

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MISSIONS WORKSHOP

Find out how business can be a platform to impact the nations and how you can use your marketplace skills to advance God's Kingdom. Join the missions workshop on Business As Missions (BAM)!

**Dates:** 27 Jul and 3 Aug (Thu)

**Time:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre Live Recording Studio

Sign up at <http://www.cefc.org.sg/missions-week/workshops> For enquiries, email [missions@cefc.org.sg](mailto:missions@cefc.org.sg)

### PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Covenant Photography Ministry is holding a workshop on portraits photography — a time of hands on with portraiture techniques. This is open to your friends who are not from Covenant EFC. Interested participants should own a digital camera. This is on a first-come, first-served basis due to limited slots.

**Date:** 22 Jul (Sat) **Time:** 9.00am – 12.30pm

**Venue:** Gardens by the Bay

Email [cefcphotographyministry@gmail.com](mailto:cefcphotographyministry@gmail.com) by 15 Jul to sign up.

### DISCOVERY WEEKEND (DWE)

DWE is a one-day session for courting couples to see where they are and where God is in their relationship, that they may grow to honour Him.

**Date:** 15 Jul (Sat)

**Time:** 8.45am – 5.00pm (lunch and breaks included)

**Venue:** BPJ Chapel (Level 3)

Sign up at the Information Counter on Sundays. Email [fic@cefc.org.sg](mailto:fic@cefc.org.sg) for enquiries.

### 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 Oct:** Discipleship training, evangelistic outreach to nomad families and leadership development training. Estimated costs: \$1500 (including airfare)

**Yunnan on 5 - 12 Dec:** 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](mailto:missions@cefc.org.sg) to sign up!

### SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Help K2 to P4 children who are not reading at their academic level to gain literacy skills at **Steady Readers!**

**BPJ Centre:** Serve once or twice a week (Mon and/or Wed) from 24 Jul to 11 Nov, 8.00pm – 9.30pm.

**WDL Centre:** Serve once or twice a week (Tue and/or Thu) from 25 Jul to 16 Nov, 8.00pm – 9.30pm.

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

### LOVE SINGAPORE PRAYER BOOKLET & JULY DJ

Copies of Love Singapore Prayer Booklet and Devotional Journal (DJ) for July are still available at the Information Counter while stocks last. We encourage you to use the digital copy of the DJ available in "Covenant EFC" app and at our church website.

## 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](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

EAST CENTRE, 2 JUL 2017

SERVICE LEADER: LEE HUI FANG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: JOSHUA KWA

### Believe!

PS MATTHEW LO, TNG MINISTRY

I hear an increasing concern from church leaders and parents about losing our youths. I agree that today's children and youths are more exposed to sin than any other generation. However, I can also say this — I have never seen a more spiritually sensitive and compassionate generation than the one I am witnessing right now. God is bringing about a dynamic transformation!

Three weeks ago, we held a camp for the WEB youths (11 to 14-year-olds). At the second half of the camp, their parents joined us. During two response times, we saw parents embracing their children in prayer, and the children reciprocating, hugging and blessing their parents. Some parents testified that their children have not hugged them for many years until this camp! It reminded me of Malachi 4:6a "And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their

children and the hearts of children to their fathers ...." This is a generation that can make a tremendous difference! Nothing is impossible for our enormous God! The evil one will do everything possible to drive the next generation away from Jesus. But as a Church, we must arise and let the devil know we come in the name of Jesus! This is the time for us to **pray and disciple!**

Yesterday was the beginning of 40 Days for Our Nation prayer season and today is TNG (The Next Generation) Sunday. This is the best time to pray for Christian families to be disciples who reach out to other families. This is also the most opportune time to pray for Christian children and youths to be disciplined and to be history-makers — bringing godly transformation to their generation, to Singapore and beyond.

Pray! Invest and disciple! Believe!

## SERMON OUTLINE

### Beyond

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL ■ SERMON: PS MATTHEW 10

#### Introduction

#### A. Beyond Ourselves (Acts 20:4)

#### B. Beyond Our Generation (1 Chron 20:4–8)

#### Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

9 JULY – PS EDMUND WONG (BPJ), REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (WDL) AND PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### Confidence Despite Challenges

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 5:3–17 ■ SERMON: PS VALERIE CHAN

#### Introduction

The Jews started rebuilding but was questioned by Tattenai (vv.3–4):

- Who gave them the decree or permission to build the temple?
- What were the names of the men who were building?

We can have confidence in God because

#### A. Our God Watches Over Us (vv.3–5)

Tattenai's eyes were on this building project, however, in verse 5 we are told that there was another pair of eyes — the eyes of God that were upon the elders of the Jews and this rebuilding!

To have the eyes of God on His people means God not only sees and knows all that is happening to us, He also watches over us lovingly.

Examples of Scriptures that show that God is watching over us:

- Psalm 34:15, Psalm 32:8, Isaiah 57:15
- Illustration of God's watchful eyes

#### B. Our God Is the Sovereign Lord (vv.6–17)

1. **Servants** of the God of heaven and earth (v.11)

A servant is:

- a. A person who has a personal relationship with his Master
- b. A servant belongs to his Master, and thus he has the favour of God over him and God is totally responsible for him.
- c. A servant serves with one purpose – to please his Master.

2. Servants of the **God of heaven and earth** (v.11)

“The God of heaven and earth” — God is sovereign = He is in control as He is the Lord of heaven and earth.

Nothing happens on this earth without God's knowledge, influence and authority.

“God is the main power directing history. His anger can bring disaster and destruction, but at other times he marvelously intervenes to allow people to succeed in very surprising ways. God worked with enemies, armies, and his own stubborn sinful people, and no matter how powerful or sinful these human beings were, He was always in charge of each step along the way.” – Gary V. Smith in *Cornerstone Biblical Commentary*

Therefore we do not have to live in fear or worry when we see the challenges happening around us.

God is in absolute control of all situations. One day Jesus Christ will return again and He promised that He will make all things new (Rev 21:5).

Living “In the meantime” – Pray while we wait.

40 Days for Our Nation prayer season:

- Revival in our land
- Righteousness in our society
- Ringing out of the Gospel to the nations

#### Conclusion

Testimony of Sam Seon Koon