

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

Invite your friends and loved ones to our Good Friday evangelistic services this Fri so they can hear about God's love through a multi-sensory presentation and special guest speakers.

**Date:** 14 Apr (this Fri)

**Time:** 9am and 11am

**Venue:** BPJ, WDL and East Centres

The offering collected on this day will be donated to Prison Fellowship Singapore.

Light refreshments will be served for your guests after the service.

### EASTER SERVICES AND FAMILY LUNCH

We will have guest speakers at our Easter Sunday services on 16 Apr and Easter Family Lunch at the foyer after each service! Let's have a good time of fellowship as a church family.

Please note that pick up and drop off at BPJ Centre is not allowed on this day.

### CG CURRICULUM

CGs or representatives may collect the CG Curriculum Member's Workbook (IDMF "Being Human") from the booth at the foyer today. Soft copy can be downloaded from "Covenant EFC" app and at <http://cefc.ch/IDMFBeingHumanMembers>

### THANK YOU, NEW LIFE SERVERS!

To the more than 600 servers who partnered with New Life to impact almost 4,000 children and their families, we say a big "Thank You!". Children's Fest would not have been possible without your unwavering support. All glory to God!

### REVIVAL PRAYER MEETINGS

Come and be blessed by four nights of extended worship and prayer starting tomorrow until Thu!

**Dates:** 10-13 Apr (Mon-Thu)

**Time:** 8pm -10pm **Venue:** BPJ Centre

**Speaker:** Ps Paul Jeyachandran

### THE ALPHA COURSE

The Alpha Course will be held every Wed from 19 Apr to 17 Jun. Many have been saved through Alpha and you can be part of this amazing experience by inviting a pre-believer! Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com> or email [alpha@cefc.org.sg](mailto:alpha@cefc.org.sg) for enquiries.

### BREAKTHROUGH WEEKENDS

Come and set aside extended time with God and journey together with your CG-mates. Sign up today at [www.cefc.org.sg](http://www.cefc.org.sg) by clicking "My Account". Next Sun is the last day of registration.

**Marriage BTW on 2 - 4 Jun**

\$750 per couple

**Men's BTW on 2 - 4 Jun**

\$350 (twin) / \$510 (single)

**Women's BTW on 26 - 28 May**

\$350 (twin) / \$510 (single)

### DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Discovery Weekend is a one-day session for courting couples to see where they are and where God is in their relationship, that they may grow to honour Him in all they do as His disciples. Sign up at the Information Counter on Sundays!

**Date:** 22 Apr (Sat)

**Time:** 8.45am - 5.00pm

**Venue:** BPJ Centre Chapel (Level 3)

For enquiries, please email [fic@cefc.org.sg](mailto:fic@cefc.org.sg)

## 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, 9 APR 2017

SERVICE LEADER: SANDRA CHI ■ WORSHIP LEADER: CHUA SUE ERN

### Making Space for the Fire

REV TONY YEO AND REV TAN KAY KIONG, SENIOR PASTORS

**A**nd when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. – Acts 4:31

Something is happening to our church.

We have been asking God to bring a new wave of worship and prayer, which would lead to more souls being saved. Since this year started, those on the platform and at the pews have been in tears. God is stirring our hearts, as He did to Cyrus and the remnant in (Ezra 1). A new move of God has begun!

The rebuilding of God's house begins with rebuilding the altar (Ezra 3). The coming revival prayer meetings is about making space at the altar, so that God will keep stirring our hearts till we become a bonfire for Jesus.

"What makes a fire burn is space between the logs — a

breathing space.

Too much of a good thing, too many logs packed in too tightly can douse the flames almost as surely as a pail of water would. So building fires requires attention to the spaces in between, as much as to the wood." (Excerpt from *Fire* by Judy Brown)

God wants to revive us totally so that we would preach the Gospel boldly in these last days. We have a golden opportunity through our coming Good Friday Gospel presentation for our friends and loved ones to hear something that would change their eternal destiny!

We urge you to make space this Passion Week and be present on all nights. See you this week at the Revival Prayer Meetings (10-13 Apr, 8 pm at BPJ Centre), and bring your friends to the Good Friday evangelistic services (9am and 11am at BPJ, WDL and East Centres).

More, Lord!

## SERMON OUTLINE

### Facing Opposition II

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 4:6-23 ■ SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

#### Introduction

#### A. When falsely accused (Ezra 4:6-16)

“They lodged an accusation against the people” (v6)

#### B. When forced to stop (Ezra 4:17-23)

“Stop work...Compelled them by force to stop... Came to a standstill...(v21,23,24)

#### Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

16 APR – DR ROLAND CHIA (BPJ & WDL) AND BISHOP EMERITUS ROBERT SOLOMON (EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### Facing Oppositions

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 4:1-5 ■ SERMON: PAUL SHI

#### Introduction

Introduction: The Trojan horse was a strategy that the Greeks used as a form of deception in Military Warfare.

#### A. Stay Away from the Deceivers

1. Enemies
  - a. These were people who had occupied Jerusalem whilst the Jews were in exile.
  - b. They were syncretistic in their worship.
  - c. The term “enemies” here means “to oppress, to bind, to cause someone to distress”.

2. Deception

In order to infiltrate the Israelite camp, the enemies of Judah appealed firstly to the leaders of Israel through:

- a. Allegiance
- b. Orthodoxy
- c. Credibility

3. Discernment

The leaders of Israel had a firm grasp of the Word of God. They knew that they were exiled because of syncretistic worship, and would not allow those who practice syncretism to infiltrate their camp. Their discernment was grounded in the Worship of God and directed by the Word of God. Beware of the worldly postures that aim to infiltrate the Church.

- a. Celebrity mentality: Our response is Christ-focused mentality.
- b. Competitive attitude: Our response is collaborative attitude.
- c. Consumerist mindset: Our response is a contributing mindset.

#### B. Stand Firm Through the Discouragement

1. Discouragement:

Dis – deprive or absent of

Ment – state

Discouragement – state of being deprived of courage

2. The term “discouragement” in Hebrew literally means to “weaken the hands”, to “make soft one’s liver”.
3. My personal story of discouraging my pastor.
4. Story of my friend who was discouraged by the words “investing in you is like pouring words in the ocean”.
5. My personal story of leading and feeling like I have fallen short.
6. Discouragement has the power to hinder the work of God in our lives.
7. What discouraging voices are we giving permission to permeate in our soul today?
8. Application: Let us learn to empathise before we criticise.