

» NURTURER REFRESHER TRAINING

For those who signed up during Step Up Sunday to be a Nurturer and those who want 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

» 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 27 Nov.

» NEW LIFE WORKSHOP

Join our workshop to know more about us and how you can be a blessing to the community.

Date: 29 Nov (Tue)
Buffet Dinner: 6.30pm–7.30pm
Workshop: 7.30pm–9.00pm
Venue: BPJ Centre, Chapel (Level 3)
 To RSVP, email volunteer@newlife.org.sg or call 9716 7154.

BAPTISM CLASS

Register at the Information Counter today!
Date: 11 Dec (Sun)
Time: 1.00pm–3.30pm
Venue: WDL Centre

» FLORAL OFFERING

Today's floral offering is sponsored by Roger and Yvonne Kwan in celebration of their 13th wedding service.

*For other announcements,
 please download the
 "Covenant EFC" mobile app.*

BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE 20 NOV 2016
 SERVICE LEADER ELDER JOHNNY TAN // WORSHIP LEADER BENJAMIN & SHARON TAN



Loving the Community for Christ

BY: ELDER JOHNNY TAN, NEW LIFE INTERIM DIRECTOR

Ann was sent to a girl's home at the age of 12 years old as her parents could not manage her at-risk behaviours. Ann's father would lock her up at home when she refused to go to school. However, she became more rebellious and craved for attention from men. She met a man online and met up with him for a date. She was raped. After her release from the girl's home, she got into prostitution, took drugs and had multiple relationships and subsequently had her first child at 16 years old. New Life Community Services (New Life) counselled and helped her find a shelter and foster care for her children and assisted in her education for a better future.

Hong, 40 years old, has multiple health issues like depression, mild stroke, migraines and occasional breathing difficulties. She became the main breadwinner and caregiver to four children when her husband was incarcerated in 2014. Her husband left a huge sum of unpaid bills and debts. Unemployed and estranged from her own family and the few friends she has, New Life assisted her to apply for monthly food ration and other assistance.

While waiting for the approval, New Life gave financial assistance to help her tie over the period of unemployment. The caseworkers in New Life advised her where to look for employment and worked with the relevant agencies such that her children's education were not affected. Hong is thankful to New Life's assistance.

Do visit the foyer to read the story of Ann and more youths like her.

New Life as the face and hands of Covenant EFC is reaching out to children, youths including those at-risks, and families with children who are attending school, through the student care centres, child care centres, youth hubs and through the work in the Reformative Training Centre. New Life seeks to love the community for Christ and mentor the next generation as they go through life transitions.

We are thankful for the volunteers, donors and prayer support given by Covenanters over the last 16 years. Without the mighty hand of God and your faithful support and prayers, New Life would not be able to do its tasks.

Thank you and do keep New Life in prayer!



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SERMON OUTLINE



Love as Jesus Loves

Scripture: **MATTHEW 9:36** Sermon: **PS ANDY LEW**

Introduction

In order to love the community as Jesus loves, we must:

A. See as Jesus Sees

“when he saw the crowds...”

B. Feel as Jesus Feels

“...he had compassion on them...”

Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:

27 Nov **PS LEE DA WIN** (BPJ) **PAUL SHI** (WDL) **REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI** (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



Ready with the Gospel

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:15** // Sermon: **PS VALERIE CHAN**

Introduction

There is one kind of shoe that will fit everyone that we are supposed to wear all the time. It is called “gospel of peace”, the third piece of the full armour of God that we are supposed to wear.

To put on the readiness with the Gospel of peace calls for two fundamental actions:

A. Stand Firm on the Gospel of Peace

According to Ephesians 1:13 and 6:15, the “gospel of peace” is the “gospel of salvation.” This “gospel of peace” is the foundation of our lives in two ways:

1. It Reconciles Us with God.

We have been reconciled to God and have peace with Him through Jesus Christ (Rom 5:10, 1). Our peace with God must be maintained on our part by faithfully walking with God daily.

2. It Reconciles Us with Others.

- a. We have peace with one another through Jesus Christ. In Ephesians, when Paul talks about peace, he has the reconciliation and peace between man and man in mind.
- b. In Ephesians 2:14-18, “peace” is repeated four times and is central in the idea of Christ as our “peace”. Three observations on “Christ” and “peace”: Christ Himself is our peace (v.14); He makes peace between man and man “through the cross” (vv.5-16); He came to preach peace to us (v.17). We are to live out this peace in all our relationships.
- c. Note that the Spiritual realm and warfare are real. Satan seeks to lure us to sin and to destroy our most intimate relationships. His strategy is to take the peace away from us by breaking up our relationships with God and with others. He wants us to be in bondage again, to live in his darkness. We need to be alert, to keep watch.
- d. Questions to ask: Are we at peace with God ourselves?
Are we unknowingly helping Satan to rob the peace from others?
- e. Illus. How a wife sought to restore peace with husband by serving him tea and asking forgiveness.

B. Reach Out with the Gospel of Peace

1. This readiness of bringing peace is not only for Christians, but also for those who have not known the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. “Shoes for your feet” reminds us of Isaiah 52:7. “Missionary work is like a pair of sandals that has been given to the Church in order that it shall set out on the road and keep on going to make known the mystery of the gospel.” – Johannes Blauw
2. Evangelism is simply living out this Gospel of peace in our lives and testifying the Gospel, leaving God to do the rest.
3. This readiness to share this Gospel of peace must be in our subconscious mind as we relate to people. As we meet someone, let's ask ourselves “How can this person experience the Gospel of peace through our interaction?”

Conclusion

Bringing the Gospel of peace to an uncle and two aunts over a span of 24 years — a reminder that we keep ploughing the ground, sowing seed and fertilising the soil.