

ANNOUNCEMENTS

39TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Let's celebrate our One Life as a church at Covenant EFC's 39th birthday with a special combined adult's service. **Our celebration programme will start at 9:30am on Sun, 3 Sep at Singapore EXPO Hall 1.** There will be a children's service for 3 to 10-year olds. See you there!

JAPANESE MINISTRY

If you have a heart for Japanese and can speak their language, we invite you to join Home Missions in praying, reaching out and discipling them. To find out more, come on *one* of these dates:

23 Aug, 7.30pm – 9.30pm at ACKCentre
27 Aug 2.30pm – 4.30pm at BPJ Centre
Register at <http://cefc.cb/japministry2017>

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Baptism Class on Sun, 10 Sep at BPJ Centre from 2.30pm to 5.00pm.

Membership Class on Sat, 16 Sep at ACKCentre from 9am to 4pm.

Register at the Information Counter.

NEW LIFE CHARITY GOLF

If you have the passion for golf and for supporting a good cause, join the New Life Charity Golf on 14 September! Flights are still available. We also need sponsorship for this fundraising event, in cash or in kind. For more details, contact Debbie Wee at fundraising@newlife.org.sg or 6892 7249.

NATIONAL DAY PRAYER

Come join us for an evening of passionate worship and fervent intercession for our nation and her leaders on the eve of Singapore's 52nd National Day. Our invited guest Mr Richard Magnus, retired Senior District Judge and Member of the Public Service Commission, will grace the occasion and share his spiritual heartbeat for the nation.

Date: 8 Aug (this Tue) **Time:** 8pm – 10pm
Venue: WDL Centre

Please note that there will be no Children's Programme that evening.

MEN-IN-COVENANT (MIC)

Calling all men at Covenant East! Men-in-Covenant, the men's ministry of Covenant EFC, invites us to gather for 40 mins next Sun, 13 Aug after the first service, for a time of sharing. Senior Pastor Tan Kay Kiong will also share some thoughts and will pray for us during this session. See you there! Email mic@cefc.org.sg to confirm your attendance or to enquire.

CHRISTMAS PLAY RECRUITMENT

We are starting to prepare for our Christmas play and we are looking for Covenanters to serve with us. If you have the relevant training, we would love to have you! If not, we can train you if you have a willing heart! We are looking for *actors, recruitment officer, casting officer, stage hands, props/costume designer and finance manager.* Email fabian.ghui@cefc.org.sg if you are interested.

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)

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AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

COVENANT EFC

EAST CENTRE, 6 AUG 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS BARNEY LAU ■ WORSHIP LEADER: DAVID CHONG

Praying for Our Nation

PS EDMUND WONG ON BEHALF OF THE SENIOR PASTORS
REV TONY YEO AND REV TAN KAY KIONG

A rise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you. – Isaiah 60:1-2

How has your keeping time with God in prayer this season been? Since 1 Jul, we have been praying for Singapore through various ways:
Personal – at 10 am/pm daily, using the Love Singapore 40-day booklet
Family – Sunday evenings via our Devotional Journal
CG – at CG meetings
Church – during Sunday services

I am convicted by every entry in the LoveSingapore 40-day booklet. There's so much to pray for Singapore! And I wish I was more consistent in doing so with my wife Sue Ern (Confession: often we have not much energy left at the end of the day!)

We are living in the end times when both light and darkness are increasing in our land.

The darkness is obvious — be it the threat of terrorism and cyber infiltration, the rise of divorces and pushing of marriage boundaries, or the pervasive moral greyness in our sexuality and ethics. But so is the light! Since Jubilee Day Of Prayer in 2015, we are seeing God's hand upon Singapore. God has been mentioned in governmental speeches. There is a righteousness that safeguards and directs our national policies. I believe it is because the Church is (still) praying!

This coming National Day Prayer (this Tue, 8 Aug, 8 pm at WDL Centre), we have the honour of former Senior District Judge Mr Richard Magnus sharing with us the landscape of our nation. We will also pray for the four strategic aspects of national life — security, economy, family and morality.

Let's finish this season well by joining together in prayer for our nation again, for the God of heaven will make us prosper (Neh 2:20)!

SERMON OUTLINE

A Life Dedicated

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 6:16-18 ■ SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Introduction

A. A Life Marked by _____ (v.16)

B. A Worship Seen in _____ (v.17)

C. A Way Set in _____ (v.18)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

13 AUG – PAUL SHI (BPJ), REV TONY YEO (WDL) AND REV TAN KAY KIONG (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Here I Am — Send Me!

SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 6:1-8 ■ SERMON: PS GLEN WESTWOOD

Introduction

Of the many things that may help towards effectiveness and longevity in the field, the key is Lordship Surrender — an inner posture declaring, “Here I am Lord — send me!”

Aside from Jesus Christ, Isaiah is one man who embodies Lordship Surrender. He lived and prophesied in Jerusalem during a period of spiritual apathy and decay. In contrast to those around him, he had a mind and heart for the things of God.

In Isaiah's encounter with God, we see three steps towards Lordship Surrender:

A. See the Lord for Who He Is (vv.1-4)

King Uzziah led Judah in peace and prosperity for most of his reign. However, through pride and rebellion, he died a lonely leper. In the face of an empty throne, despair and uncertainty, Isaiah saw God seated on the throne of heaven, high and exalted – God is in control! Regardless of our circumstances, the throne is *not* empty. God knows, cares, and is in control. He wants us to see Him for who He really is — seated on the throne, high and exalted!

B. See Ourselves for Who We Are (vv.5-7)

Isaiah became conscious of his true spiritual condition: “Woe to me! I am ruined! I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips.” (v.5) A true encounter with God always makes us aware of our own sinfulness and failure, and exposes our need for Him in our lives (Job 42:5-6; Lk 5:8).

Confronted by God's sovereignty and holiness, Isaiah was immediately convicted of his spiritual poverty. He confessed and was cleansed — his sins and guilt removed. All this preceded any call God made on His life! God was preparing Isaiah for something greater. We cannot do God's work without His cleansing power. Isaiah 6 records a one-time event. However, confession, cleansing and consecration is ongoing. It is a daily dying to self, and offering our lives to God as a living sacrifice. There is no other way for us to work in the army of God!

C. See the Need for What It Is (v.8)

God didn't force Isaiah to volunteer. He did not go for a short-term missions trip. There was no guilt trip, but a heartfelt plea in the face of the real need – “Who will go?”

Everything to this point was a preparation. He was confronted with God's sovereign rule, convicted of his sin, confessed, was cleansed, and now he stands ready to be commissioned, eager to go to work for the Lord!

There were no conditions to Isaiah's obedience: first came the commission then the clarification of the call. Even when Isaiah found out how difficult and long the task would be, he didn't back down. God has commissioned us to make disciples, to serve as His ambassadors. He wants workers and He asks that we pray for more workers to go out into the harvest (Lk 10:2). This is the real need!

Your vocation is a heavenly calling in whatever the location. We are all full-time workers. We are saved to serve, not saved to be idle! Wherever we are and in whatever we do, God is looking for people whom He can support to build His Kingdom. He has missions for you to do. Will you accept the call?

Conclusion

Here I Am — Send Me!