



# Covenant

*DNA of Christ's Disciple*



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# Times

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## EVERLASTING HOPE

Every one of us has some sort of hope or aspiration in life. We may hope for something good for ourselves and our families in the future. It could be in our studies, family, relationships with people or perhaps improvement in our health and career.

Where or on whom do we place our hopes? Do we place them in people, finances or God? Are people always reliable or dependable? Can money solve all our problems? Can we trust in God and be fully dependant on Him as the apostle Paul declared in Philippians 4:19: "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus"?

Hebrews 11: 1 "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hope is a firm assurance of things to come. It is faith in the future tense. When faith looks to the future, we can have this full assurance of what is to come because of the source of our hope. Our hope comes from God; who alone has the right to promise hope and the power to keep the promise.

I have known the Lord Jesus personally since the age of 14. He has journeyed with me through the seasons of life. In the 53 years of my faith in Him, His mercies and blessings upon my family have been countless. My late mother was from China. She had travelled to Singapore in the 1930s, married my father and bore 3 children. She became a Christian after I had prayed for her salvation for over 20 years. As she was illiterate and only spoke the Hokkien dialect, my main prayer request then was - that God would grant her good health daily. Praise God she did not have any serious health issue throughout her life.

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*Welcome!*

*God's blessings be upon you as you join us for a time of worship and fellowship here at Covenant. If you're a visitor, please refer to the back page for some helpful information that will enrich your time with us. We trust that you will be refreshed as you encounter Christ anew.*

*To be a God-fearing, Christ-centred, Spirit-led community, touching and transforming lives through holistic worship, healthy body life and passionate outreach.*

In November last year, we had a reunion with her 89-year old daughter from Fujian Province. She had made a deliberate visit to attend a relative's wedding here. I invited her to CPC Chinese Service. There she experienced the special warmth and unique fellowship at the social hall. She could see the positive impact of the Christian faith on my family. She also allowed me to say a prayer of blessing for her and her grandson before they returned home. She hopes to visit Singapore and CPC again.

Our hope in God extends beyond the challenges of this present world. Jesus taught his disciples in John 14: 1-3 concerning this everlasting hope:

**1. WE HAVE THE HOPE OF A REFUGE John 14:1** "Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me". A refuge is a place of shelter, a place of protection, a place that we can run to when the storms of life begin to rage.

**2. WE HAVE THE HOPE OF A RESIDENCE John 14:2a** "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you." The Lord Jesus not only brought us salvation. He promised us a home in heaven.

**3. WE HAVE THE HOPE OF REDEMPTION John 14:2b** "I go to prepare a place for you." Jesus made a way for us. Because of His finished work on the Cross, we have the hope of redemption.

**4. WE HAVE THE HOPE OF A REUNION John 14: 3b** "I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also." We all have family and friends who had already stepped into eternity. We are assured that we will see them again in that blessed reunion.

May our God of hope fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in Him, so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 15: 13**

Have a blessed Chinese New Year reunion with your loved ones!



*~ Elder Edward Kong ~*



## Zeph 3:16-17, Psalm 51:16-17

Ps 37:4 When God gives a command, trust that there will be something good. DELIGHT ⇒ HIS PROMISE.  
When we make God our utmost desire, He will align our desires with His. Not that He does want to give us our desires.

**Culture Eats Strategy for Breakfast** is an insightful workshop for CPC leaders. We often underestimate the power of culture. We cast vision, make plans, devise strategy, but forget that these are often "eaten up" by the existing culture of the church or organisation. How does our organisation culture come about, and how does it make some things easy to do, and some things hard (or impossible) to do?

The forum will provide opportunity to reflect on the culture of CPC, its positive and negative aspects, and how that can help in planning and strategizing for growth. As our church move forward, let's be well equipped to take on the challenges and approach the issues we will face with thoughtful insight and understanding. All Ministry leaders are invited.

Speaker - **Rev David Wong**. He is a renowned and respected Singapore pastor & a Haggai Leadership Institute trainer for many years. He authored numerous books including *Beyond Finishing Well*, *Fellowship of the Wise Owls*, *The Narrow Road* and *Missing Chopsticks*.

**Date: 8 Feb 2020, 10am - 2pm** (lunch included) @ **CPC Basement 1**.  
**Please register with Deacon Jenny Ho at 9789 4895.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✦ Updated password for Wifi@Covenant is now **2020DISCIPLESHIP**
- ✦ **Commissioning of GP Staff & MC** - Today 19 Jan at both 9am & 11am services
- ✦ **Dance Fellowship** - Today 19 Jan at 1.30pm @ Social Hall, L1.
- ✦ **Chinese New Year Service** - next Sun 26 Jan. Bilingual combined Service at **10am**. Please note there will be **NO Sunday School and Crèche programme**. However parents may bring their children to L2 at 10am for activities that will keep the children occupied
- ✦ **Mission Collection** will be collected on 2 Feb for *Trinity Theological College*
- ✦ **A Call to Compassionate Engagement** - Synod is organizing this seminar to provide church leaders and members who need some clarity and direction on how to engage persons with same-sex attraction. The seminar will be conducted in English. Date: 22 Feb, 1.30 - 5pm @ Glory Presbyterian Church. For any enquiries please contact Bro Kok Hui @ 6338 5863 or email [executivemission@presbysing.org.sg](mailto:executivemission@presbysing.org.sg)  
Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/call2engage-ENG>  
**Attendance is strictly by registration only!**
- ✦ **C.HOP** - there is no meeting this month in view of the festive season.
- ✦ **The FIRST Parenting Talk of the year 2020!**  
*Media Awareness & Managing Tech Device Addiction*  
Date: 15 Feb 2020, Sat, L2, 3 - 5pm @ CPC  
Speaker: Ms Desiree Tan, Parenting Course Ministry Coordinator, ALPHA Singapore  
ALL are welcome! Reach out and invite your friends!  
For enquiries & registration please Whatsapp to Ivy Tan @ 9222 8023



## Worship Time

English Services	9am & 11am
Chinese Service	9.30am
Chinese Saturday Service	10am
Sri Lankan Service	2pm
Discovery Group (English)	9.30am - 11am
Sunday School for K1 to P6	11am - 12.30pm
Crèche for Nursery & below	11am - 12.30pm
Youth & Young Adult Fellowship	11.30am - 1.30pm



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Rev Abel Lee	9678 3205
Rev Henry Wong	9680 0679
Rev Christina Ong	9697 3911
Ps Lai Mui Fong	8183 3394
Pr Chin Yoke Fen	9247 9377
Pr Lionel Neo	9736 5245
Pr Keith Wong	9295 2452
Ps Susantha	8397 6351

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Pr Chin Yoke Fen	9247 9377

## CareWorks Community Services

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## Gladiolus Place

Michelle Tan	6348 5674
<i>Head Of Home</i>	

## Ministry Team Leaders

### Missions

Ho Chung Tat	9736 2690
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### Creche

Kong Soh Lian	9179 0263
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### Children

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Andrew Lim	9737 7303
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Pr Neo Shi Wei	9736 5245
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### Hospitality

Jenny Ho	9789 4895
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### Youth and Young Adult (YaYA)

Pr Keith Wong	9295 2452
Audrey Wong	9126 5329

### Freedom & Wholeness

Alfred & Jenny Koay	9856 8733
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### Worship

Ryan Kong	9752 9260
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### Chinese Seniors Alpha Course

Pr Chin Yoke Fen	9247 9377
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### Day Alone with the Lord

Ps Lai Mui Fong	8183 3394
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