

» PRAYER & PRAISE

This coming Prayer & Praise, we will keep watch over the migrant workers, domestic helpers, and international students and professionals. Dr Goh Wei-Leong, the chairman of HealthServe, and founder and director of Linking Hands will share his heart for the migrant workers and how God is at work among the internationals in Singapore.

Date: 18 Nov (Fri) **Time:** 8pm
Venue: WDL Centre

» NURTURER REFRESHER TRAINING

For those who signed up during Step Up Sunday to be a Nurturer and those who wants a refresher on nurturing new believers to prepare for this coming Christmas and 2017 harvest! Come join us!

Date: 21 Nov (Mon) **Time:** 7pm-10pm
Venue: ACKCentre, Level 10, 2 Kallang Ave, S339407

» CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

Executive (Finance)

This role is required to perform financial accounting responsibilities such as weekly cash receipt recording for Sunday tithing and other income types, monthly bank reconciliation and monitoring cashflow balance. He/She will also coordinate the cash collection process during events. Prior relevant experience is preferred. 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, please visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment>
Email your resumes to hr@cefc.org.sg by 20 Nov.

» TNG CROSSING

We will celebrate the spiritual milestones of our next generation at TNG Crossing, a combined graduation ceremony as they progress to the next level of their discipleship journey. If your child is one of the following:

- Six years old and moving from K2 to Primary 1 in Sunbeam
 - Primary 4 and moving to WEB Ministry
 - 14 years old and moving to Momentum Ministry
 - 18 years old and moving to adulthood
- Register at tiny.cc/Momentum-2017 and join us on this special occasion!

Date: 19 Nov (Sat) **Venue:** WDL Centre
There will be NO Sunbeam classes at BPJ and WDL Centres on 20 Nov, the Sunday after TNG Crossing.

» NEW LIFE DAY ON 20 NOV

Celebrate New Life Day with us on 20 Nov in all the services at BPJ, WDL and East Centres. Hear stories how we have touched lives and mentored the next generation as Covenant EFC's face and hands to the community. You can be part of this too! **Find out more at our workshop on 29 Nov, 7.30pm-9.00pm at BPJ Chapel.** For more information, email email@newlife.org.sg or call 6892 7191.

» NEW MANDARIN SERVICE IN 2017

Praise God for the growth of our Mandarin and Cantonese ministries! The Grace Sanctuary where we have been holding our BPJ Mandarin and Cantonese services is full on Sundays. After much prayer and consultation, the **BPJ Mandarin and Cantonese ministries will merge to form the New Mandarin Service starting 1 Jan 2017.**
New Timing: 3.30pm-5.00pm
New Venue: BPJ Main Sanctuary (Level 2)
For enquiries, email chris.pang@cefc.org.sg

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SERVICE LEADER PS SHARON FONG // WORSHIP LEADER BENJAMIN AND SHARON TAN



A New Chapter: Covenant East Begins

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

May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!
– Psalm 20:5

This is the verse I shared at the recent Senior Pastor's Office (SPO) Retreat to prepare and encourage the SPO team as Covenant East starts. As we "enter the land", let's fly the banner for God's presence to be manifestly present and for the IDMC (Intentional Disciple Making Church) banner to be raised high.

Let's ask God for Covenant East to be a community that exemplifies the following:

Family Community where everyone is growing in authentic, vibrant and loving small group communities.

Serving Community where everyone serves God by serving one another, be it in his/her comfort zone or discomfort zone.

Outreaching Community where everyone is salt and light by being a B.L.E.S.S.-ing wherever he/she is.

Praying Community where prayer is integral and indicative of God's presence in all areas of life — personal, marriage, family, work and church.

Fun Community where there's plenty of laughter, joy and grace in a culture of learning and growing.

On-time Community where the worship of God is expressed practically and tangibly by being punctual in person and in spirit.

A Certain Kind of Community where grace, growth and godliness stemming from truth, community, stewardship, balance and brokenness are not merely imagined ideals but active realities.

Together as a church family, let us pray for Covenant EFC as this new chapter begins.

