

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

If you are curious about Christianity or have been visiting the church but have not accepted the faith, join us at Christianity Explored!

Date and Time: Six Sundays from 14 Jan to 25 Feb (except 18 Feb) at 1pm

Venues: WDL Centre, Love Room
BPJ Centre, Hope 4

Covenanters who would like to invite and accompany their friends and loved ones on these sessions, are encouraged to attend a training session on Sat, 6 Jan, 2pm to 4pm at ACKCentre, Training Room 5.

Sign up for the sessions or for the training at <http://cefc.ch/christianity-explored>

STEADY READERS

We need 83 Steady Readers Volunteer Mentor! Help children overcome challenges in reading and instil a love for books in them.

Date: Jan to May 2018

Time: Weekly, 8pm – 9.30pm

Training dates: 6, 7, 13 or 14 January 2018

Time: 1pm to 5pm at Fajar Youth Hub

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/SRstepup> to sign up now. Email volunteer@newlife.org.sg or contact Jason Lee at 9635 1135 to enquire.

JAN 2018 DJ COLLECTION

Hard copies of the Devotional Journal (DJ) for Jan 2018 are available at the Information Counter at Level 1 while stocks last.

BREAKTHROUGH WEEKEND

Watch out for the early bird registration for Breakthrough Weekend next Sun, 7 Jan!

WATCHNIGHT PRAYER

Come join us to start the new year in God's presence at our Watchnight Prayer **tonight!**

Time: 9.00pm to 12.18am

Venue: WDL Worship Centre

*Please note that there will be **no children's programme.***

STM TRIPS 2018

Calling all CG members, plan your STM trips for 2018 now!

Mongolia – Provinces outside Ulanbaatar / March (10-14 days)

Focus – To teach basic Biblical disciplines
Team size: 4 to 6 people only

Mongolia – Ulanbaatar / March or April (10-14 days)

Focus – Campus outreach to conduct English lessons
Team size: 6 to 12 people (18 to 35 years)

Nepal / 23 Mar to 5 Apr (8-10 days)

Focus - Teachers' training and Children's program

Thailand – Chiang Mai / 5 day period

between 23 Apr to 5 May (6-7 days)
Focus – Youth / children's camp (Spiritual development)

Closing date for registration is 4 Feb 2018

Requirement & Commitment -Trippers **MUST** be members of a CG and attending CG regularly, be committed to STM training and team meetings.

Email missions@cefc.org.sg for more info or to indicate your interest.

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: 9.00am & 11.00am

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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, 31 DEC 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS VALERIE CHAN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: LOW WEI SHING & MAVIS LOW

Entering 40 on Our Knees

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

We thank God for His presence in our Christmas outreach last weekend! Out of the 497 guests at Sunbeam, English, Mandarin and Hokkien services spread over our BPJ, WDL and EAST Centres, a total of 42 adults and children prayed to receive Christ. All glory to God in the highest!

As the Church advances with the Gospel to rebuild lives, marriages, families and society, we are also mindful that **we are under attack**. The evil one is on an all-out war knowing that his time is short. (Rev 12:12) We are hearing stories of casualties especially in the areas of marital fidelity and sexual purity. **But we are fighting from victory!**

Jesus said that He will build His Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matt 16:18). We are assured that in the end, Jesus wins. The Gospel and His kingdom

advance in answer to prayer. That's why we will enter into our church's 40th year **tonight, 31 Dec, 9.00pm** until 1 Jan, 12:18am at **Woodlands Centre** — on our knees.

Samuel Chadwick says, "The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray."

Covenant EFC's 40th year signals our entry into a new territory as we claim back the lost ground for Jesus, and into a new era of God's move in our Church and land. The Church must be found awakened and alert in such a time as this!

Join us tonight as we stand together in our Watchnight Prayer! Sound the call to your family and CG, and let's come as **one church** to watch and pray together!

SERMON OUTLINE

Life, Lordship and Legacy

SCRIPTURE: PHILIPPIANS 1:12-30 ■ SERMON: PS LEE DA WIN

Introduction

A. Re-focus Your Life (v.12-17)

B. Reaffirm Jesus' Lordship (v.18-22)

C. Review Your Legacy (v.23-30)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:
7 JAN – REV TONY YEO (BPJ & WDL) AND REV TAN KAY KIONG (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Christmas: Unfathomable Grace

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 20:28 ■ SERMON: PAUL SHI

Introduction

What is the best gift or the most expensive present you have been given? We give during Christmas not because the wise men gave gifts to Christ on Christmas, but rather because Christmas is about God giving us the gift of His Son. This is God's unfathomable grace.

The Impact of Sin:

We have sinned against God. Sin means transgression, iniquity, missing the mark. Because God is a holy God, sin separates us from Him, enslaves us and leads to death.

A. He Purchased Our Freedom

1. Matthew 20:28 says that Jesus came as a ransom.
2. This means that we were once enslaved to sin. It had a hold on us and we were bound by its power.
3. In a slave auction, someone would pay to purchase the freedom of a slave.
4. 1 Peter 1:18-19 tell us that God is the one who purchased our freedom from sin. He did not purchase us with perishable things such as gold and silver, but with the precious blood of Christ.
5. God gave us his Son to purchase our freedom from sin. This is what it means when Jesus says that He came as a ransom payment. It was to purchase our freedom.
6. This is God's grace. Something that we completely do not deserve.
7. When God makes a payment, He does not get cheated; He pays the amount worthy for what He has purchased.
8. Application: What's your worth? For God, He'll purchase your freedom with the blood of His Son.

B. He Takes Our Place

1. Since we have sinned against a Holy God and offended a Holy God, the result is death and we are to pay the penalty for our sins.
2. But what Christ does is take our place.
3. 2 Corinthians 5:21 tells us that God who knew no sin, became sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God.
4. This means, Jesus took on each and every one of our sins and bore it on the cross in our place.
5. What was meant to be our punishment, God's very own Son, Jesus, took in our place.
6. This is God's amazing, unthinkable grace.
7. Therefore, we are made innocent, new creation in Christ. Jesus didn't just die on the cross for our sins in our place, but on the third day, he rose again from the dead, thereby defeating the power of sin.

Conclusion

The Chinese character for righteousness aptly captures the essence of God's grace. 
The Lamb of God takes my place, therefore I'm made righteous in Him.
We are to respond to God by repenting and believing in Jesus.