

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GOOD FRIDAY OUTREACH SERVICES

Invite your friends and loved ones to our Good Friday evangelistic services. This is a great opportunity for them to hear about God's love through a multi-sensory presentation and special guest speakers.

**Date:** 14 Apr **Time:** 9am and 11am

**Venue:** BPJ, WDL and East Centres

#### Speakers:

Mr Glenn Lim (BPJ Centre)

Rev Paul Jeyachandran (WDL Centre)

Prof Freddy Boey (East Centre)

The offering collected on this day will be donated to Prison Fellowship Singapore.

Light refreshments will be served for your guests after the service. See you there!

### EASTER SERVICES AND FAMILY LUNCH

We will have guest speakers on our Easter services on 16 Apr. Dr Roland Chia will speak at BPJ and WDL Centres. Bishop Emeritus Robert Solomon will be the speaker at East Centre.

Join our Easter Family Lunch at the foyer after each service and let's have a good time of fellowship as a church family.

Please note that pick up and drop off at BPJ Centre is not allowed on this day.

### COLLECTION OF CG CURRICULUM

CGs or representatives may collect the CG Curriculum Member's Workbook (IDMF "Being Human") from the booth at the foyer today and next Sun. Soft copy can be downloaded at <http://cefc.ch/IDMFBeingHumanMembers>

### REVIVAL PRAYER MEETINGS

Come and be blessed by four nights of extended worship and prayer during the Passion Week, before our Good Friday outreach. As God revives us, He will empower us to proclaim the Gospel boldly and live lives of Personal Revival, Divine Appointment and Active Obedience that glorify Him!

**Dates:** 10-13 Apr (Mon-Thu)

**Time:** 8pm - 10pm

**Venue:** BPJ Centre

**Speaker:** Ps Paul Jeyachandran (Senior Pastor of Life Church Castle Hill in Sydney, Australia)

### 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! Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com> or email [alpha@cefc.org.sg](mailto:alpha@cefc.org.sg) for enquiries.

### BREAKTHROUGH WEEKENDS

Today is the last day of early bird registration for CG members. Come and set aside extended time with God and journey together with your CG-mates. Sign up today at [www.cefc.org.sg](http://www.cefc.org.sg) by clicking "My Account".

#### Marriage BTW on 2 - 4 Jun

Early Bird Rate: \$620 per couple

#### Men's BTW on 2 - 4 Jun

Early Bird Rate: \$295 (twin) / \$440 (single)

#### Women's BTW on 26 - 28 May

Early Bird Rate: \$295 (twin) / \$440 (single)

## 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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## 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, 2 APR 2017

SERVICE LEADER: REV WILLIAM WONG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: PS LIM KENG YEOW AND KAREN

### Moving Ahead Towards Vision 2028

ELDER LOUIS TAN, CHAIRMAN, CHURCH BOARD

Covenant EFC's 39th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 26 March 2017. In reviewing 2016, we are grateful to God for growing Covenant EFC from an average worship attendance of 5,502 in 2015 to 6,177, for 432 conversions, and for abundantly supplying \$15.2 million from tithes and offerings.

We would like to thank all members of the Church Board and its committees for their dedicated service. The majority of our elected Elders have served between 9 to 15 years on the Church Board and some of them will take a break this year in view of work, ministry and family commitments. We thank Elder Hui Weng Tat, Ps Sebastian Quek and Elder Benjamin Mow for their invaluable contributions to the Church Board over the past decade as they step down. We are also grateful that they will continue to serve in the Council of Elders as elected Elders of Covenant EFC. We also thank Deaconess Tang Lay Hoon for her service as Treasurer as she steps down from the Board. At the same

time, we welcome Deacon Nelson Tan onto the Board.

As we move towards *Vision 2028* with multiple worship centres in Singapore, we need to plan ahead for adequate infrastructure to support our growth. As such, the Church Board has convened a Property Committee led by Deacon Amos Leong whose members include Senior Pastor's Office (SPO) members, and lay members with expertise in properties and buildings.

The spiritual anchor for 2016 was Acts 20:28: "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the Church of God, which he obtained with his own blood." As church leaders, we are committed to care for ourselves and for the church of God. As we move ahead towards 2028, we will continue to renew the board leadership with younger members. We also urge all Covenanters to step up to serve according to your gifts and passion so that together we may care for and build His Church, and extend His Kingdom in Singapore and beyond!

## SERMON OUTLINE

### Facing Oppositions

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 4:1-5 ■ SERMON: PS LEE DA WIN

#### Introduction

#### A. Stay Away from the Deceivers

#### B. Stand Firm Through the Discouragement

#### Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

9 APR - REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (WDL) AND REV TONY YEO (EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### Laying a Strong Foundation

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 3:7-13 ■ SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

#### Introduction

When the World Trade Centre collapsed in the 9/11 attacks, 3,000 people died. Today, it has been rebuilt with four new office towers, a memorial, a museum and a transportation hub.

In Ezra 3:7-13, the people begin laying the foundation of the Temple. God has decreed, moved the people's heart and provided for their needs. Now they are ready to start.

Two non-negotiables in laying a strong foundation for our life and Church:

#### A. We Give Our Best Work to God (vv.7-9)

1. They took the best kind of wood — Cedar wood from Lebanon (v.7 cf. 1 Kin 5; 2 Chron 2).
2. They started on the second month — Lyyae: late Apr – early May (v.8 cf. 1 Kin 6:1).
3. They deployed the human capital: masons, carpenters, appointed Levites who were 20 yrs old and above. Previously the entry age for the Levites was 25–30 years old. At this time, it was down to 20 years old due to scarcity of resource — only 74 Levites returned. These Levites did the following:
  - a. They “began the work” (v.8) in spite of their limitation and inexperience.
  - b. They “supervised the work” (v.8) in spite of their youthfulness.
  - c. They “supervised the workmen” (v.9) — not just grow the work production but also the workers' potential.

Gallup Survey in Oct 2003: Singaporeans workers are the most disengaged. Survey showed the root problem lies with the managers. Hymn: Give of Your Best to the Master

#### B. We Give Our Best Worship to God (vv.10-13)

1. They followed a clear blueprint: “according to the directions of David King of Israel” as seen in 1 Chronicles 16:4-6 (v.10). In Ezra 3:1-6, they followed the pattern of sacrifice “as it is written” from the Mosaic laws. They followed the pattern of worship “according to” the direction of David. Application: How do we worship God on Sunday? How do we worship God every day?
2. The older people wept and lamented when they compared the former Temple to the new one. Often we can't give God our best worship when we are stuck in the past. We need to let go and move on with Him. He is faithful.

#### Conclusion

Let the Cross be the rally cry, the focal point! The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.