

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NURTURE GROUP

Are you new in the faith? Come and join the Nurture Group!

Dates: Every Sun from 2 Jul to 8 Oct

Time: 1.00pm – 2.30pm

Venue: BPJ Centre, Faith Hall

Register online at <http://cefc.cb/nurture>

### PARENTING TRAINING

Parents may sign up for the following modules at the Information Counter.

#### Parenting with Love

For couples expecting their first child

Dates: 1 and 8 Jul (Sat), Time: 12pm – 5pm, Venue: BPJ Centre, Patience Room

Registration Fee: \$50 per couple

#### Parenting with Faith

For parents of kids aged 3 to 10 years old

Dates: 1 Jul to 19 Aug (eight Saturdays)

Time: 2pm – 4pm Venue: ACKCentre

Registration Fee: \$100 per couple

### BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP

Register at the Information Counter.

**Baptism Class** on Sun, 25 Jun, 1.00pm to 3.30pm at WDL Centre.

**Membership Class** on Sat, 17 Jun, 9am to 4pm at ACKCentre.

### SERVE IN NEW LIFE

#### Steady Readers

Be a Steady Reader Mentor! Help children overcome challenges in reading and instill a love for learning.

Dates: Weekly from Jul to Nov

Time: 8.00pm – 9.30pm

Venue: BPJ and WDL Centres

#### Kids Champ Club

If you love children, here's a wonderful opportunity to serve in a character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds.

Dates: Every Sat from Jul to Dec

Time: 2pm – 6pm Venue: BPJ Centre

This includes pre-and post-programme briefing.

To volunteer or enquire, contact Jason Lee at 6760 0533 or email [volunteer@newlife.org.sg](mailto:volunteer@newlife.org.sg)

### UNIVERSITY BEFRIENDER

Let's B.L.E.S.S. the Chinese international students who leave their homes to study here in Singapore. We are looking for families to provide hospitality by caring for them, inviting them for meals, and introducing Singapore to them. To find out more, drop by our booth at the foyer today or email [missions@cefc.org.sg](mailto:missions@cefc.org.sg)  
Last day to sign up is 25 Jun.

## 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](http://www.cefc.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CovenantEvangelicalFreeChurch](http://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

WOODLANDS CENTRE, 11 JUNE 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS EDMUND WONG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: ALLISON LIM

### Shaped for a Purpose

PS SHARON FONG, DISTRICT MENTOR AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

My husband and I were given the privilege to lead in the recent Marriage Breakthrough Weekend (BTW) which just ended last Sunday. The theme was “Shaped for a Purpose” from Jeremiah 18:6. Often, we believe that God is shaping us to be more Christ-like, but it is extremely challenging to believe that God is still in control when we feel so stuck in our marriage.

Last Thursday, after the Leaders' Advance session, some facilitators decided to catch a midnight movie. After the movie, they took the elevator and to their surprise, they were stuck! By God's grace, they got out of the lift and finally reached the hotel safe and sound. One leader shared the moral of the story, “God is in control even when they are stuck.”

Are you currently stuck in your marriage? Do you believe that God is still in control even when you feel so broken? In the recent Marriage BTW, we were reminded through God's Word and various testimonies that God is faithful and He is

still in control even when there is so much pain in our marriage. He wants us to remain patient even when we feel so stuck. Our Father wants us to open our eyes to behold His faithfulness which is already present in our marriage. He wants us to believe once again that He can transform our ashes to beauty and shape our brokenness into destiny.

To do so, we must not run away from the pain we are experiencing. We must ask God to give us a new perspective of His work in our marriage. Just because God has not stopped the rain, it does not mean that He is not at work. In fact, He may even be doing a deep work. Perhaps, God wants us to have a shift in mindset and believe that His blessings can come through the rain. Our sovereign God is in control and He uses the rain and pain to shape us for a purpose.

Let us spur one another and remain steadfast in our marriage, because today's pain will shape us for tomorrow's destiny.

## SERMON OUTLINE

### God's Word for the Destined

SCRIPTURE: HAGGAI 2:20-23 ■ SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

#### Introduction

#### A. Look Beyond Your Circumstances: God Is About a Grand Reversal (vv.20-22)

“... I am about to shake the heavens and the earth ...”

#### B. Look Beyond Your Concerns: You Are Part of God's Greater Plan (v. 23)

“... I will take you, my servant ... and make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you ...”

#### Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

18 JUNE – BENJAMIN LEE (BPJ & WDL) BISHOP EMERITUS ROBERT SOLOMON (EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### God's Word for the Defiled

SCRIPTURE: HAGGAI 2:10-19 ■ SERMON: REV TONY YEONG

#### Introduction

Review of Haggai: Wake up, Rise up, God's Word for the Discouraged

God's Word for the Defiled calls us to two Defining Decisions:

#### A. Clean Up! Your Holiness Is Costly to God (vv.10-14)

1. Parable Illustrated:
  - a. Is it possible for holy meat offered as a sacrifice at the altar to transfer its holiness to something it comes in contact with? Answer: No! Holiness cannot be transferred or transmitted this way.
  - b. Is it possible for a holy object (meat) to be rendered impure as a result of coming in contact with an impure person? Answer: Yes! Impurity is contagious and transmittable. Just like how our health cannot be passed on to someone but our germs can.
2. Insight: God didn't say “My people, My nation” but instead “this people, this nation” (Hag 2:14). The Hebrew word for “this nation” is “Gentiles”. Israel had become so defiled that they were no different from the rest of the world! They have become unholy people participating in holy activities, thinking that holy activities make them holy. Holiness starts not from **what** we do, but **who** we are!
3. Application: Clean up because sin will enslave us. Don't trivialise sin! Come clean with God. In recent years, the Church has been in the news for the wrong reasons. Is the Church changing the world or the world changing the church?
4. Focus: Come clean with God! Hebrews 12:15 – Get rid of bitterness and the root of bitterness which can defile many. ABC's: Acknowledge your sins, Believe God to cleanse and forgive your sins, Confess Him as Saviour and Lord of your life and commit to a new spiritual beginning.

#### B. Cheer Up! Your Fruitfulness Is Coming from God (vv.15-19)

1. “Consider your ways” occurs five times in Haggai. The first occurrence (Hag 1:5) refers to coming back to the “mission”. The three other occurrence (Hag 2:13, 18a, 18b) mean to give careful thought to your ways, pay attention, and literally to put your heart, soul and mind to see the path you have been walking on.
2. Consider how they fared since they came back 16 years ago and laid the foundation of the temple. During harvest time, they hoped to harvest 20 containers of grain but only got 10, and to draw 50 containers of wine from the grapes but only got 20. The blight, mildew and hail which destroyed the harvest was God's way of getting His people's attention.
3. “Yet you did not turn to me” (Hag 2:17) – God had drastically reduced the harvest so that they may look heavenward. We are called not merely to work for Him but to walk with Him!
4. “But from this day on I will bless you” (Hag 2:19) – They had yielded nothing from the harvest. But God did not wipe out everything. He left a fraction as a sign of His grace that we didn't earn it through obedience. God's nature is to bless.

#### Conclusion

Today is Pentecost Sunday – the day the promised Holy Spirit came to empower the disciples and church to be His witnesses, to bless us to be a blessing to the world.