

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING OF MULTITUDES

Calling all Zone Mentors, CG Leaders, Assistant CG Leaders and Ministry Leaders! See you at the Gathering of Multitude (GOM) **next Sunday, 1 Oct, 2:30pm to 5.00pm at BPJ Centre Main Sanctuary.**

### SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIPS

CG members, go for Short-term Missions (STM) trip and bless the nations!

**Surabaya on 23-27 Nov** Outreach to a slum community by teaching English, and ministry to believers in CGs.

**Jakarta on 8-13 Dec (updated dates)** Inspire teachers and volunteers in their outreach to an M community by teaching English.

**Myanmar on 16-20 Dec** Support local church in their Christmas outreach.

*Trippers must be attending CG regularly. For more information, email aili.tay@cefc.org.sg*

### BREAKTHROUGH WEEKENDS

Early bird registration for CG members will end next Mon, 2 Oct. Register online through Voyager.

### OCT DJ COLLECTION

The Discipleship Journal (DJ) for Oct 2017 is now available at our church website and Covenant EFC app. Hard copies are available at the Information Counter on Level 1 while stocks last.

### DISCOVERY WEEKEND (DWE)

DWE is a one-day session for courting couples to see where they are and where God is in their relationship. This is happening on **Sat, 14 Oct, 8.45am – 5pm (lunch and breaks included) at BPJ Centre Chapel (Level 3).** Sign-up at the Information Counter on Sundays. Email [fic@cefc.org.sg](mailto:fic@cefc.org.sg) for enquiries.

### TWO TO TANGO

Two to Tango is an outreach event for Covenanters to invite pre-believing couples who are married or about to get married. Dates: 4 Oct - 1 Nov (five Wed nights) Find out more and sign up at [cefc.ch/twototango2017](http://cefc.ch/twototango2017) To serve, go to [cefc.ch/22tango-reg2017](http://cefc.ch/22tango-reg2017)

### STEP UP

Step up and join your Covenant family to serve! Find out more and sign up at <https://step-up.cefcapps.com>

If you have signed up, learn more about the ministry at Step-Up Welcome Tea on Sun, 8 Oct at BPJ Grace Sanctuary 2.30-3.30pm / WDL Sanctuary 12.30-1.30pm / East Centre 12.30-1.30pm.

### CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Session 2 "Are all religions the same?" is happening today at 1pm at Joy 1 Room.

## 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, 24 SEP 2017  
SERVICE LEADER: PS ANDY LEW ■ WORSHIP LEADER: BENJAMIN AND SHARON TAN

### A Bridge to Jesus

VINCENT CHIA, OUTREACH MINISTRY

**F**or God, who said,  
*"Let light shine out of  
darkness," has shone in our hearts  
to give the light of the knowledge  
of the glory of God in the face of  
Jesus Christ. – 2 Corinthians 4:6*

Community Blessings started in 2011 with the intent of bringing the church closer to the community through the involvement of CGs and individuals wanting to shine brightly for Jesus.

Till date, Covenant EFC has collaborations with grassroots, social service sectors, family service centres and even hospitals, where there are ministry opportunities like monthly storytelling for community, tuition for the poor, home makeover, as well as befriending elderly living alone.

Madam A was regularly visited by a Covenanter as part of our befriending efforts. After a few months of friendship, relationship building and through divine appointments,

Madam A started attending church and gave her life to Jesus, much to the joy of her daughter who is also a Christian.

A young boy, befriended from our monthly storytelling sessions anchored by a CG, has also given his life to Jesus. After much prayer and perseverance in inviting him to KidzBlast, Easter service and Christmas service, the Covenanters were able to keep in touch with him regularly resulting in him attending Sunbeam and now WEB.

In both life stories, relationship was the key in bridging people to Jesus! So as we B.L.E.S.S. the community around us, may our lives encourage, enlighten and in His time, evangelise others!

Would you consider being part of this ministry? Let's come together and shine brightly to make a difference in the community as a bridge to Jesus!

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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](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)

## SERMON OUTLINE

### “Are You with ME?”

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 8:1-14 ■ SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

#### Introduction

#### A. A Discipleship That's Born Out of God's Covenant Faithfulness

#### B. A Discipleship That Walks with God in Covenant Obedience

#### Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

1 OCT – REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (WOL) AND REV TONY YEO (EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### Serving God Together

SCRIPTURE: ZECHARIAH 8:9 ■ SERMON: PS LIM KENG YEOW

#### Introduction

“Age of participation” describes the Internet age when individuals, instead of passively consuming Internet information and media, actively participate in creating content. In our text, the prophet was calling for something similar, but it was participation in service for a certain purpose and in a particular manner.

#### A. Why We Serve

1. The prophet's call: Build the temple!
2. The temple was significant in several ways: spiritually, nationally, historically. Building the temple was clearly God's will. But the people faced day-to-day realities, such as continual harassment, contesting priorities, and the feeling that their little contribution often seemed insignificant.
3. Application:  
We are the present-day temple individually (1Cor 6:19). Building the “temple” means that our primary task is to build up our most holy faith (Jude1:20).  
We are also the present-day temple collectively (1Cor 3:16). Serving the universal Body of Christ calls for commitment to its smaller representation: the local church.  
If you don't know where to serve, start with what you already have, and where you already are (Exo 4:2, 2 Kin 4:1-2). Keep knocking on doors while you seek to discern His leading (Acts 16:6-9).  
If what you can contribute seems insignificant, recall what the Taiwanese pastor remembered Dawson Trotman for: his simple act of service in cleaning the Taiwanese pastor's shoes. Small acts of service matter.

#### B. How We Serve

1. The prophet's call: Serve with strong hands. “Strong” in relation to the hardening of resolve and resilience, not physical strength. It is like Eleazar in 2 Samuel 23:9-10 his hand frozen to his sword.
2. The importance of the call: Perseverance is tough!
3. Application:  
What weakens our hands of service? Primarily discouragement, and often discouragement through the words and actions of others we serve with.  
Two things the enemy will always do:
  - a. Cause us to blame and fixate on the other person and keep us from looking within to understand our contribution to our discouragement
  - b. Exploit our areas of vulnerability in order to discourage us. All the waters in the ocean cannot sink a ship unless it got inside. Instead of fixating on others, we need to watch for cracks in our ‘ship’ and to mend them.One thing the enemy cannot do: He cannot discourage you without your consent. He also cannot keep you discouraged without your cooperation. Don't be an accomplice to your own discouragement.