

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 preferred.

Human Resource Staff

This role is responsible to provide administrative support to the HR functions including payroll, benefits, HRIS, recruitment, government regulations compliance, training and HR-related projects as assigned. Knowledge of the Singapore Labor Law regulations and minimum two years of payroll experience required.

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, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> Email your resumes to hr@cefc.org.sg by 12 Feb.

JOIN NEW LIFE STAFF

Join the New Life Staff Team now as it expands its work in the community!

- Corporate Communications Executive (Graphic Designer)
- Childcare Teachers (English)
- Social Workers or Counsellors (Reformative Training Centre)
- Youth Programme Coordinators
- Finance Executives

Download the application at www.newlife.org.sg and send to hr@newlife.org.sg

MANDARIN CNY OUTREACH

The Mandarin Ministry will have a Chinese New Year Celebration Outreach Service. Taiwanese Gospel singer Ps Ester Wen Be Er will sing Gospel songs and share her personal testimony. Invite your pre-believing family members and friends!

Date: 5 Feb (next Sun)

Time: 2pm Welcome Tea, 3.30pm-5pm Celebration Outreach Service

Venue: BPJ Centre, Main Sanctuary (L2)
For enquires, email chris.pang@cefc.org.sg

NEW NURTURE GROUP

Are you new in the faith or returning to the faith? Learn how to grow in Christ and live victoriously as His disciple in today's world. A new Nurture Group is starting on 12 Feb until 7 May, 1.00pm - 2.30pm at BPJ Centre (Faith Hall Level 2) and WDL Centre (Interview Room Basement 1). Register online at <http://cefc.ch/nurture>

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Love. For married couples preparing for their first child.

Dates: 18 and 25 Feb **Time:** 12pm - 5pm

Venue: WDL Centre **Fee:** \$50 / couple

Parenting with Faith. For parents with kids below 12 years old.

Dates: Eight sessions from 18 Feb to 22 Apr

Time: 2pm - 4pm **Venue:** ACKCentre

Fee: \$100 / couple

Register at the Information Counter today!

PASTOR'S SABBATICAL

Ps Matthew Lo will be on sabbatical from 1 Feb to 30 Apr 2017.

VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

COVENANT EFC

BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 29 JANUARY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS ADRIAN CHAN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: PS LIM KENG YEOW AND KAREN

Balancing Life's Priorities

ELDER LIU HOCK CHOY, DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS

Living in a busy metropolis like Singapore, we often find ourselves moving at a rapid pace saddled with a host of tasks and responsibilities. Sooner or later many of us feel exhausted, things give way and we wonder whether we have taken on too much. At such times, I find three considerations useful for helping me regain perspective and make decisions to balance my priorities.

Consider Our Risen Christ.

By God's grace we were pre-destined for salvation, adopted as His children, redeemed through the blood of Jesus, had our sins forgiven, marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit and have been given an eternal inheritance (Eph 1:4-14). Our response in faith and gratitude must be to take up our cross daily and follow Him as disciples, with a yearning to mature spiritually and to be moulded into His likeness. Our foremost priorities must reflect this desire in our lives.

Consider Our Divine Calling.

God has a unique plan for each of us (Jer 29:11). Through His Word, the Holy Spirit's guidance, prayer and the counsel of godly friends we gain wisdom to discern His will including the roles He

calls us to embrace. Taking on a task with the conviction that God has called, gives us determination to do well for His glory, infuses us with passion, and sustains us through times demanding perseverance to plod on. Conversely, discerning that an offer or request is not God's calling for us in our current season frees us from unnecessary guilt.

Consider Our Finite Capacity.

No matter how skillful or productive we are, our time and energy, and therefore our capacity are limited. Using the analogy of a car to illustrate capacity, we may have a family saloon which can seat five persons, however if all the seats are already occupied, taking on another passenger is impossible or will make life very uncomfortable. Similarly, we often try to take on more, all with good intentions. But at our limit, we will only experience exhaustion and frustration. We need to seek God for wisdom to say "no", or the wisdom to "remove and replace".

May He who loves us with an everlasting love, grant us wisdom to balance life's priorities so that we live our lives well, to His glory!

COVENANT EFC

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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30am ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/CovenantEvangelicalFreeChurch

SERMON OUTLINE

Balance Centred on the Wisdom of God

SCRIPTURE: ECCLESIASTES 7:18 ■ SERMON: PS MATTHEW LO

Introduction

A. What Is Balance?

B. Why Balance?

C. How to Balance?

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

5 FEB – PS KIRK TAN (BPJ), PS LIM KENG YEOW (WDL) AND PS SEBASTIAN QUEK (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

STEWARDSHIP: RE-DEFINING SUCCESS IN LIFE

SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 1:9-14 ■ SERMON: REV EDMUND CHAN

Introduction

1. Re-Defining Success In Life

For the Christian disciple, "Success" is spelt "Stewardship"!

2. Understanding "Stewardship"

What are we called to steward? Our Time, Treasure, Talent.

Also, our children, our influence, our opportunities.

More than that – It's about stewarding your LIFE as GOD Intends!!

3. How To Be A Good Steward? 3 Things –

A. BE MISSION CLEAR

"So that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord..." (Col 1:10)

1. In God's spiritual algorithm, there is no magic formula for success –

BUT - There is a specific defining point! (Col 1:10)

2. OK what does "worthy" mean? 2 key questions –

a. Worthy of WHAT? (in this case, of WHOM!) (vv.13-14)

b. Worthy – HOW?

Paul doesn't leave us to guess what "worthy" is!

– 2 defining marks: "Pleasing God" and "Bearing Fruit"!

And as a result, increasing in the true knowledge of God!

B. GET MISSION READY

"That you may be filled with the knowledge of His will..." (Col 1:9)

1. Filled (Gk. 'pleroo') – "fully filled"

2. Knowledge (Gk. 'epignosis') – "Full or True knowledge"

3. True or False. "God wants Christian Businessman to be successful?"
- Four Views of Business: Livelihood, Calling, Platform, Laboratory

4. Biblical Stewardship is centred upon the WILL of GOD!

C. STAY MISSION TRUE

"For the attaining of all steadfastness and patience..." (Col 1:11-12)

1. Steadfastness (Gk. 'hypomone') – Facing Difficult Circumstances!

2. Patience (Gk. 'makrothumia') – Facing Difficult People!

3. Harvard (1636) – Mission Drift!

4. v.11 'Strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might'!

5. Get MISSIONAL in Life! Don't DRIFT!!

6. Get the right YARDSTICK in Life!

God's Yardstick for Success is Different from the World's yardstick.

Tested by FIRE!!!

God defines our success parameters!

Success is fulfilling the Purpose of God through Faithful Stewardship!

Conclusion. Fulfilling the Purpose of God for Your Life!