

## » COVENANT EAST MEETING

Have you heard God's call for you to go to Covenant East? If yes, join us for a time of bonding and get to know one another. If not, join us for a time of prayer to seek God.

**Date and Time:** 11 Jun (Sat), 9am–11am

**Venue:** UE Convention Centre, 4 Changi Business Pk Ave 1, Singapore 486016  
RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/CEFCEastPrayerMeet>

If you are going to Covenant East, please fill up the form at <http://tinyurl.com/GoCEFCEast> if you have not done yet.

## » SERVE IN NEW LIFE

**Steady Readers Programme.** Help children overcome challenges in reading from **July to November every week at 8.00pm to 9.30pm.**

**Kids Champ Club.** Serve in this character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds from **6 Aug to 17 Dec, every Saturday at 3pm to 5pm.**

To volunteer or enquire, contact Lewis Woo at 9634 9457 or Cai Aiwei at 6892 7219 or [caiaiwei@newlife.org.sg](mailto:caiaiwei@newlife.org.sg)

## » FOOD STALL CLOSED

Please note that the food stalls at both centres are closed this month of June due to school holiday.

## » CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PASTORS

The Church congratulate Ps Sharon Fong and Ps Barney Lau on their successful graduation from their theological studies. Ps Sharon Fong graduated from Singapore Bible College with Master of Arts in Biblical Studies, while Ps Barney Lau graduated from Biblical Graduate School of Theology with Master in Christian Studies.

## » FLORAL OFFERING

Today's floral offering is sponsored by Loh Ngai Kun and Yew Woon Wah in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary.

## » CAMP COVENANT BRIEFING

Camp Briefing **today** for all the Campers at the following venues:

WDL Centre Sanctuary at 12.30pm–1.30pm

BPJ Centre Sanctuary at 2.30pm–3.30pm

## » UNIVERSITY BEFRIENDER PROGRAMME

Let's B.L.E.S.S. the Chinese international students who come to study in Singapore with our hospitality. We are looking for families to reach out to them through the University Befriender Programme from **Aug 2016 to Aug 2017**. Drop by our booth at the foyer today to find out more or email [missions@cefc.org.sg](mailto:missions@cefc.org.sg)  
**Last day to sign up is 26 Jun.**

## » CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

**Finance Manager**

Reporting to the Finance & Human Resources Director, this role is responsible for the accounting, internal controls, financial and management reporting requirements and budgeting process. This role prepares and reviews quarterly financial performance, GST reporting and makes preparations for the Annual General Meeting which includes financial review, presentation slides, and liaison with auditors. This role will also be involved in the regular tithing collections cash count.

Requirements:

- Degree holder in Accounting
- Minimum 5 years relevant experience and 2–3 years managerial experience
- Has sound and up-to-date knowledge of financial statutory requirements
- Able to multi-task under tight deadlines

Applicants should either be a church or CG member, intending to answer God's call in furthering Covenant EFC's mission.

For more information, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment>. Interested candidates, email your resume to [hr@cefc.org.sg](mailto:hr@cefc.org.sg) by 19 Jun.

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SERVICE LEADER REV WILLIAM WONG // WORSHIP LEADER KAREN PHUAH



## Pray for Our Pastors

BY: REV TONY YEO AND REV TAN KAY KIONG, SENIOR PASTORS

**P**astors are endangered species. In a \*US survey conducted on pastors: 70% battle depression; 80% feel discouraged; 94% have families who feel the pressure of ministries; 78% have no close friends; 90% report working 55 to 75 hours per week; 97% have been betrayed, falsely accused or hurt by their trusted friends. Yet, the pastoral calling is a precious calling. Pastors are given by God to equip the saints for the work of the ministry (Eph 4:11–12).

Thus, last Sunday was a joyful milestone for Covenant EFC. We witnessed the installation of five new pastors in our church family. Several guests said the service was refreshing—dignified yet fun! One said that this is indeed a family church as the camaraderie among the leaders was obvious.

Two of our ministry staff, Portia Chan and Sharon Fong, were welcomed as pastoral staff, and three of our finest lay leaders, Elder Sebastian Quek, Lim Keng Yeow and Kirk Tan, were installed as our first batch of lay pastors. We are eternally grateful to God for leaders who walk with Him. These are leaders who know and keep their station in God's Kingdom.

