

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW LIFE WORKSHOP

Find out more about New Life and how you can be a blessing to the community! Join the New Life Workshop on Tue, 30 May, from 7.30pm to 9.00pm at ACKCentre (Live Recording Studio and Training Rooms 1 to 4). Light refreshments will be served from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. RSVP by sending an email to [volunteer@newlife.org.sg](mailto:volunteer@newlife.org.sg) or sms to 9716 7154.

### BRASS PLAYERS FOR WORSHIP MINISTRY

Worship Ministry is recruiting brass players for the upcoming IDMC conference and Anniversary Sunday services in September. Instruments required are trumpet, saxophone, trombone and flute. Auditions will be held in June. Rehearsals will begin in July until August. Players should have their own instrument. If interested, email Adrian Lim at [cefcbrass@gmail.com](mailto:cefcbrass@gmail.com)

### PARENTS' APPRECIATION NIGHT IN HOKKIEN

Invite your parents to the Parents' Appreciation Night in Hokkien. Reverend Oh Beng Kee will share a special message and Darren Lim will share his life testimony on Sat, 27 May, 7pm to 9pm (buffet dinner starts at 5.45pm on a first-come, first-served basis) at WDL Centre Main Sanctuary. Admission is free.

### SERVE IN NEW LIFE

#### Steady Readers June Camp

We need 20 volunteers to facilitate games and activities for children on 21 Jun, Wed, 9am to 5pm at BPJ Centre.

#### Kids Champ Club

Serve in a character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds from Jun to Dec, every Sat, 2pm to 6pm (includes pre- and post-programme briefing). To volunteer or enquire, contact Jason Lee at 9716 7154 or email [volunteer@newlife.org.sg](mailto:volunteer@newlife.org.sg)

### ALPHA: WHY AND HOW DO I PRAY?

Introduce Jesus to your family and friends at Alpha this Wed, 24 May, from 7.00pm to 9.30pm at YMCA at Orchard. Registration is free, but pre-registration is required at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com> For enquiries, email [alpha@cefc.org.sg](mailto:alpha@cefc.org.sg)

### KIDZBLAST OUTREACH

KIDZBLAST is an outreach programme for kids. Invite your pre-believing friends aged 7 to 12 years old to have fun and hear the Gospel. It will be held on Sunday, 18 and 25 Jun, from 2pm to 6pm at BPJ Centre, Grace Sanctuary. Flyers are available at the Information Counter. Register on 21, 28 May or 4 Jun at KIDZBLAST booth at the foyer.

We need help in ushering and in the game stations. If you would like to serve with us, drop by our booth at the foyer on the registration dates above.

## COVENANT EFC

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

ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.30pm ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am (Pre-service prayer: 9.30am)

Tel: (65) 6892 6811 ■ Email: [mail@cefc.org.sg](mailto:mail@cefc.org.sg) ■ Website: [www.cefc.org.sg](http://www.cefc.org.sg)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CovenantEvangelicalFreeChurch](https://www.facebook.com/CovenantEvangelicalFreeChurch)

## 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, 21 MAY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS VALERIE CHAN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: ALLISON LIM

### Love the Community for Christ!

ELDER JOHNNY TAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NEW LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICES

In 2000, when Covenant EFC stepped into Bukit Panjang, New Life Community Services (NLCS) was birthed with the sole objective of loving and serving the community as Christ would. Over the last 16 years, God has allowed NLCS to build bridges with the community wherever Covenant EFC is located. Even in the East Centre, God has opened a door for community work with South East Community Development Council commencing in January 2018!

In 2016 alone, the Lord blessed NLCS with tremendous growth:

NLCS opened the third Child Care Centre and third Youth Hub in Junction 10 in April and August 2016 respectively. The infant care service also started in Woodlands Child Care in August. The Steady Readers' intake was 225 children, which is 48 kids more than in 2015. The Student Care Centre in Bukit Panjang underwent the first cyclical maintenance after five years of operations.

New work in Reformation Training Center started in May, partnering with Focus on the Family and

The New Charis Mission. Project Love gave over \$17K in financial assistance. The Fajar Youth Hub commenced renovation after 11 years.

The Lord blessed us with \$2.6M in donations, including \$280K raised during the Charity Golf event. There were 498 Covenanters who served in Children's Fest. A total of 848 Covenanters stepped forward to serve in NLCS programmes and events!

Year 2017 presents new challenges as Singapore's economy faces headwinds, the government consolidating the social sector and diverting resources to the aged, while NLCS continues to grow towards the East.

Nevertheless, God is faithful! We are reminded of the Word that God has given NLCS in Isaiah 58:12 "Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."

In Him and together with you as our partners, donors and servers, we will continue to serve and love the community for Christ!

## SERMON OUTLINE

### Will You Colour Their Lives?

SCRIPTURE: ZECHARIAH 8:23 ■ SERMON: PS LEE DA WIN

#### Introduction

What it takes for us to colour people's lives:

#### A. Be That Change by the Grace of God

"...In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, ..."

#### B. Be Their Companions in Their Search for God

"...saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"

#### Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:  
28 MAY – REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (BPJ & WDL) AND REV TAN KAY KIONG (EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### Do Not Fear

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 21:8-21 ■ SERMON: DR STACEY TAY

#### Introduction

Like Hagar, many mothers have good reason to fear for their children's future. The story of Hagar and Ishmael reminds us that no matter what your circumstances are, do not fear because:

#### A. God Hears Your Prayer (v.17). Keep Praying.

When Hagar ran out of water, she cried out in desperation. Paradoxically, Genesis 21:17 says, "God has heard the voice of the boy", emphasising that God does not just hear our prayers but also the cries of our children.

Isaiah 54:13 reminds us that "all your children will be taught of the Lord and great will be the peace of your children". God is our heavenly Father who has a vested interest in raising our children. We can pray for our children with perseverance and hope.

#### B. God Has a Plan for You (vv.18-19). Keep Trusting.

Ishmael was more than a backup plan or a reject. God saw Ishmael as a father of a nation and had a plan and destiny for him. Isaac grew up in the comforts of wealth and family, but Ishmael grew up under God's provision alone. God used the wilderness to train and grow Ishmael.

The wilderness is a place where we don't have our own way, but God has His way with us. It is in the midst of deprivation that we discover the grace of God. We are not to fear the wilderness as it is a place of learning. God will walk us through our wilderness and we are to keep trusting in Him.

#### C. God Is Present with You (vv.20-21). Keep Following Him.

When Ishmael and Hagar were cast into the wilderness, Ishmael essentially became a fatherless boy. The wilderness must have been a lonely place but God was present with him.

God is present with us through every journey of our lives, but the big question is whether we actively seek out His presence or want to be with Him. We should not take God's presence for granted. God calls us not only to acknowledge His presence but to actively follow Him.

#### Conclusion

We do not fear but we can surrender our lives and our children's lives to our God who is trustworthy.