

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Calling all registered members of Covenant EFC! You are invited to join our upcoming Annual General Meeting on 26 Mar, Sun, 2:30pm at BPJ Centre Grace Sanctuary.

NURTURE MASTERCLASS

Are you keen to know how to multiply spiritually by helping others become disciples of Jesus? The Nurture Masterclass aims to equip CGs to nurture new believers in the foundation of their faith. Highly recommended for CG Leaders, Assistant CG Leaders and CG members who are passionate to nurture and to subsequently train their CGs. Register today at the foyer or online at <http://cefc.ch/nurture-masterclass> This is a one-time session at WDL Centre, 9 Apr (Sun), 1pm – 3pm, Love Room.

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

P.A.N.D.A. Champs is a character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds. We need more than 10 volunteers to mentor these children.

Schedule: 6 – 22 Jun, every Tue and/or Thu, 9am – 1pm at Bukit Panjang

Training will be provided on 27 May, 2pm – 4pm at BPJ Centre Patience Room.

To sign up or enquire, contact Cai Aiwei (6760 0533; caiaiwei@newlife.org.sg) or Lewis Woo (9634 9457; lewiswoo@newlife.org.sg)

STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for the following:
Executive (Finance)
Human Resource Staff

For more information, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> Email your resumes to hr@cefc.org.sg by 26 Mar.

THE ALPHA COURSE

The Alpha Course will be held every Wed from 19 Apr to 17 Jun. This is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Many have been saved through Alpha and you can be part of this amazing experience by inviting a pre-believer or by signing up to serve!

Serve as a facilitator, intercessor or in administration. Facilitators' training will be held on 30 Mar and 6 Apr. Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com> or email alpha@cefc.org.sg for enquiries.

SERVE IN DANCE MINISTRY

Calling all dancers with a heart to serve God through dance! To indicate your interest, register at www.step-up.cefcapps.com before 17 Mar. To find out more, visit our booth at BPJ and WDL Centres **today** after the first and second service or email cefdance@gmail.com Auditions will be held on Tue, 21 Mar, 8.30pm at ACKCentre Performing Arts Studio #10-03.

DISCIPLESHIP AT WORK

Is the workplace a challenging place for you as a disciple of Christ? Gain biblical perspectives and be inspired by testimonies on how to practice biblical truths at work. Dates: 8 Apr, 13 May, 10 Jun, 8 Jul, 5 Aug and 23 Sep (Saturdays) Time: 9am – 1pm Venue: ACKCentre Course Fee: \$100 Speakers: Ps Lim Keng Yeow, Ps Sebastian Quek, Matthew Kok, Dieu Eng Seng Register at <http://cefc.ch/discipleship-at-work> Visit www.cefc.org.sg/idmci for more information. Last day of registration is on 22 Mar.

COVENANT EFC

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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30am ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am

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VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

COVENANT EFC

WOODLANDS CENTRE, 12 MARCH 2017

SERVICE LEADER: SANDRA CHI ■ WORSHIP LEADER: SAMUEL LIM

Vision 2028: Faith Exploit 4

Disciple Now to Impact Culture and Society

REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTOR

You are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world ... – Matthew 5:13-14

The Church is called to be distinct as salt to hinder social decay and to be the light in the midst of prevailing darkness to illumine the society.

Four ways Covenant EFC seeks to impact culture and society:

Prayer

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. – 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Both our individual prayers and corporate prayers shouldn't just be inward but outward focused as well. As an example, the Church was so blessed to have our Prime Minister at Jubilee Day of Prayer (JDOP) on 5 July 2015. We believe God stirred his heart as we prayed to advance the Kingdom by first abiding in the King.

Truth

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes ... – Romans 1:16

God's truth including the Gospel is much more powerful

than the devil's lies. Let's use every opportunity to commend the wisdom and truth of biblical teaching. Lord willing, in 2019, we will proclaim this One Name to our nation at the National Harvest.

Example

... that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. – Matthew 5:16

While truth is powerful, truth lived out in our personal lives and through the Church is more powerful. The world is watching our marriages, families, communities and our contribution to the marketplace.

Unity

That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. – John 17:21

The Kingdom of God is larger than Covenant EFC. No organisation can impact culture and society alone. We need one another. There is great strength when churches and Christian organisations collaborate and commit to one another and to Christ.

Let's offer ourselves as instruments in God's hands to be the salt and light impacting Singapore's culture and society.

SERMON OUTLINE

Starting Over

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 2:68-70 ■ SERMON: PS ANDY LEW

Introduction

A. How We Give Reveals Our Heart's Condition (vv.68-69)

“When they came to the house of the LORD ... offered willingly ... according to their ability ...”

B. Where We Live Shapes Our Life's Calling (v.70)

“... lived in their cities, and all Israel in their cities ...”

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:
19 MAR – REV EDMUND CHAN (BPJ, WDL AND EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

What Matters to God

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 2:1-67 ■ SERMON: REV TONY YEO

Introduction

Illustration: Unprecedented mix-up in the Oscar's Award for Best Picture

Point: There is no mix-up with God when it comes to names.

Ezra 2 (and other Bible genealogy) is recorded to prove the:

1. Historicity of biblical accounts
2. Validity of biblical prophecies — fulfilment of prophecies made long ago
3. Reality of a personal God — faith in God's promises and the value they placed on the land God had promised to Abraham

Ezra 2 shows what matters to God:

A. Every Name Matters to God (vv.1-35)

1. The names of the Leaders matters to God: 11 prominent civil and religious leaders (Ezr 2:1-2). Zerubbabel was the leader. Nehemiah 7:7 has 12 names. Nahamani is the missing name. Twelve names symbolically represent the 12 tribes of Israel.
2. The Next Generation matters to God — “sons of” their ancestors (Ezr 2:3-20). The people who returned were their “sons”, the next generations (plural) of 20 patriarchal figures. These “sons of” were the children of those who had gone into exile. Certainly not everyone returned, but there was a remnant whose heart God had stirred up (Ezr 1:5).
3. The Meaning of Names matters to God (vv.3-20). These names were God-centred with the intention to reflect how the exiles look at their covenant-keeping God and how they remained steadfast in their circumstances.
4. The Names of Places matters to God (vv.21-35). Theological significance: these places are important as they are part of God's promise to Abraham (Gen 13:14-15). Illustration: Covenant EFC's pilgrimage to different places highlights God's work.
5. Focus: People matter to God! Each individual and family is significant to God.

B. Every Role Matters to God (vv.36-67)

1. Four different roles (vv.36-58) needed in rebuilding as seen in the Priests (vv.36-39), the Levites (vv.40-42), the Temple Servants (vv.43-54) and the Servants of Solomon (vv.55-58).
2. Every role makes a difference and matters to God — from the leadership to the laity, from the most significant role of offering sacrifices to God to the basic task of being gatekeepers. Illustration: Different roles played by different church members.
3. Application: What is the role God gave you (Eph 4:11; 1 Pet 4:10-11)?
4. God used animals to carry heavy loads as well as women and children during the rough and tough journey from Babylon to Jerusalem. How much more God wants to use you as his servants! Start serving today!
5. Ezra 2:61-63 highlights not just our service for God, but our purity for God. It's not just what we do, but who we are that is important to God.
6. Illustration: Different ones played different roles in the salvation of Henry and Agnes.

Conclusion

You Matter to God!

Illustration: Schindler's List