

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL DAY PRAYER

Come join us for an evening of passionate worship and fervent intercession for our nation and her leaders, on the eve of Singapore's 52nd National Day. Let us unite as one body in prayer, so that Singapore and the Singapore church would advance towards our divine destiny!

Our invited guest Mr Richard Magnus, retired Senior District Judge and Member of the Public Service Commission, will grace the occasion and share his spiritual heartbeat for the nation.

Date: 8 Aug (Tue)

Time: 8pm – 10pm

Venue: WDL Centre

Please note that there will be no Children's Programme that evening.

CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for the following:

- **Manager (Media, Communications and Resources)**
- **Executive (The Next Generation)**
- **Executive (Small Group Infrastructure)**
- **Executive (Finance)**
- **Executive (Human Resources)**

Applicants should either be a church or CG member, with a heart to answer God's call in their lives in furthering Covenant EFC's mission. For more information, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> Email your resumes to hr@cefc.org.sg by 13 Aug.

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Baptism Class

Date: 10 Sep (Sun)

Time: 2.30pm – 5.00pm

Venue: BPJ Centre

Membership Class

Date: 16 Sep (Sat)

Time: 9am – 4pm

Venue: ACKCentre

Register at the Information Counter.

CYAN CAMP AFTERGLOW

Today is CYAN Camp Afterglow at **BPJ Centre, Grace Sanctuary from 2:30pm to 4:30pm**. Let's remember our times at the camp and chart our way forward as a gathering of Young Adults. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP at cefc.ch/cyanafterglow2017

AUG DJ COLLECTION

The Discipleship Journal (DJ) for Aug 2017 is now available. You can access and use it digitally on either the "Covenant EFC" app or our church website. If you need to use the hard copy, you can get a copy at the Information Counter on Level 1 while stocks last.

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)

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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, 30 JUL 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS ANDY LEW ■ WORSHIP LEADER: ALLISON LIM

Facing a Task Unfinished

PS KATHERINE CHAN, MISSIONS

Jesus said to His disciples: *The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few, therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest* (Matt 9:37-38).

As Christ's disciples, how do we begin to take part in missions?

Pray! "If we can't reach them on our feet, we can reach them on our knees," this quote reminded me that there is no better place to begin than on my knees.

Let us pray for more labourers for the harvest field. Pray for those who have already given their lives to be in the missions field. Have we been driven to our knees to pray? Let's sense the urgency. Let's reach the nations on our knees!

In the words of a hymn: *Facing a task unfinished that drives us to our knees. A need that undiminished rebukes our slothful ease.**

Go! We know God and we are to make Him known. We have received salvation and we are to go tell of His saving power among all nations so that the peoples will praise Him. God's heartbeat is for the nations.

When a short-term missions trip opportunity arises for you to go to the nations to proclaim the Kingdom hope, will you go? If God has placed His calling in your life to go to the missions field, will you go?

Will you tune your ears and your heart to God's heartbeat for missions? Will you march in step with His heartbeat?

*We who rejoice to know Thee renew before Thy throne. The solemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known ... We go to all the world with kingdom hope unfurled. No other name has power to save but Jesus Christ the Lord.**

*From the hymn "Facing a Task Unfinished" by Frank Houghton (original words); Keith Getty and Kristyn Getty (new words)

SERMON OUTLINE

Unity in Downward Mobility

SCRIPTURE: PHILIPPIANS 2:3-11 ■ SERMON: DR LAVAL YAU

Nine verses to:

1. Unpack
2. Understand
3. Utilize

1. WAKE-UP CALL (vv. 3-5)

Examine yourself:

- a. Selfish Ambition
- b. Vain conceit
- c. Pride (lack of humility)
- d. One Upmanship (better than others)
- e. Self-centredness (my interests before others')

2. WALK THE TALK (vv. 6-8)

- a. Attitude of Entitlement
- b. A man servant
- c. Death on the cross

3. WANDERING EYES (vv. 9-11)

- a. Highest place and name
- b. Reign and Dominion complete
- c. Worship is absolute

Incarnational Life

- Be wanting and willing to give up everything – in degrees of course
- Daily dying to self
- Go against the flow
- Keep your eyes on the prize but be prepared to pay the price (Heb 12:2)

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

6 AUG – PS MATTHEW LO (BPJ), PS EDMUND WONG (WDL) AND REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

How to Best Help the Poor

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL ■ SERMON: DR LAVAL YAU

A. Jesus Anointed in Bethany

1. Three of the four gospels recount this incident — Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9 and John 12:1-8. We will look at these passages from the point of view of how to best help the poor.
2. Incident takes place in Simon the leper's home. Lepers were social outcasts yet Jesus was having dinner with one of them. Being outcasts, lepers were also poor. Jesus sought them out and fellowshiped with them. That's a first challenge to us: Are we attracted to the unlovable and the unwanted?
3. The poor were then mentioned by the disciples and taken up by Jesus in His response. Apostles (Judas mainly) wanted to feed the poor. Money was brought up to compare the expensive perfume cost (more than a year's wages) with the money that could have been given to the poor. Jesus replied that the poor will always be with us. Are we better than Judas? Do we really care about the poor — really?

B. What We Can Learn About Helping the Poor

1. Luke 14:12-14 Check how much we really care about the poor. Your first baby step is to be personally involved with the poor. For every five meals you share with your friends, do one for the poorer ones.
2. Deuteronomy 15:4-11 gives us the ways we should care for the poor. Repeated "if" means that poverty is not normative; it is not given. If there is poverty, it is because man is wicked and is not fully obeying and carefully following God's commands (Deut 15:5). This is how we should respond to poverty: Do not be hard-hearted and tight-fisted. Rather be open-minded, freely lend what is needed and harbour no wicked (scheming or ulterior motive) thought.

C. How Do You Combat Compassion Fatigue, Disillusion and Disappointment Once You Have Given?

1. To be driven by needs is life-draining, but to be led by the Spirit is life-giving.
2. Mark 14:7 The sentence begins with "The poor you will always have with you" and ends with "but you will not always have Me". We need to reset our focus. Sit at the feet of Jesus like Mary and pour perfume on His head or nard on His feet. Matthew 11:28 reminds us of Jesus' offer to come and rest. Come and rest at the feet of Jesus (Matt 11:28) then see Him in the poor.
3. We preach Christ crucified (1 Cor 1:22-23). Not that we do not want to see miracles or gain wisdom or rejoice in results. But we need to see Christ first. The anointing of Jesus prepares him for His death. We must not be distracted. Christ crucified comes first, then comes the poor. We cannot bring a Jesus whom we do not adore to the poor.

Conclusion

"The dying, the cripple, the mental, the unwanted, the unloved — they are Jesus in disguise." – Mother Teresa