

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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.sg](http://www.cefc.org.sg)

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

WOODLANDS CENTRE, 2 JUL 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS EDMUND WONG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: TOH MING XUAN

### 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!

## SERMON OUTLINE

### Beyond

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL ■ SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

#### 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: SANDRA CHI

#### Introduction

There are always challenges in a building project. Following on from the experience of opposition in Ezra 4 and the repentance they displayed in Haggai, the returnees have restarted building. In starting over, they experience challenges yet again in the form of an official investigation by the authorities.

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)

There was a legitimate investigation into the rebuilding due to the changes in political power and the frequency of rebellions in the Persian Empire in the first two years of King Darius' reign.

However, the intimidation is more subtle since it requested for the names of the leaders (v.4). There is risk of the individual leaders getting into trouble. Yet the response of the returnees was to continue building despite the intimidation.

The reason for their confidence was their faith that God was watching over them (v.5).

Application: Many of us find it difficult to believe that God is watching over us especially when faced with a long period of waiting or experiencing a series of challenges.

Illustration: God challenged my idea of His love and His concern due to high risk of Down's syndrome with my first child.

In our waiting, God is watching over us.

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

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

Their reply to King Darius was a very honest look at their national history. In their repentance at the preaching of Haggai, the returnees had an honest reckoning that it was their sin that led them to this state. Yet, they could acknowledge the sovereignty of God in their history despite their sin and the mess they were in (v.11).

Application: The world order is a mess. We need to acknowledge that God is still sovereign despite our mess. Our role is to come before Him in holy desperation. Yet with God, there is always a “divine however” (v.13). In His sovereignty, God can still turn around impossible situations.

Illustration: Story of a young person struggling to change and experienced the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

In our mess, God is sovereign over us.

#### Conclusion

Rise up in faith to believe that God is watching over us and is sovereign over us.