- Pray for God's presence to be manifestly present in the church and in the lives of every Covenanter.
- Pray for Covenanters to be a praying people.
- Pray for Covenanters to leverage the new East Centre in reaching out to the pre-believers and unchurched. That God gives us a mighty harvest during the Christmas season.
- Pray for wisdom and courage to start new marketplace outreach efforts in the areas around Covenant East.
- Pray that many young people come to Christ and the church.
- Pray for new visitors and believers to assimilate into the Covenant family with ease.
- Pray that at least 80% of East Covenanters actively participate in small group community.
- Pray that discipleship through mentoring becomes a reality at the different levels of each centre.

Let's press on in our journey of Authentic Discipleship and Intentional Disciplemaking!



VISION

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DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
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OF A CERTAIN KIND

VALUES

GRACE
GROWTH
GODLINESS

SERMON OUTLINE



God's Resources for Spiritual Warfare

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:14** Sermon: **REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI**

Introduction

A. Anchored in the Truth (v.14a)

“Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth”

B. Protected by His Righteousness (v.14b)

“and having put on the breastplate of righteousness”

Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:

13 Nov **PS VALERIE CHAN** (BPJ) **REV TONY YEO** (WDL) **REV TAN KAY KIONG** (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



The Kingdom Strikes Back

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:10-13** // Sermon: **PS SHARON FONG**

Introduction

Two battle strategies that every Christian must know to fight well in spiritual warfare:

A. Put On (vv.10 –11a)

1. Verse 10 - Paul commands that they must be strong not in the old magical practices, but to be strong “in the Lord.” This is not a quest for more discipleship programmes. The key to be strong in the Lord is the word “Lordship”. Is Christ Jesus the Lord of every arena of your life?
2. Before putting on the armor, we first need to put Jesus as the Lord of our life.
3. If Jesus is truly the Lord of our life, He must have the right and permission to come into our life and rule in every corner of our hearts, including our past, and our fears and shame. Jesus wants to remove our false armour because He wants to be our only armour.
4. Verse 11a - Since there is the lack of *kai* between verses 10 and 11. This simply means Paul does not intend to have two separate ideas in verses 10 and 11. However, verse 11 is to elaborate further on how to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. In other words, we may be strong in the Lord by putting on the armour of God.
5. Putting on armour is about putting on our new identity and mind in Christ through the daily reading and obeying of God's word. It's a daily walk with Christ, our Lord and Master.

B. Fight (vv.11b-13)

1. When Paul writes about “standing,” he does not only mean a defensive way of fighting. It is also an offensive nuance of attack. That means the whole purpose of “putting on the armour” is to stand firm and fight.
2. In order to launch the fight, we need to expose two lies from the devil. The first lie is spiritual warfare is not my cup of tea. However, to fight with Satan is not about our preferences. Spiritual warfare is our call of duty! The second lie is, “Satan is powerful!” However, in order for Satan to create havoc, he needs both power and authority. It's true that he has power to a certain extent, but he no longer has authority over us because Christ has died and saved us from the domain of darkness and brought us into His light. We are under new management! We are under new authority of Christ Jesus! Do not fear! Launch the fight!
3. If I persuade you to fight simply because the spiritual warfare is real, that's not a cause worthy to fight for. We fight not just because our enemies are real. We fight because our God is real and His Kingdom is true. The reason for putting on armour is to fight to expand His Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is our reason for fighting!
4. Story of the persecution of Christians. We are here because they fought hard for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They were consumed by nothing else except the King and His Kingdom.
5. Church, what are we fighting for today? Many of us are fighting to build sand castles. But we are not made to build castles of sand. We are made to build the Kingdom of God. Let's not be caught up with our sand castles, but be fired up and fight for God's Kingdom.

Conclusion

God is calling us to put away our sand castles. God is urging us to start putting Christ as the Lord of our lives. God wants us to pay serious attention to His Word. God is desiring us to be consumed only by the King and His Kingdom. When we respond to God and say yes to Him, that's when the Kingdom strikes back at Satan. That's when we truly fight well for God's Kingdom!