

Announcements

WATCHNIGHT

Let's look back and thank God for what He has done in this Year of Prayer and Repentance. Covenanters will testify how God moved their hearts to pray, repent and reach others with the Gospel. Let's look forward to the Year of Proclamation, believing God for a harvest in our church and land like never before. Come with your family and CG tomorrow, **31 Dec, 8pm to 11pm at WDL Centre!**

CELEBRATION OF HOPE PRAYER LEAD-UP

We praise God for the Body of Christ that gathered at PraySingapore to seek the welfare of our city and ask God for harvest in the coming Year of Proclamation.

Join us for the monthly regional Celebration of Hope prayer lead-up hosted by Covenant! This is open to all Christians in Singapore. God acts in answer to our prayers because He desires that none should perish!

Date: 4 Jan (Fri)

Time: 8.00pm – 9.30pm

Venue: BPJ Centre, Grace Sanctuary

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Steady Readers Mentors. 100 volunteers are needed to mentor K2 to P4 children who are not reading at their academic age and having difficulty in school due to lack of proficiency in English.

Period: 21 Jan – 25 May 2019

Days & Venue:

Mon and/or Wed at BPJ Centre

Tues and/or Thu at WDL Centre

Time: 8.00pm – 9.30pm

Required Training: 5 OR 6 Jan 2019

Time: 1pm – 5pm

Venue: Fajar Youth Hub (Blk 419 Fajar Road)

Sign up at <http://cefc.ch/newlifechildren>

For more information, email

Jason at volunteer@newlife.org.sg

SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP

STM Trips for 2019 are now available for sign-up. Please register before the end of January 2019 if you are interested to go on any of the trips in the first six months of the year.

Countries we will be ministering in are:

1. Malaysia - Klang
2. Mongolia – Ulaanbaatar & beyond
3. Indonesia - Pekanbaru, Batam, Bandung, Surabaya
4. Philippines - Manila
5. Vietnam - Hanoi
6. Cambodia - Cambodia
7. Myanmar - Maubin
8. Katmandu - Nepal

Closing date for registration is 31 January 2019

Requirement & Commitment

- a) Tripper must be a member of a CG and attending CG regularly
- b) Tripper must be committed to attending STM training and team meetings.

Register for trips at

<http://cefc.ch/2019STMTripsRegistration>

or view the information on more trips in 2019 at <https://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/our-ministries/missions>

JAN 2019 DJ COLLECTION

The Devotional Journal (DJ) for Jan 2019 is now available at our church website and "Covenant EFC" app. Hard copies are available at the Information Counter at Level 1 while stocks last.



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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES

BPJ Centre:

Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

WDL Centre:

Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

East Centre:

Sun 9am & 11am

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SERVICE LEADER: PS SANDRA CHI • WORSHIP LEADER: ALLISON LIM

Abounding Grace

TONY TAN, ELDER-DESIGNATE

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work ... You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way ... – 2 Corinthians 9:8, 11a

As we close 2018, let us reflect on the bountiful grace we have received from the Lord throughout the year. Let us thank Him for always being with us, for upholding us and for never abandoning us as we journeyed across mountains and valleys.

In life, good and bad run on parallel tracks. I am sure that through 2018, each one of us have experienced our share of victories and defeats, joys and sorrows, tears and laughter. In all things however, a universal constant remains — God's grace is sufficient and we can experience the fullness of His peace and presence through the power of His love that sustains us.

Having been thus enriched by His all-sufficient grace and mercies, our grateful response must be to abound in good works and generosity. Has God supplied us with every necessary provision and more? Has He protected us and kept us out of harm's way? Has He blessed and established the works of our hands? As an act of thanksgiving, let's reciprocate by channelling His abounding grace into generous giving to advance His mission and purpose for His church.

We have a vision to raise a seed fund of \$40M for the purpose of advancing the IDMC Movement in Singapore. May each Covenanter contribute generously and in faith, believing that God will accomplish His purposes through Covenant EFC. Let's be faithful to bring the best of our firstfruits by Feb 2019.

Sermon Outline

The God Worth Living For

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 28 • SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Last Week's Sermon Summary

When Storms Come

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 27 • SERMON: PS EDMUND WONG

Introduction

Life will not be storm-free, but it can be storm-proof!

Our lives can be storm-proofed when we:

A. Take Heart – God's Word Will Be Fulfilled in His Good Time (vv.1-26)

1. Verses 9 to 20 – Sailing would have been dangerous after the Fast (i.e. Day of Atonement between mid-Sep to early Oct). They were also exposed to the harshness of the elements. The centurion wanted to proceed to minimise chances of the prisoners escaping, while the sailor likely wanted to cash in on the year-end bonus if he transported the grain to Rome by winter. Without the sun and stars, they lost bearings and hope.

2. Verses 21 to 25 – The Apostle Paul could take heart not because of positive thinking or emotional high, but because God spoke in the past (23:11) and spoke again.

3. Often we take aim (at God, others or ourselves) rather than take heart. When that happens, we are locked up in the past and cannot move forward.

4. Focus: When in the dark, hold on to what God has already said in the light (Ps Ed Chan). Go back to your journal and hold on to God's Word that has already been spoken to you.

B. Take Charge – God's Work Will Be Done Through His Godly Servants (vv.27-44)

1. Verse 26 – Paul began to take charge when the men lost hope. A chain prisoner influencing the centurion's and sailor's decisions because of his personal and spiritual leadership (v.29)!

2. Verses 33 to 36 – Within the purview he was allowed to exercise leadership, he took the role of a Jewish head of the household. Through his taking charge, others took heart.

3. Often we take cover rather than take heart (Ps Kirk Tan). The responsibility God gives is not meant to crush us, but calls out the best in us!

4. Focus: Who learns more — the teacher or student? Who grows more — the leader or follower? Embrace the weight of responsibility as a gift from God.

Conclusion: Before The Storm

The Master Craftsman who restores, redeems and revitalises us to sound out the Gospel through our storms!

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

6 JAN – REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ & WDL) AND REV TONY YEO (EAST)