

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Calling all registered members of Covenant EFC! You are invited to join our upcoming Annual General Meeting on 26 Mar, Sun, 2:30pm at BPJ Centre Grace Sanctuary.

### NURTURE MASTERCLASS

Are you keen to know how to multiply spiritually by helping others become disciples of Jesus? The Nurture Masterclass aims to equip CGs to nurture new believers in the foundation of their faith. Highly recommended for CG Leaders, Assistant CG Leaders and CG members who are passionate to nurture and to subsequently train their CGs. Register today at the foyer or online at <http://cefc.ch/nurture-masterclass> This is a one-time session at BPJ Centre, 19 Mar (Sun), 2.30pm – 4.30pm, Level 3 Chapel

### SERVE IN NEW LIFE

**P.A.N.D.A. Champs** is a character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds. We need more than 10 volunteers to mentor these children.

Schedule: 6 – 22 Jun, every Tue and/or Thu, 9am – 1pm at Bukit Panjang

Training will be provided on 27 May, 2pm – 4pm at BPJ Centre Patience Room.

To sign up or enquire, contact Cai Aiwei (6760 0533; [caiaiwei@newlife.org.sg](mailto:caiaiwei@newlife.org.sg)) or Lewis Woo (9634 9457; [lewiswoo@newlife.org.sg](mailto:lewiswoo@newlife.org.sg))

### STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for the following:  
**Executive (Finance)**  
**Human Resource Staff**

For more information, 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 26 Mar.

### THE ALPHA COURSE

The Alpha Course will be held every Wed from 19 Apr to 17 Jun. This is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Many have been saved through Alpha and you can be part of this amazing experience by inviting a pre-believer or by signing up to serve!

Serve as a facilitator, intercessor or in administration. Facilitators' training will be held on 30 Mar and 6 Apr. Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com> or email [alpha@cefc.org.sg](mailto:alpha@cefc.org.sg) for enquiries.

### SERVE IN DANCE MINISTRY

Calling all dancers with a heart to serve God through dance! To indicate your interest, register at [www.step-up.cefcapps.com](http://www.step-up.cefcapps.com) before 17 Mar. To find out more, visit our booth at BPJ and WDL Centres **today** after the first and second service or email [cefdance@gmail.com](mailto:cefdance@gmail.com) Auditions will be held on Tue, 21 Mar, 8.30pm at ACKCentre Performing Arts Studio #10-03.

### DISCIPLESHIP AT WORK

Is the workplace a challenging place for you as a disciple of Christ? Gain biblical perspectives and be inspired by testimonies on how to practice biblical truths at work. Dates: 8 Apr, 13 May, 10 Jun, 8 Jul, 5 Aug and 23 Sep (Saturdays) Time: 9am – 1pm Venue: ACKCentre Course Fee: \$100 Speakers: Ps Lim Keng Yeow, Ps Sebastian Quek, Matthew Kok, Dieu Eng Seng Register at <http://cefc.ch/discipleship-at-work> Visit [www.cefc.org.sg/idmci](http://www.cefc.org.sg/idmci) for more information. Last day of registration is on 22 Mar.

## 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, 12 MARCH 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS YAM KENG MUN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: BENJAMIN AND SHARON TAN

### Vision 2028: Faith Exploit 4

### Disciple Now to Impact Culture and Society

REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTOR

**Y**ou are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world ... – Matthew 5:13-14

The Church is called to be distinct as salt to hinder social decay and to be the light in the midst of prevailing darkness to illumine the society.

Four ways Covenant EFC seeks to impact culture and society:

#### Prayer

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.* – 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Both our individual prayers and corporate prayers shouldn't just be inward but outward focused as well. As an example, the Church was so blessed to have our Prime Minister at Jubilee Day of Prayer (JDOP) on 5 July 2015. We believe God stirred his heart as we prayed to advance the Kingdom by first abiding in the King.

#### Truth

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes ...* – Romans 1:16

God's truth including the Gospel is much more powerful

than the devil's lies. Let's use every opportunity to commend the wisdom and truth of biblical teaching. Lord willing, in 2019, we will proclaim this One Name to our nation at the National Harvest.

#### Example

*... that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.* – Matthew 5:16

While truth is powerful, truth lived out in our personal lives and through the Church is more powerful. The world is watching our marriages, families, communities and our contribution to the marketplace.

#### Unity

*That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.* – John 17:21

The Kingdom of God is larger than Covenant EFC. No organisation can impact culture and society alone. We need one another. There is great strength when churches and Christian organisations collaborate and commit to one another and to Christ.

Let's offer ourselves as instruments in God's hands to be the salt and light impacting Singapore's culture and society.

## COVENANT EFC

ACKCentre: 2 Kallang Avenue, CT Hub #10-26, Singapore 339407

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](http://www.facebook.com/CovenantEvangelicalFreeChurch)

## SERMON OUTLINE

### Starting Over

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 2:68-70 ■ SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

#### Introduction

#### A. How We Give Reveals Our Heart's Condition (vv.68-69)

“When they came to the house of the LORD ... offered willingly ... according to their ability ...”

#### B. Where We Live Shapes Our Life's Calling (v.70)

“... lived in their cities, and all Israel in their cities ...”

#### Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:  
19 MAR – REV EDMUND CHAN (BPJ, WDL AND EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### What Matters to God

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 2:1-67 ■ SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

#### Introduction

Three primary reasons why God included genealogies in the Bible:

1. Confirm the historicity of the biblical account
2. Validate biblical prophecies pronounced long ago
3. Show there is a personal God who knows us intimately

In Ezra chapter 2, let's see what matters to God:

#### A. Every Name Matters to God (vv.1-35)

1. Verses 1–2 — Eleven civil and religious leaders: One missed out in Ezra but found in Nehemiah 7:7 – Nahamani. What's the relevance? It represents the 12 tribes of Israel. It signifies that God is faithful even when we are unfaithful. Israel had been conquered by many nations. But they survived over the centuries because God remembers. You will not be forgotten!
2. Verses 3–20 — Eighteen families and clans: These were “sons of” and descendants of the remnant in Judah. If they were in their 30s to 40s, then truly they were the bold and courageous ones who returned. Great hope for Israel. What's the relevance? We need to win the young for Jesus. Otherwise Covenant EFC cannot last. Christianity in Singapore cannot last.
3. Verses 21–35 — Inhabitants from 21 towns and villages: These places are important as they are part of the promise of God to Abraham (Gen 13:14-15). What's the relevance? God's commitment to plant His flag on this earth to bear His witness. Covenant EFC journeys to different places in our spiritual pilgrimage.

#### B. Every Role Matters to God (vv.36-67)

1. From verses 36 to 58, you will see four groups of people: the Priests (vv.36-39), the Levites (vv.40-42), the Temple Servants (vv.43-54) and the Servants of Solomon (vv.55-58). You can't have the Temple of God without the Temple Ministers.
2. What do they do? Each role has its place — from the most important role of offering sacrifices to God to the menial task of being gatekeepers, whether leaders or supporters, it matters to God. What's the relevance? God has given us roles and gifts to serve Him in the church (Eph 4:11; 1 Pet 4:10-11). In verse 66, even animals were part of the entourage. If God uses animals to be part of His plans, then how much more we as His children!
3. Ezra 2 further highlights a very important matter as we serve God — our Consecration. It's not just what we do that is important to God, but Who we are! The leaders took God's law seriously to let the right persons serve as Priests (Ezr 2:61-63, Num 16:40). Likewise we are God's chosen people, His royal Priesthood. Don't just carry out a duty but give Him your full devotion.

#### Conclusion

You matter to God.

Illustration: Schindler's List