

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHRISTMAS EVE OUTREACH SERVICES

Christmas is just around the corner! Invite your friends and loved ones to our Christmas Eve Outreach Services. This is the perfect time to celebrate and share God's greatest gift through a musical performance and a special message.

**Date:** 24 Dec (Sun)

**Time:** 9am and 11am

**Speaker:** Dr Andrew Goh

### SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Be a Steady Readers Volunteer Mentor! Help children overcome challenges in reading and instil a love for books in them.

**Dates:** Weekly from Jan to May 2018

**Time:** 8pm – 9.30pm

Training sessions will be held on 6, 7, 13 and 14 Jan (choose one training session only) from 1pm to 5pm at Fajar Youth Hub.

To sign up or enquire, contact Jason Lee at 9635 1135, Lewis Woo at 9634 9457, or email [volunteer@newlife.org.sg](mailto:volunteer@newlife.org.sg)

### CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking to fill the role of **Executive (Integrated Equipping)**. Applicants should either be a church or CG member, with a heart to answer God's call in their lives in furthering Covenant EFC's mission. For more information, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> Email your resumes to [hr@cefc.org.sg](mailto:hr@cefc.org.sg) by 17 Dec.

### MANDARIN SERVICE CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Due to the overwhelming response these past Sundays, all the tickets have been redeemed. For further enquiry, email [chris.pang@cefc.org.sg](mailto:chris.pang@cefc.org.sg)

### C.Y.A.N. CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Christmas is just around the corner! Covenant Young Adult Network (C.Y.A.N.) will be having a Christmas gathering. Come for a time of fun, food and friendship!

Register at <https://engage.cefc.org.sg>

**Date:** 16 Dec (Sat)

**Time:** 7pm – 9pm (dinner will be served)

**Venue:** 5 Little Monkeys Cafe, Pico Creative Centre, 20 Kallang Ave, #11-00

**Fee:** \$15 per person

### COVENANT EAST SERVICE ON 10 DEC

Covenant East will be holding **next Sunday's service** in the Grand Ballroom at Hilton Hotel Singapore (Level 3, 581 Orchard Road, Singapore 238883), as Park Avenue Convention Centre is not available for our use. Service timing will still be 10am (pre-service prayer at 9.30am).

### DEC DJ COLLECTION

Hard copies of our Devotional Journal (DJ) for Dec are available at the Information Counter at Level 1 while stocks last.

## 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, 3 DEC 2017

SERVICE LEADER: DAVID CHONG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: SIMON AND LILLIAN SEOW

### Generations for His Kingdom!

SARAH CHAN, THE NEXT GENERATION (TNG)

The ONE80 Graduation Luncheon last Saturday was permeated with youthful energy — youths thrilled to meet their friends, parents catching up from across our three worship centres, and leaders exchanging testimonies of God's goodness — a picture of God's inter-generational Church!

ONE80 is an annual discipleship programme for youths aged 13 to 15 years old. The theme was *Look — Look Up* in pursuit of knowing God, *Look Within* to build an identity in Him, and *Look Out* to fulfil their purposes in His Kingdom. We had 94 youths in the span of four weeks with one awesome God!

It is often said that it takes a village to raise a child. At the graduation, we witnessed a village celebrating the discipleship milestone of 94 youths who pursued the Lord, and gathered to celebrate the God who fulfils and exceeds His promises. "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." — Jeremiah 29:13 They sought Him and found Him!

In the midst of the fun camp, the time of worship and daily hour of silence and solitude are the highlights of ONE80. Why? Because this is when the youths experienced a God who speaks through His Word, as well as

the opportunity for them to express their adoration through intimate times of worship — 94 voices felt like a thousand voices reverberating with praise!

During the final night of ONE80 Breakthrough, the youths prayed for their adult leaders and the Lord spoke through them, moving us to tears. It was a humbling moment of realisation that the youths were not just being disciplined, but were also ministers and disciplinators! That night, 23 youths answered His call to full-time ministry. The rest worshipped with a burning passion when they were challenged to be His missionaries wherever they will be sent. It was the sound of a generation hungry to pursue Him with all their hearts! Last Friday, they were sent on a Faith Journey — a day of PDA, seeking and obeying Him. The Lord gave them visions which came to pass. They prayed for and blessed strangers they met on Orchard Road, elderly living at MacPherson, students in universities, homeless around the Esplanade, and many more!

As we desire to equip these saints for His work tomorrow, they are also the Church of today in a world that desperately needs it. Let's build His Kingdom today. Whom have we last disciplined?

## 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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## SERMON OUTLINE

### Covenant Community

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 10:5-15 ■ SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

#### Introduction

#### A. Covenant to Act Together

#### B. Covenant to Act Together Over Time

#### Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

10 DEC – PS ANDY LEW (BPJ), PS SHARON FONG (WDL) AND PS IVAN HO (EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### How Will You Respond?

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 10:1-4 ■ SERMON: REV TONY YEO

#### Introduction

Three characteristics of response to God after confession of sin:

#### A. Acknowledge Your Sin Against God (vv.1-2a)

“We have broken faith with our God ...”

1. Stand Before God for your sin – “While Ezra prayed”. Standing on behalf of his people, to arbitrate, mediate and intervene between them and God.
2. Agree with God about your sin – “Made confession”. Confess means to say the same thing or agree with God's verdict, conviction, judgement, perspective: “I am guilty as charged!”
3. Cry about your sin to God – “Weeping ... and wept bitterly”, not silently but aloud and contagious.
4. Take personal responsibility for our sin – “We have broken faith with our God ...”  
We have violated an oath, in the context of a covenant.
5. Specify sin – “We have ‘married foreign women.’ Shecaniah and the other leaders recognised that in taking foreign women into their homes, they had been unfaithful.
6. Focus: “Lord I have been unfaithful to you because \_\_\_\_\_”

#### B. Affirm Your Hope in God (v.2b)

“But even now there is hope for Israel in spite of this.”

1. “But now” – do not surrender to despair, discouragement or despondency for this is not the end yet. “But now ...” (Rom 3:21) emphasises God's grace revealed in Jesus.
2. “Hope” appears five times in the Old Testament. Three of these times refer to the hope that Israel has in God. This is not the end yet, there is still hope and a future for Israel.
3. Basis of hope - Our God is covenant-keeping, forgiving and merciful.
4. Focus: Hope in God as all is not lost.

#### C. Align Your Life with God (vv.3-4)

“Let us make a covenant with our God to put away ...”

1. **Renew** - “let us make a covenant with our God ...” (Ezra 10: 3a). It is a fresh obligation brought about by a promise to unanimously agree to observe certain stipulations of God's law (2 Chron. 29:10).
2. **Remove** - “to put away all these wives and their children ...” (Ezra 10:3b). “Put or send away” is literally “cause to go out”. It may seem harsh, but the continuity of the Jewish community was at stake. A provision was made for the maintenance both of wives and children.
3. **Remember** – Ezra and the people remembered God's will declared in His Word, the law against intermarriage and took His commandments seriously.
4. **Rise up** - “Arise, for it is your task, and we are with you; be strong and do it.” Ezra 10:4 has a series of action verbs in the imperative mood, emphasising that Ezra must act now.

#### Conclusion

Pay close attention to sin's decay from within and **respond to God today!**