The pastoral calling is not easy. As such, we ought to pray for our pastors. Pray that our pastoral team in Covenant EFC would be *A Certain Kind* of community. Here are seven vital areas to pray for:

**A Hermeneutical Community**  
*Lord, keep us true to Your Word!*  
To study and proclaim the Word

of God, guard the doctrines, be custodians of truth and think biblically

**A Holy Community**  
*Lord, keep us clean for Your use!*  
To diligently keep watch of self, marriage, and family so as to be a clean, cleansed and pure community

**A Humble Community**  
*Lord, may we decrease and may You increase!*  
To recognise the high privilege of calling which leads to true humility and true courage to do whatever, whenever and wherever the Lord directs

**A Hungry Community**  
*Lord, we hunger and thirst for you as the deer pants for the water!*  
To cultivate a hunger for God and build a learning community in Him—growing spiritually, learning intentionally and living faithfully

**A Happy Community**  
*Lord, may the joy of the Lord be our strength!*  
To serve the Lord with joy, knowing that we are in the centre of His will

**A Helpful Community**  
*Lord make me a servant-leader for the Body of Christ!*  
To be a bridge-builder and serve the larger Body of Christ

**A Healthy Community**  
*Lord, may we stay fresh in the ministry through holistic health!*  
To continue building deep in our lives—staying healthy spiritually, emotionally, mentally, physically and socially

To the new pastors, welcome to such a pastoral community!

\*Survey conducted by Francis A. Schaeffer  
Institute of Church Leadership Development  
from a 1989 Fuller Institute project



VISION

AUTHENTIC  
DISCIPLESHIP  
& INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VALUES

GRACE  
GROWTH  
GODLINESS

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# SERMON OUTLINE



## Walk Worthy of the Call

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 4:1-3** Sermon: **PAUL SHI**

### 1. Therefore I Urge You...

### 2. Walk Worthy of the Calling

### 3. Walk Humbly in Unity

### Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speaker:  
12 Jun **PS ANDY LEW** (BPJ) and **PS IVAN HO** (WDL)

# LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



## Reaching Your Peak

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 3:20-21** // Sermon: **REV TONY YEO**

### Introduction

#### In Him ... To Him

Ephesians 1-3 began in Ephesians 1:3-14 and ended in Eph 3:20-21 with doxology. Everything that we are and will be is found **in Him** and must point **to Him**—"to the praise of his glory" (Eph 1:3,6,14).

This Doxology Reveals How God Empowers Us to Reach Our Highest Peak with Two Anchors:

#### A. The God Who Works Within You

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly ... according to the power at work within us (v.20)*

1. God is able (Gk. *dunamai*) which means the explosive power of God.
2. God is able to do abundantly above all than all that we ask or think. A rare Greek compound word *huperekperissou* is used which means over and beyond, out of the great abundance of God. God's capacity for giving far exceeds our capacity for asking or imagining. There are no degrees of difficulty for God. D.A. Carson: "To think of God in any other way is to demean Him; to think of God in this way is itself tantamount to a call to pray." Stay strong and true to the conviction that God can. Whenever He doesn't, it is not because He can't but because He knows what's best for us.
3. Ephesians 3:14-19 forms the context for this doxology—"that you may be filled with **all** the fullness of God". How does this happen? Illus: We as a droplet of water falling into the vast ocean of God's love. God intends for us not to live on empty nor half empty, but on full fuel for your spiritual life.
4. **Focus:** God's Power at work **in us!**

#### B. The God Who Works Beyond Us

*to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (v.21)*

"Glory" is mentioned eight times in Ephesians 1-3 (1:6,12,14,17,18; 3:13,16,21). To glorify God is not to add something to Him. But an active acknowledgement or extolling of who He is or what He has done.

1. God's glory is to be seen in the Church. "God is to be glorified in the church because the church, comprising Jews and Gentiles, is His masterpiece of grace."—F.F. Bruce  
There's nothing like the Church in God's plan. God's glory is in the hands of the Church.  
Application: Align with Covenant EFC's vision and values. Partner in Vision 2028—edify the Church Within, engage the Church Without, and enlarge the Church Beyond.
2. God's glory is to be seen "throughout all generations, forever and forever". God will be glorified in all the history of the earth and in all eternity (past, present, future)!  
God is at work beyond us, beyond Singapore and to the nations. Nothing can stop the glory of God from advancing in the Church and in Christ.
3. Application: God will do it **with or without us**. But we have the privilege to be part of it!  
Give up your small ambition for the glory of the Church and Christ!
4. Illus: History of Christianity over the past centuries, Aceh 2005, Nepal 2015
5. **Focus:** God's power at work **beyond us!**

### Conclusion

Amen – Oh Yes! To God be **all** the glory!