

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NURTURE GROUP

Are you new in the faith? Come and join the Nurture Group!

Dates: Every Sun from 2 Jul to 8 Oct

Time: 1.00pm – 2.30pm

Venue: BPJ Centre, Faith Hall

Register online at <http://cefc.cb/nurture>

### PARENTING TRAINING

Parents may sign up for the following modules at the Information Counter.

#### Parenting with Love

For couples expecting their first child

Dates: 1 and 8 Jul (Sat), Time: 12pm – 5pm, Venue: BPJ Centre, Patience Room

Registration Fee: \$50 per couple

#### Parenting with Faith

For parents of kids aged 3 to 10 years old

Dates: 1 Jul to 19 Aug (eight Saturdays)

Time: 2pm – 4pm Venue: ACKCentre

Registration Fee: \$100 per couple

### BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP

Register at the Information Counter.

**Baptism Class** on Sun, 25 Jun, 1.00pm to 3.30pm at WDL Centre.

**Membership Class** on Sat, 17 Jun, 9am to 4pm at ACKCentre.

### SERVE IN NEW LIFE

#### Steady Readers

Be a Steady Reader Mentor! Help children overcome challenges in reading and instill a love for learning.

Dates: Weekly from Jul to Nov

Time: 8.00pm – 9.30pm

Venue: BPJ and WDL Centres

#### Kids Champ Club

If you love children, here's a wonderful opportunity to serve in a character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds.

Dates: Every Sat from Jul to Dec

Time: 2pm – 6pm Venue: BPJ Centre

This includes pre-and post-programme briefing.

To volunteer or enquire, contact Jason Lee at 6760 0533 or email [volunteer@newlife.org.sg](mailto:volunteer@newlife.org.sg)

### UNIVERSITY BEFRIENDER

Let's B.L.E.S.S. the Chinese international students who leave their homes to study here in Singapore. We are looking for families to provide hospitality by caring for them, inviting them for meals, and introducing Singapore to them. To find out more, drop by our booth at the foyer today or email [missions@cefc.org.sg](mailto:missions@cefc.org.sg)  
Last day to sign up is 25 Jun.

## COVENANT EFC

ACKCentre: 2 Kallang Avenue, CT Hub #10-26, Singapore 339407

ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.30pm ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am (Pre-service prayer: 9.30am)

Tel: (65) 6892 6811 ■ Email: [mail@cefc.org.sg](mailto:mail@cefc.org.sg) ■ Website: [www.cefc.org](http://www.cefc.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CovenantEvangelicalFreeChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CovenantEvangelicalFreeChurch)

## VISION

AUTHENTIC  
DISCIPLESHIP  
& INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

### VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



### UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

## COVENANT EFC

EAST CENTRE, 11 JUNE 2017

SERVICE LEADER: ELDER JOHNNY TAN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: DAVID CHONG

### Shaped for a Purpose

PS SHARON FONG, DISTRICT MENTOR AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

My husband and I were given the privilege to lead in the recent Marriage Breakthrough Weekend (BTW) which just ended last Sunday. The theme was “Shaped for a Purpose” from Jeremiah 18:6. Often, we believe that God is shaping us to be more Christ-like, but it is extremely challenging to believe that God is still in control when we feel so stuck in our marriage.

Last Thursday, after the Leaders' Advance session, some facilitators decided to catch a midnight movie. After the movie, they took the elevator and to their surprise, they were stuck! By God's grace, they got out of the lift and finally reached the hotel safe and sound. One leader shared the moral of the story, “God is in control even when they are stuck.”

Are you currently stuck in your marriage? Do you believe that God is still in control even when you feel so broken? In the recent Marriage BTW, we were reminded through God's Word and various testimonies that God is faithful and He is

still in control even when there is so much pain in our marriage. He wants us to remain patient even when we feel so stuck. Our Father wants us to open our eyes to behold His faithfulness which is already present in our marriage. He wants us to believe once again that He can transform our ashes to beauty and shape our brokenness into destiny.

To do so, we must not run away from the pain we are experiencing. We must ask God to give us a new perspective of His work in our marriage. Just because God has not stopped the rain, it does not mean that He is not at work. In fact, He may even be doing a deep work. Perhaps, God wants us to have a shift in mindset and believe that His blessings can come through the rain. Our sovereign God is in control and He uses the rain and pain to shape us for a purpose.

Let us spur one another and remain steadfast in our marriage, because today's pain will shape us for tomorrow's destiny.

## SERMON OUTLINE

### God's Word for the Destined

SCRIPTURE: HAGGAI 2:20-23 ■ SERMON: PS BARNEY LAU

#### Introduction

#### A. Look Beyond Your Circumstances: God Is About a Grand Reversal (vv.20-22)

“... I am about to shake the heavens and the earth ...”

#### B. Look Beyond Your Concerns: You Are Part of God's Greater Plan (v. 23)

“... I will take you, my servant ... and make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you ...”

#### Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

18 JUNE - BENJAMIN LEE (BPJ & WDL) BISHOP EMERITUS ROBERT SOLOMON (EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### God's Word for the Defiled

SCRIPTURE: HAGGAI 2:10-19 ■ SERMON: PAUL SHI

#### Introduction

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the Church was birthed about 2000 years ago, and about 3000 people repented and returned to the Lord.

Summary of Haggai's Message:

1. Haggai 1:11 – Don't just build your paneled houses, build the Temple.
2. Haggai 2:1-9 – Don't be discouraged, greater things are coming.
3. Haggai 2:10-19 – Come to me with clean hands and you'll be fruitful.
4. Haggai 2:20-23 – Will be covered next Sunday

#### A. Clean Up! Your Holiness Is Costly to God (vv.10-14)

1. This parable shows that holiness is not transmitted, but rather uncleanness is transmitted.
2. This was a sign of the people of God as they were building the Temple of God.
3. God uses the term 'this nation' and 'this people' as a mark of His anger towards His people, as these are usually terms used for Gentile nations.  
Principle: We need to prioritise our consecration over our commitments.
4. Jesus said in Matthew 15:11 that it is not what goes into a man's mouth that defiles him, but rather what comes out of a man that defiles him. What defiles us today?
  - a. Gossip: Proverbs 6 tells us that this is one of the things that God sees as an abomination
  - b. Self entitlement: Spurgeon said, 'Do not be angry if any man thinks ill of you, for you are worse than he thinks you to be.'
  - c. Selfish ambition and bitterness: Hebrews 15:12

#### B. Cheer Up! Your Fruitfulness Is Coming from God (vv.15-19)

1. God used blight, mildew and hail to ruin the work of their hands.
2. God did this in order to show them
  - a. Reliance: That the work of their hands could not be fruitful unless God blessed it.
  - b. Reflection: "Consider your ways" occurs five times in Haggai, and twice in this message.
3. Return to Him: Verse 17 is the culmination of this passage — that they were to return to the Lord.  
Principle: God wants us to return to Him before we Work for Him. The mandate precedes the mission.
4. In chasing the after the important we neglect the necessary.
5. Blessing
  - a. God said that He would bless even while the seed is still in its sheath. We can learn to trust God even before we see His blessing.
  - b. God's ultimate blessing was beyond their wildest imagination — the coming Messiah.