

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 39TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Let's celebrate our One Life as a church at Covenant EFC's 39th birthday with a special combined adult's service. **Our celebration programme will start at 9:30am on Sun, 3 Sep at Singapore EXPO Hall 1.** There will be a children's service for 3 to 10-year olds. See you there!

### JAPANESE MINISTRY

If you have a heart for Japanese and can speak their language, we invite you to join Home Missions in praying, reaching out and discipling them. To find out more, come on *one* of these dates:

23 Aug, 7.30pm – 9.30pm at ACKCentre  
27 Aug 2.30pm – 4.30pm at BPJ Centre  
Register at <http://cefc.cb/japministry2017>

### CHRISTMAS PLAY RECRUITMENT

We are starting to prepare for our Christmas play and we are looking for Covenanters to serve with us. If you have the relevant training, we would love to have you! If not, we can train you if have a willing heart! We are looking for *actors, recruitment officer, casting officer, stage hands, props/costume designer and finance manager.* Email [fabian.ghui@cefc.org.sg](mailto:fabian.ghui@cefc.org.sg) if you are interested.

### 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. 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 (this Tue) **Time:** 8pm – 10pm  
**Venue:** WDL Centre

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

### BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**Baptism Class** on Sun, 10 Sep at BPJ Centre from 2.30pm to 5.00pm.

**Membership Class** on Sat, 16 Sep at ACKCentre from 9am to 4pm.

*Register at the Information Counter.*

### NEW LIFE CHARITY GOLF

If you have the passion for golf and for supporting a good cause, join the New Life Charity Golf on 14 September! Flights are still available. We also need sponsorship for this fundraising event, in cash or in kind. For more details, contact Debbie Wee at [fundraising@newlife.org.sg](mailto:fundraising@newlife.org.sg) or 6892 7249.

## 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)

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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

BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 6 AUG 2017

SERVICE LEADER: REV WILLIAM WONG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: BENJAMIN AND SHARON TAN

### Praying for Our Nation

PS EDMUND WONG ON BEHALF OF THE SENIOR PASTORS  
REV TONY YEO AND REV TAN KAY KIONG

**A** *rise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you. – Isaiah 60:1-2*

How has your keeping time with God in prayer this season been? Since 1 Jul, we have been praying for Singapore through various ways: Personal – at 10 am/pm daily, using the Love Singapore 40-day booklet  
Family – Sunday evenings via our Devotional Journal  
CG – at CG meetings  
Church – during Sunday services

I am convicted by every entry in the LoveSingapore 40-day booklet. There's so much to pray for Singapore! And I wish I was more consistent in doing so with my wife Sue Ern (Confession: often we have not much energy left at the end of the day!)

We are living in the end times when both light and darkness are increasing in our land.

The darkness is obvious — be it the threat of terrorism and cyber infiltration, the rise of divorces and pushing of marriage boundaries, or the pervasive moral greyness in our sexuality and ethics. But so is the light! Since Jubilee Day Of Prayer in 2015, we are seeing God's hand upon Singapore. God has been mentioned in governmental speeches. There is a righteousness that safeguards and directs our national policies. I believe it is because the Church is (still) praying!

This coming National Day Prayer (this Tue, 8 Aug, 8 pm at WDL Centre), we have the honour of former Senior District Judge Mr Richard Magnus sharing with us the landscape of our nation. We will also pray for the four strategic aspects of national life — security, economy, family and morality.

Let's finish this season well by joining together in prayer for our nation again, for the God of heaven will make us prosper (Neh 2:20)!

## SERMON OUTLINE

### A Life Dedicated

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 6:16-18 ■ SERMON: PS MATTHEW 10

#### Introduction

A. A Life Marked by \_\_\_\_\_ (v.16)

B. A Worship Seen in \_\_\_\_\_ (v.17)

C. A Way Set in \_\_\_\_\_ (v.18)

#### Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

13 AUG – PAUL SHI (BPJ), REV TONY YEO (WDL) AND REV TAN KAY KIONG (EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### Here I Am — Send Me!

SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 6:1-8 ■ SERMON: PS DA WIN

#### Introduction

God's heart is for the nations — for the multitudes who have yet to come to know Jesus. God universally calls **all His disciples** to go and make disciples of all nations. But what is God's specific call for me? How do I really know?

In Isaiah 6:1-8, we learn three steps to discerning God's call for our life:

#### A. See God's Face (vv.1-4)

“... I saw the Lord ...” (v.1)

In a vision, God revealed Himself to Isaiah. Isaiah saw God as the eternal and exalted King seated on the throne, high and lifted up. His robe is so big that just the train fills the temple; how great this God must be! He is worshipped by seraphim, proclaimed as superlatively holy, and the whole earth is full of His glory! Likewise, we must **see God for who He is**. We must **see God as He is**, and not as **how we want Him to be**.

#### B. Feel God's Touch (vv.5-7)

“... he touched my mouth ...” (v.7)

Having seen God, Isaiah was confronted with his own sinfulness. God restored him by the touching his mouth with a piece of burning coal. Likewise, when we see God for who He really is, we become painfully aware of how **wretched and unworthy sinners** we really are, and how much we are in need of a touch from Him. We must **experience God personally**. We must **know God**, not just **know about Him**. We must have a **genuine encounter with God**. He is the One who initiates the restoration.

#### C. Hear God's Voice (v.8)

“... I heard the voice of the Lord saying ...” (v.8)

God finally speaks. It is His prerogative, not ours, when He speaks. Even as we yearn to hear Him, we must not set a deadline for Him to speak. Also, God didn't simply command Isaiah to go, even though He had every right to! Instead, He allowed for Isaiah to respond voluntarily. Even today, our God is a **God who speaks** to us! We must **hear His voice**, **know what He is saying**, and choose to respond.

#### Conclusion

Gods speaks because He wants us to Know His Heart for the nations. His heart was revealed to us in the Person of Jesus when God's Word became flesh. God calls us today and we must choose how to respond to Him. **Answer God's Call!**