

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 the Japanese people 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.ch/japministry2017>

NEW LIFE CHARITY GOLF

If you have the passion for golf and for supporting a good cause, join the New Life Charity Golf event on 14 Sep! 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.

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.

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Baptism Class

Date: 10 Sep (Sun)

Time: 2.30pm – 5.00pm

Venue: BPJ Centre

Membership Class

Date: 16 Sep (Sat)

Time: 9am – 4pm

Venue: ACKCentre

Register 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

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BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 13 AUG 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS LEE DA WIN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: MAVIS LOW

Strengthening the Nation and Serving God

PS IVAN HO, DISTRICT MENTOR AND INTEGRATED EQUIPPING

Singaporeans have just celebrated the 52nd National Day. On Tuesday night, Covenanters from all three centres came together at our WDL Centre for our National Day Prayer. We worshipped as one church family and interceded for our nation with many insights shared by our guest speaker, Mr Richard Magnus. On Wednesday evening, as my family and I watched the National Day Parade live on TV, a feeling of pride came over me. I am glad to be a Singaporean and thankful to God for our nation. It is a small country, but it is our own — a place we can truly call home. There is something unique about it. Singapore has a special combination of places, people, public institutions, local cuisines, local languages and multi-cultural flavour.

We must never think we built this nation by our own intelligence and strength. We must acknowledge God in all our achievements and recognise that it is by His grace that we have done many good things. Indeed, God has greatly blessed us with able and dedicated leaders, and a cohesive and hardworking people through the past five decades.

As we move into the future, even while we work hard to innovate

and pursue economic growth, we must also work hard to guard against many threats: the breakdown of marriages and families, moral decay and erosion of shared values, self-centred individualism and social apathy, mistrust between different racial and religious groups, and external threats to our sovereignty and security. For all that, we must keep praying and depending on God for His favour and empowering.

Singapore has a destiny. God has blessed our nation despite its smallness and vulnerabilities. Surely He does not want us to keep the blessings to ourselves, but to bless the generations after and our neighbouring nations. The Church in Singapore is to be a continuing witness to the grace, power and faithfulness of God. Our nation is to be a training and sending centre for missions. The Church is to be faithful to proclaim the Gospel to the nations until Christ returns.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. — Matthew 5:14-16, ESV

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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

Let's Celebrate!

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 6:19-22 ■ SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

A. Know _____ We Worship God: The _____ for Our Worship (v.19)

“On the fourteenth day of the first month, the exiles celebrated the Passover.”

B. Know _____ We Worship God: The _____ of Our Worship (vv.20-22)

“For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves ... to worship the LORD, the God of Israel ...”

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:
20 AUG -PS ANDY LEW (BPJ), PS IVAN HO (WDL) AND PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

A Life Dedicated

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 6:16-18 ■ SERMON: PS MATTHEW LO

Introduction

Epic journeys in life: The epic journey of rebuilding the temple. The epic dedication service. In the dedication of the “house of God” there was joy, sacrifice, obedience.

How does a life dedicated to God look like?

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

1. The temple was the “house of God”, the dwelling place of God. The people celebrated with joy because God's presence was with them!
2. Is your Christian life marked with joy? When we worship Him, we find true joy in the Lord! Walk in the joy of the Lord! Invite the presence of God into your life and experience the joy of being in Him!

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

1. The people offered up a sin offering to God. The people rededicated themselves to a Holy God, asking Him to cleanse them of their sin.
2. The good news today is we no longer need to sacrifice animals to God or perform sin offerings. In Hebrews 10:10, Jesus is the ultimate sin offering once for all!
3. Is there a sin that has become a barrier between God and you? Die to self. Surrender to God and rededicate your life to Him.

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

1. The priests and Levites conducted the whole dedication process in accordance to what was written in the Book of Moses, under the authority of God. The way was set in obedience.
2. Are your ways set in obedience to God? Are you making compromises? It is a challenge to be fully surrendered to God!

Conclusion

1. Personal sharing at spiritual retreat center. The Lord inviting me to come away with Him.
2. In John 17, Jesus dedicated His life to the Father, opening the way for us to come away with Him! Dedicate your life to God, rediscovering joy in Him!