

ANNOUNCEMENTS

40 DAYS FOR OUR NATION (1 JUL - 9 AUG)

Singapore is a "little red dot" that God has blessed bountifully. Yet we also live in volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous times. God has raised us to pray for our nation. Here are four ways to participate: **As an individual**, pray daily at 10am or 10pm using the Love Singapore booklet. **As a family**, pray using the Family Devotions in our Devotional Journal every Sun evening. **As a CG**, pray for Singapore during CG meetings. **As a church**, pray during Sunday services and at our National Day Prayer on 8 Aug, 8pm at WDL Centre.

NEW LIFE CHARITY GOLF

Calling all golfers! New Life will hold a fundraising charity golf event on 14 Sep at Seletar Country Club where you can play to give. To register or donate, contact Debbie Wee at fundraising@newlife.org.sg or 6892 7249

NURTURE GROUP

Are you new in the faith? Join the Nurture Group every Sun from 2 Jul to 8 Oct, 1.00pm to 2.30pm at BPJ Centre, Faith Hall. Register at <http://cefc.ch/nurture>

BAPTISM CLASS

Baptism Class will be held next Sun, 25 Jun, 1.00pm to 3.30pm at WDL Centre. Register at the Information Counter.

IDMF TESTIMONIES

We have gathered encouraging testimonies on how we can build together towards an Intentional Disciple Making Family (IDMF). Check them out at <https://covenantidmf.wordpress.com>

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Cambodia on 17-22 Oct: Train and journey with youths to be disciples of Christ. Estimated costs: \$700 (including airfare)

Mongolia on 18 -25 October: Discipleship training, evangelistic outreach to nomad families and leadership development training. Estimated costs: \$1500 (including airfare)

Yunnan on 5 -12 December: Vacation Bible school for youths. Trippers must be able to converse in basic mandarin. Estimated costs: \$1500 (including airfare)
Trippers must be a CG member who attends CG regularly, and must commit to attend STM trainings and team meetings. Email missions@cefc.org.sg to sign up!

UNIVERSITY BEFRIENDER

We are looking for families to provide hospitality to Chinese international students who are studying here in Singapore. Sign up at <http://cefc.ch/UniBefriender201718>. The last day to sign up is next Sun, 25 Jun. Drop by our booth at the foyer today or email missions@cefc.org.sg to find out more!

PARENTING TRAINING

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
Sign up at the Information Counter.

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, 18 JUNE 2017
SERVICE LEADER: PS ADRIAN CHAN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: CHUA SUE ERN

Fathers Are the Thermostat at Home

NELSON ONG, FAMILIES-IN-COVENANT

Recently, I attended the seminar *The World Needs a Father!* Though the topic is not new to me, it set a new horizon for me as a father. Cassie Carstens, author and trainer, emphasised repeatedly, "There are many Christians in the world, but there are few Christian homes," referring to many Christian men doing well in public places, but are different persons at home due to two lies: 1) "I am tired." 2) "I have no time."

Upon reaching home after a long day's work, fathers usually declare, "I am tired. Please give me a break. I need to unwind. Do not disturb me." They'd settle into a couch and be devoted to the big screen or reading materials, leaving their wives to do the house chores and attend to the needs of children. Ironically, tired as he may be, whenever there is deadline to meet or presentation to make he will garner his energy to overcome tiredness and project his best in front of others instead of dragging his feet. Why? Isn't he tired? It comes down to what is important to us as head of the household. Is the family our priority and does it deserve better attention than other deadlines or chill-out moments? Certainly! So, each day after work, let us gather our energy to engage our loved ones

by setting the right temperature at home.

Likewise, fathers who bring their work home send a subtle message saying, "I have no time for my wives and my children." Or when we put our social lives, sports, church ministries above our family, we are also sending the same message. Of course, there are times when we need to rush for deadlines, but they must not become a habit taking over the place of family. Therefore, we need to manage our time well in order not to neglect our wives and children.

When we reach home each day, determine to engage and interact with our children without interruption from our smart-screen or devices. Children desire to hear our stories, have fun, and enjoy our time alone with them. And our wives will certainly be thrilled if we wash dishes, do laundry, attend to children, while giving them a break. It will be heaven at home!

Fathers, we are the thermostat at home. How will you set the temperature for your family? *40 Days For Our Nation* is round the corner (1 Jul – 9 Aug). Would you consider using this coming prayer season to set a new spiritual temperature for the home by establishing a weekly prayer time with your family?

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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)

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SERMON OUTLINE

Why Dads Are Irreplaceable

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL ■ SERMON: PS BENJAMIN LEE

Introduction

Fathers bring different assets to parenting than mothers – Kyle Pruett, Yale Medical School Dads parent differently.

A. Masculine Input (Genesis 1:27)

B. Calling forth Identity (Matthew 3:17)

C. Discipleship (Ephesians 6:4)

Conclusion

Dads are irreplaceable because of their masculine input, calling forth identity and discipleship.

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

25 JUNE – PS IVAN HO (BPJ), SANDRA CHI (WDL) AND PS VALERIE CHAN (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

God's Word for the Destined

SCRIPTURE: HAGGAI 2:20-23 ■ SERMON: REV TONY YEO

Introduction

Review of Haggai Series:

1. God's Word for the Drifting (Hag 1:1-11) – Look Out!
2. God's Word for the Discouraged (Hag 2:1-9) – Look Up!
3. God's Word for the Defiled (Hag 2:10-19) – Look Inside!
4. God's Word for the Destined (Hag 2:20-23) – Look Beyond!

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

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

1. “The Word of the Lord came ... the second time ...” – the Word of the Divine and Living God came twice on the same day to Haggai.
2. Haggai's earlier messages were for both the high priest Joshua, the governor Zerubbabel and the remnant (public). But Haggai's final message here is addressed solely to Zerubbabel (private).
3. God will reverse the powers. Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, a very insignificant and small city compared to the larger Persian Empire ruled by King Darius. God is still in control over world affairs, including kings and kingdoms! He's certain of His plans and how to achieve them!
4. A Divine Conquest - “I am going to”, “I will overturn”, “I will overthrow” (Gen 19:25, Exo 15:21)
5. Application: We are not just living in the end times but in the **last days** of the End Times! Like Zerubbabel, we may be tempted to think: Has God lost control of our world?
6. Focus: Trust God!

B. Look Beyond Your Concern: 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 ...”

1. Zerubbabel, as “son of Shealtiel”, was identified as a successor in the Davidic genealogy. “My servant” is a term associated with Davidic kings.
2. Zerubbabel, descendent of disgraced Jehoiachin whom God rejected (Jer 22:24-27) as His signet ring (evidence of power and authority), was now placed back on the finger of the divine King. God's promise to bless His people and the world through the Davidic line is still on course (2 Sam 7:16).
3. Zerubbabel never became king and was mentioned **only** in the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah (Matt 1:12-16).
4. Application: Zerubbabel's calling was simply to be a servant. While he never became king, yet he lived out his calling as the servant, signet ring and chosen of God in the line of Jesus Christ!
5. Focus: Serve the Lord as a chosen, royal, holy people of God (1 Pet 2:9-10)!

Conclusion

Illustration: Story of Thomas Choo

Behold God's Grand Reversal in your life and be part of His Greater Plan!