

» 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.

Center Administration cum Mobilisation, East Centre

This role will lead and oversee operational aspects of the East Centre. It includes mobilising people in various areas such as centre administration, weekly services requirements, facilities set-up and coordination, Finance and IT-related matters. This role also serves as the overall coordinator in mobilising the lay congregation. He/She will work very closely with the ministry heads on recruitment, selection, redeployment and renewal matters.

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, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment>
Email your resume to hr@cefc.org.sg by 11 Dec.

» BAPTISM CLASS

Register at the Information Counter today.

Date: 11 Dec (Sun)

Time: 1.00pm–3.30pm

Venue: WDL Centre

» DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Courting couples, would you like to further develop your relationship for God's glory?

Choose *one* Saturday (8.30am–5pm) from next year's Discovery Weekend dates:

14 Jan, 22 Apr, 15 Jul and 14 Oct.

» NEW LIFE STAFF RECRUITMENT

Turn your passion into your career by serving with New Life Community Services through the following positions:

- **Corporate Communications Executive** (must have graphic design skills)
- **Childcare Teachers** (English)
- **Social Workers or Counsellors for Reformatory Training Centre (RTC)**
- **Youth Programme Coordinators**

Download the application form at www.newlife.org.sg and email to hr@newlife.org.sg
For more information, call 6760 0533.

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

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Is Your Soul Refreshed or Thirsting?

BY: PS ADRIAN CHAN, INTEGRATED EQUIPPING

In his book *Renovation of the Heart*, the late Dallas Willard wrote:

"The soul is the deepest and the most vital part of the person as a whole. Our soul is like an inner stream of water, which gives strength, direction, and harmony to every other element of our life. When that stream is as it should be, we are constantly refreshed and exuberant in all we do, because our soul itself is then profusely rooted in the vastness of God and his kingdom..."

Many of us in this fast-paced life are not even aware of how dry our soul can be. We've given out so much — to our children, spouse, extended family, work or studies. Our soul is panting for times of refreshing, reflecting and renewing. Over this weekend and the next, hundreds of Covenanters will be at the Breakthrough Weekend for such times of reinvigoration and breakthroughs. If you know of someone who is or will be at the Breakthrough Weekend, will you please pray for him/her? What will you pray for? Senior Pastor Tan Kay Kiong taught a helpful acrostic S.O.U.L. to guide our prayer and action in tending the garden of our soul:

S – Sins I hide
O – Obstacles I fear
U – Unchecked emotions
I express
L – Lies I believe

We can pray for sins to be exposed and forgiven. For obstacles to be overcome with faith and God's mighty power. For emotions to be checked and steered by the Holy Spirit. For self-deceptions to be torn down and replaced with truth.

Perhaps you can't go for this year's Breakthrough Weekend. But you can still take time, perhaps for a Saturday at the park for solitude, reflection and looking ahead to 2017. Years back, I had to persistently ask a friend in the teaching sector to stop, pray and reflect. This was because year in and year out, cohort in and cohort out, my friend kept going and was in danger of drying up and burning out. I was glad that my friend eventually took time to centre down to seek God, reflect, and chart the next steps. Years after, I could see how that time-out made a huge positive difference. Praise to our unfailing God!

What about you? Will you too take time for soul-care?



VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VALUES

GRACE
GROWTH
GODLINESS

SERMON OUTLINE



Taking Enemy Fire

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:16** Sermon: **REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI**

Introduction

A. Take Up the Shield of Faith (v.16a)

“In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith...”

B. Put Out the Darts of Fire (v.16b)

“with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.”

Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:
4 Dec **REV EDMUND CHAN** (BPJ, WDL & EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



Love as Jesus Loves

Scripture: **MATTHEW 9:36** // Sermon: **PS BARNEY LAU**

Introduction

A large part of Jesus' recorded ministry in the gospels was to love the socially, economically and physically disadvantaged people even as He preached the Good News (e.g. Matt 5:42; 6:1-4; 19:21; 25:37-40).

New Life Community Services is Covenant EFC's hands and face serving the Bukit Panjang community unconditionally since 2000 and Woodlands since 2008 and soon the East.

For Covenant EFC, to Love as Jesus Loves Through New Life, We Must:

A. See as Jesus Sees

“When he saw the crowds...”

1. Matthew 8-9 serves as context: Jesus saw people who *perhaps* saw God as unwilling (Matt 8:3), impersonal (Matt 8:8), uncaring (Matt 8:28), unforgiving (Matt 9:11), unapproachable (Matt 9:20-21), unmerciful (Matt 9:27), impotent (Matt 9:33).
2. So, when Jesus “saw the crowds”, He perceived and understood two things:
 - a. Troubled souls – wearied souls and dejected hearts
 - b. True Saviour – like lost sheep, they needed a shepherd
3. Wearied, dejected souls without a Saviour are just like sheep without a shepherd, they cannot survive long. Jesus knew His mission, because he saw the people of His mission — the harvest, and the people for the mission — the workers (Matt 9:37).

B. Feel as Jesus Feels

1. The compassion Jesus felt was not mere sympathy, but being affected deeply in His inner being — synonymous to being moved deep in the bowels.
2. In Matthew 8-9, Jesus didn't just feel, He acted by personally reaching out and physically touching both social outcasts, elites and the average, and purposefully restored people — by willingly healing (Matt 8:3, 7, 15; 9:25, 29), affirming their faith and forgiving their sins (Matt 8:13; 9:2, 6, 22, 28).
3. Jesus restored their dignity not merely because He healed them, but because He reached out and treated them as humans worthy of love.

Conclusion

1. Jesus's mission on earth was never about institutions nor tasks. It has always been about people who are wearied, dejected and deeply in need of hope and God.
2. How do we love like Jesus? Make time and space, start by giving, better yet volunteer with New Life. Covenant EFC's mission through New Life is to love the community tangibly and unconditionally, so they may see and feel Jesus' love.
3. Beyond New Life, we can start immediately this Christmas by walking in PDA (personal revival, divine appointment, active obedience) so as to B.L.E.S.S. (begin with prayer, listen to a friend, eat with a friend, serve a friend, and share your story) our FRANS (family/friends, relatives, associates, neighbours, and even strangers)!

East Centre