

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OVERSEAS STEADY READERS

Impact young lives among the urban poor in the nations, and give them hope for a better future. No prior knowledge of Phonics is necessary. Training will be provided. Find out more at the **Introductory Talk today, 2:30pm at BPJ Centre Grace Sanctuary.**

BREAKTHROUGH WEEKENDS

Registration for Breakthrough Weekends is still ongoing at regular rates. Register online through Voyager.

C.Y.A.N. "SAVE THE DATE"

A panel of speakers will share from their experiences and answer questions relating to men-and-women relationships from the perspectives of a single, courting couple and married couple

Date: 21 Oct (Sat)

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Venue: 5 Little Monkeys Café
20 Kallang Avenue

Light refreshments will be provided. Seats are limited. Entry is strictly by registration. Register at <http://cefc.ch/cyanrship>

EMPOWERING GOD'S MEN

Calling all men! Register at <https://mmn-egm.eventbrite.com> by tomorrow, 9 Oct to hear Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn speak at our last session.

IDT AND SFF SIGN-UP

Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT)

Are you seeking to grow in Christian maturity and in becoming an authentic disciple and intentional disciplemaker? Apply today for the 2018 intake.

Spiritual Friends and Foundations (SFF)

If you are younger in the Christian faith, learn the basics of discipleship lifestyle at SFF.

Apply online through Voyager. Application ends on 31 Oct. For enquiries, email idtadmin@cefc.org.sg

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 will be held 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 for enquiries.

PARENTING WITH LOVE

For newly married couples and those who are planning for their first baby.

Dates: 4 and 11 Nov (Saturdays)

Time: 12pm – 5pm

Venue: WDL Centre

Cost: \$50 per couple

Sign up today at the Information Counter!

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Session 4 "Who is Jesus?" is happening today at 12.30pm at the auditorium.

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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EAST CENTRE, 8 OCT 2017

SERVICE LEADER: JEREMY KOH ■ WORSHIP LEADER: ALLISON LIM

Outreach Flywheel for Jesus

PS SHARON FONG, OUTREACH MINISTRY AND DISTRICT MENTOR

In Jim Collin's book, *Good to Great*, he introduced the flywheel effect: "A flywheel is a massive metal disk mounted horizontally on an axle. Now imagine that your task is to get the flywheel rotating on the axle as fast and long as possible. Pushing with great effort, you get the flywheel to inch forward, moving almost imperceptibly at first. You keep pushing and, after two or three hours of persistent effort, you get the flywheel to complete one entire turn. You keep pushing and at some point, there is a breakthrough and a great momentum!"

This year, we want to celebrate the Outreach Flywheel that is turning forward with greater momentum. We thank God for how it is "pushed" at different points:

Individual. I am hearing more and more stories of Covenanters B.L.E.S.S-ing their FRANS (friends, relatives, associates, neighbors and strangers). One Covenanter shared the Gospel with her driving instructor on several occasions. It was amazing to hear how she gave thanks to God for failing her

driving test so that she could reach out to her instructor again.

Covenant Group (CG). I am seeing more and more CGs serving the community together. I praise God for the Zone Mentors who are leading their zones consisting of three CGs to visit homes around WDL Centre in order to find out their practical needs. They visited these homes again to present a gift and have a meal with them, at the same time inviting them for the Christmas Service. Such intentionality!

Church. Recently, I visited the Mandarin Mid-Autumn Outreach Service on 30 Sep, with artiste Desmond Shen sharing his heartwarming testimony. I was encouraged to see so many Covenanters bringing their loved ones and friends. I am also blessed to see many Covenanters inviting their pre-believing friends to attend Two to Tango. Not to forget too the many Covenanters serving in this event.

Let's continue to push this Outreach Flywheel for Jesus, not by our own strength but by the power of the Holy Spirit!

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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

Prayer for the Journey

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 8:21-23 ■ SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

Why prayer is critical for our spiritual journey:

A. It Establishes Our Priorities in Life (v.21)

“Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava ...”

B. It Expresses Our Dependence on God (v.22)

“... The hand of our God is for good on all who seek him ...”

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

15 OCT – REV TONY YEO (BPJ), PS SHARON FONG (WDL) AND PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

A Few Good Men

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 8:15-20 ■ SERMON: REV TONY YEO

Introduction

Saddest comment on God's people: “I found no Levites there.” (Ezr 8:15) On the journey back to Jerusalem, Ezra discovered to his horror that the Levites were missing from the group. God is still looking for the following for His Kingdom work:

A. God Looks for GIFTED Leaders (vv.16-17)

“... who were leaders, ... who were men of learning ...”

1. Together with Ezra, who engaged nine leaders and two wise men, God used these twelve men to “solve” the problem of the missing Levites.
2. “Everything rises and falls on leadership” (John Maxwell) in any company, organisation, nation and even the Church. Four observations of what a gifted leader does:
 - a. Pay Attention – Ezra “checked” (*bin*) meaning observed, saw and paying attention. Leaders pay attention to God!
 - b. Act Courageously – Ezra “summoned”. Leaders have the gumption given by the Lord that something needs to be done and they take decisive action.
 - c. Submit to Authority. Leaders are men under authority. These eleven leaders went as they were sent (Heb 13:17).
 - c. Acknowledge God. True leaders attribute success to others and acknowledge that it is God who helped us and made things possible.

B. God Looks for WILLING Teachers (vv.18-19)

“Because the gracious hand of our God was on us, they brought us Sherebiah, a capable man ...”

1. The Levites had a Temple role (e.g. logistics, musicians, gate keepers etc.) and a teaching role (2 Chron 17:7; Neh 8:7, 9).
2. The Bible is silent why there were only 38 out of 5,000. Perhaps they had grown too comfortable in Babylon. God used these 38 willing Levites together with Ezra to bring about spiritual reformation.
3. Illustrations: 1) 500 years of Protestant Reformation – Martin Luther
2) My journey in teaching
4. Application: Would you be willing to teach?

C. God Looks for HUMBLE Servants (v.20)

“They also brought 220 of the temple servants ... to assist the Levites. All were registered by name.”

1. Joining the 38 Levites were 220 temple servants who were set apart to assist the Levites. Socially they were “a caste of mixed origins” and inferior to the Levites in status and stature. But they responded in larger numbers than the Levites. If the Levites were servants to the priests, the Temple servants would be servants to the servants of the priests. Those who are needed can't be found, but those who are not required stepped forward!
2. We praise God for the many Covenanters who serve passionately, faithfully and namelessly as God's humble servants!
3. Illustration: Step-Up Sunday, IDMC Conference

Conclusion

Count me in Lord!