

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

WOODLANDS CENTRE, 18 JUNE 2017
SERVICE LEADER: PS IVAN HO ■ WORSHIP LEADER: SAMUEL LIM

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)

Tel: (65) 6892 6811 ■ Email: mail@cefc.org.sg ■ Website: www.cefc.org.sg

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CovenantEvangelicalFreeChurch

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 DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Introduction

This was the fourth message from God through Haggai. At first glance, it seems unnecessary since the Jews had already returned to rebuilding the Temple with a new heart. Yet this message had deep significance because it placed their Temple building into a larger frame of God's Redemption Plan.

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. This message was a private message to Zerubbabel because it contained seditious material. The world Zerubbabel lived in was unstable, where King Darius had just put down many insurrections in his first year of reign. We too live in a world with deep insecurities and we may be tempted to trust in human power rather than God. God reminds Zerubbabel not to depend on such unstable powers but to trust in the One who would do the ultimate “shaking”.
2. There are other more subtle voices that tempt us to trust in powers of career, in our looks, in our talents, in children, in our bank accounts to be secure. Yet these would prove to be false foundations, shaky strongholds, and weightless anchors when God comes again. We are called to give Him full allegiance because we cannot serve two masters (Matt 6:24.) Our true security must be found in the One who would do the ultimate “shaking”.

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. God restored His promise to David through Zerubabbel. Zerubabbel was the grandson of Jehoiachin, the last Davidic king to sit on the throne. God had broken the line because of his sin (Jer 22:24) and now restored it through the promise that Zerubabbel would be His signet ring. Our God is a God of restoration. When we place our lives in His hands, He restores us in Christ for His glory!
2. God likewise reminds Zerubabbel that he was God's servant, chosen to rebuild God's Temple. The second Temple paled in comparison to Solomon's Temple. Yet the second Temple was the place where God's Son was presented to the leaders of the land, rejected, ended up crucified, died and rose again! Often we cannot see the significance of the task we are called to do. When we place our lives in God's hands and faithfully do all He has directed us to do, we become part of His larger plans!

Conclusion

We become GOD's chosen (1 Peter 2:9) because Jesus chose to be GOD's servant and die on the Cross for our salvation. GOD invites us now as His chosen to trust Him fully for our security and to live faithfully to fulfil His calling in our lives!