

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS WORKSHOP

Find out how business can be a platform to impact the nations and how you can use your marketplace skills to advance God's Kingdom. Join the missions workshop on Business As Missions (BAM)!

Dates: 27 Jul and 3 Aug (Thu)

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Venue: ACKCentre Live Recording Studio

Sign up at <http://www.cefc.org.sg/missions-week/workshops> For enquiries, email missions@cefc.org.sg

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Covenant Photography Ministry is holding a workshop on portraits photography — a time of hands on with portraiture techniques. This is open to your friends who are not from Covenant EFC. Interested participants should own a digital camera. This is on a first-come, first-served basis due to limited slots.

Date: 22 Jul (Sat) **Time:** 9.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: Gardens by the Bay

Email cefcphotographyministry@gmail.com by 15 Jul to sign up.

DISCOVERY WEEKEND (DWE)

DWE 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.

Date: 15 Jul (Sat)

Time: 8.45am – 5.00pm (lunch and breaks included)

Venue: BPJ Chapel (Level 3)

Sign up at the Information Counter on Sundays. Email fic@cefc.org.sg for enquiries.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Cambodia on 17 - 22 Oct: Train and journey with youths to be disciples of Christ. Estimated costs: \$700 (including airfare)

Mongolia on 18 - 25 Oct: Discipleship training, evangelistic outreach to nomad families and leadership development training. Estimated costs: \$1500 (including airfare)

Yunnan on 5 - 12 Dec: Vacation Bible school for youths. Trippers must be able to converse in basic mandarin. Estimated costs: \$1500 (including airfare)

Trippers must be a CG member who attends CG regularly, and must commit to attend STM trainings and team meetings. Email missions@cefc.org.sg to sign up!

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Help K2 to P4 children who are not reading at their academic level to gain literacy skills at **Steady Readers!**

BPJ Centre: Serve once or twice a week (Mon and/or Wed) from 24 Jul to 11 Nov, 8.00pm – 9.30pm.

WDL Centre: Serve once or twice a week (Tue and/or Thu) from 25 Jul to 16 Nov, 8.00pm – 9.30pm.

To serve or enquire, contact Jason Lee at 6760 0533 or email volunteer@newlife.org.sg

LOVE SINGAPORE PRAYER BOOKLET & JULY DJ

Copies of Love Singapore Prayer Booklet and Devotional Journal (DJ) for July are still available at the Information Counter while stocks last. We encourage you to use the digital copy of the DJ available in "Covenant EFC" app and at our church website.

VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

COVENANT EFC

BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 2 JUL 2017

SERVICE LEADER: SARAH CHAN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: EDWIN WEE AND FAITH WANG

Believe!

PS MATTHEW LO, TNG MINISTRY

I hear an increasing concern from church leaders and parents about losing our youths. I agree that today's children and youths are more exposed to sin than any other generation. However, I can also say this — I have never seen a more spiritually sensitive and compassionate generation than the one I am witnessing right now. God is bringing about a dynamic transformation!

Three weeks ago, we held a camp for the WEB youths (11 to 14-year-olds). At the second half of the camp, their parents joined us. During two response times, we saw parents embracing their children in prayer, and the children reciprocating, hugging and blessing their parents. Some parents testified that their children have not hugged them for many years until this camp! It reminded me of Malachi 4:6a "And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their

children and the hearts of children to their fathers" This is a generation that can make a tremendous difference! Nothing is impossible for our enormous God! The evil one will do everything possible to drive the next generation away from Jesus. But as a Church, we must arise and let the devil know we come in the name of Jesus! This is the time for us to **pray and disciple!**

Yesterday was the beginning of 40 Days for Our Nation prayer season and today is TNG (The Next Generation) Sunday. This is the best time to pray for Christian families to be disciples who reach out to other families. This is also the most opportune time to pray for Christian children and youths to be disciplined and to be history-makers — bringing godly transformation to their generation, to Singapore and beyond.

Pray! Invest and disciple! Believe!

COVENANT EFC

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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 ■ Website: www.cefc.org.sg

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CovenantEvangelicalFreeChurch

SERMON OUTLINE

Beyond

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL ■ SERMON: PAUL SHI

Introduction

A. Beyond Ourselves (Acts 20:4)

B. Beyond Our Generation (1 Chron 20:4–8)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

9 JULY – PS EDMUND WONG (BPJ), REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (WDL) AND PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Confidence Despite Challenges

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 5:3–17 ■ SERMON: PS IVAN HO

Introduction

In our Christian life and ministry, it is inevitable that from time to time, we will face challenges. Two reasons why we can have confidence despite challenges:

A. Our God Watches Over Us (vv.3–5)

“But the eye of their God was on the elders of the Jews, ...” (v.5)

1. Context: Ezra 4:1-5, 24; 5:1-2; Haggai 1-2
2. Governor Tattenai's challenge against the temple rebuilding and fairly neutral stance. That the Jewish remnant didn't have to stop rebuilding pending the outcome of the investigation was evidence of God's favour and blessing, and His working behind the scenes.
3. The theological principle: God's eye is on His people at all times, even when things are not going well. He pays careful attention to them — watches over, cares, provides, protects, fights, delivers, guides, helps, strengthens and blesses them (e.g. Ps 32:8-9; 33:18-19; 1 Pe 3:12).
4. Even when we have to go through suffering, remember that God (in Christ) has suffered for our sake according to His redemptive purpose, and that He is working for our ultimate good and His glory.
5. Application: When we go through suffering, know that God is still watching over us. Be encouraged that our suffering is not wasted (“your faith under fire will fire the faith of others!”), it is temporal, and that God strengthens us in our suffering (e.g. Isa 40:27-31).

B. Our God Is the Sovereign Lord (vv.6–17)

“We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, ...” (v.11)

1. Note: Five kings were mentioned here. God is the ultimate King, sovereign over all human kings. The sovereign Lord is referred to as “the great God”, “the God of heaven and earth”, and “the God of heaven”.
2. The Creator God. He created the heavens and the earth; cannot be contained by them (Ps 121:1-2; Isa 42:5; 1 Ki 8:27). The Sovereign Lord. God is the sovereign Lord of history, His reign continues even as kingdoms and empires come and go. God appoints and removes kings at will (Isa 45:1-4, 13; 40:21-24). He is supreme in power, knows all things, whatever He purposes He brings to pass, no one can stop Him (Isa 46:8-11).
3. We are the servants of God. We serve the Sovereign Lord. Ultimate victory is ours. Like the Jewish remnant, when we have sinned against God, we need to confess our sins. We can take confidence in God because of His track record of steadfast love and faithfulness. He has promised to strengthen, help and uphold His servants. He fights for us and will give us success (Isa 41:8-14)!
4. God is sovereign over current world situations. He is in total control! He is on the throne!

Conclusion

We can be confident in God despite the challenges. In the face of many threats against our Church and our nation: A Call to Prayer – 40 Days for Our Nation prayer season.