually lethargic, sloppy and complacent.

God's Resources for Spiritual Warfare:

1. Belt of truth (sound doctrines) to combat false teachings so that truth is not distorted and disbelieved, but desired.
2. Breastplate of righteousness is the imputed righteousness of God in Christ. It protects us from living shamelessly in condemnation and from living carelessly in sin.
3. Feet ready with the Gospel of Peace so that our eyes see the harvest field, our hearts beat for the passion for the lost souls, and our lives sound the trumpet call for the Gospel.
“Preparation” [*hetoimasia*] of the Gospel of peace refers to two possible meanings:
 - a. Firmness of footing. Context: The Roman soldier wore thickly studded sandals with cleats for digging in and standing firm in the face of battle.
 - b. Readiness of a ship that can set sail quickly and swiftly.

To Be Ready with the Gospel Calls for Two Fundamental Actions:

A. Stand Firm on the Gospel of Peace

The Gospel which means “Good News” is “the gospel of your salvation” (Eph 1:13). The Gospel of salvation is also called the Gospel of peace (Eph 6:15).

1. **Peace with God.** A restored and reconciled relationship between God and man. The Gospel speaks of the bad news first: as sinners, we can't save ourselves. Good news: God sent Jesus to save us! (Rom 5:1,10) Application: Peace treaty with God was signed not with pen and paper but with precious blood of Jesus.
2. **Peace through God** (Eph 2:14-18). Gospel of peace overcomes the enmity between races where disunity and conflicts in Christ were brought to an end (Eph 2:16) resulting in unity in all human relationships: husbands and wives, parents and children, bosses and subordinates (Eph 6). Satan's strategy is to destroy the peace by breaking up our relationship with God and with others. Application: Stand on the Gospel of peace — resolve it, seek help, be a peacemaker.

B. Reach Out with the Gospel of Peace

1. The Christian soldier is to be ready to announce the Good News to everyone everywhere (Mk 16:15). Everybody likes to receive good news, but most of us think the pre-believers are not interested in the Good news. We have forgotten how good the Good News really is — how miserable it was to live without hope and to be full of guilt, fear, regrets and bitterness before Christ brought meaning, purpose and significance. We became Christians because someone reached out to us.
2. How does the world know God really loves them?” Gospel of Peace: Get right with God through a **relationship** based on trust — not through a set of rules and rituals.
3. Application: Reach out through PDA (Personal Revival, Divine Appointment, Active Obedience) PDA through B.L.E.S.S.

Conclusion

“He...found nothing on it except only leaves.” (Matt 21:19) Jesus cursed it for being a phony while giving off the impression that it was the real thing. Fruitfulness, not barrenness, for Jesus and His Kingdom!

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