

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHINESE NEW YEAR WEEKEND SERVICES

Please take note of the changes in the worship services in BPJ Centre during the upcoming Chinese New Year weekend:

#### English Services on 29 Jan, Sun

There will be NO Sunbeam and WEB services for all centres. Children are encouraged to join the main adult services.

**BPJ Centre :** 8.30am and 10.30am services only. No 12.30pm service.

#### Mandarin Service on 29 Jan, Sun

BPJ Centre: 3.30 pm at Main Sanctuary

**Combined Hokkien Service on 28 Jan, Sat** at WDL Centre, 9am at Chapel 1

### AGM NOMINATION

Nomination of office bearers for the Church Board for the term 2017-2018 is now open. Please get the nomination forms at the Information Counter and submit by 29 Jan 2017 to The Honorary Secretary, Covenant Evangelical Free Church, 2 Kallang Avenue, #10-26, CT HUB, Singapore 339407. Candidates will be considered by the nomination committee and subject to Board approval. For enquiries, contact Sandy Siak, Honorary Secretary at [honsec@cefc.org.sg](mailto:honsec@cefc.org.sg)

#### Nomination Committee

Nomination Chairman: Roger Loh  
Senior Pastors: Rev Tony Yeo and Rev Tan Kay Kiong

Board Chairman: Elder Louis Tan  
Board Honorary Secretary: Sandy Siak  
Board Members: Amos Leong and Patrick Lim

Lay Members: Eugene Long and Tham Sau Ling

### CHINA FELLOWSHIP CNY SERVICE & DINNER

Invite your China national friends to the CNY Celebration Service at the WDL Mandarin Service on 29 Jan, Sun, 2pm–3.30pm at Chapel 1, to be followed by a dinner at 4pm–6pm at the foyer. For enquiries, email [john.chen@cefc.org.sg](mailto:john.chen@cefc.org.sg)

### MANDARIN CNY OUTREACH

The Mandarin Ministry will have a Chinese New Year Celebration Outreach Service. Taiwanese Gospel singer Ms Ester Wen Be Er will sing Gospel songs and share her personal testimony. Invite your pre-believing family members and friends!  
**Date:** 5 Feb (Sun)

**Time:** 2pm Welcome Tea, 3.30pm–5pm Celebration Outreach Service

**Venue:** BPJ Centre, Main Sanctuary (L2)  
For enquires, email [chris.pang@cefc.org.sg](mailto:chris.pang@cefc.org.sg)

### COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

B.L.E.S.S. the 14 elderly residing alone in Teck Whye and Bukit Panjang by delivering home-cooked lunch and dinner on the first three days of CNY. You may bless all of them on all three days, or just choose the days and number of elderly to bless. If interested, email [vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg](mailto:vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg)

### CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for **Executive (Finance)**. Please visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> for more information. Applicants should either be a church or CG member. Email your resumes to [hr@cefc.org.sg](mailto:hr@cefc.org.sg) by 29 Jan.

## COVENANT EFC

ACKCentre: 2 Kallang Avenue, CT Hub #10-26, Singapore 339407

#### ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30am ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am

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

BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 15 JANUARY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS YAM KENG MUN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: CHUA SUE ERN

### *A Certain Kind of Community*

PS BARNEY LAU, DIRECTOR, THE NEXT GENERATION

Reading about the church in Acts 2:42-47 gives us a great sense of excitement and awe! It was a Christ-centred, Others-focused, and Growth-oriented community!

Yet, the fertile soil that undergirded and germinated such an authentic and intentional discipleship community must not be overlooked — that of brokenness and repentance (Acts 2:37-38)! Without these, there can be no true surrender and obedience; and without which, there can be no true worship and change of lives. These are the ingredients of such a community.

Four things marked the vital Christ-centred devotion of the first church community (v.42). First, they were constantly and hungrily learning from the teachings of Christ through the apostles. Second, their constant fellowship was not merely a gathering, but an intimate mutual participation and sharing of lives. Third, this fellowship was not based merely on social friendship, but anchored in their spiritual relationship with Christ through the constant practice of Communion. Fourth, it

was a continually praying community!

This vibrant community embodied a genuine Christ-centred sacrificial love for one another through their gracious sharing of possessions and generous giving to those who were in need (vv.44-45)! They loved one another, because Christ first loved them (1 Jn 4:19)! They were not just a community, they were *A Certain Kind* of family in Christ!

This church grew vibrantly (v.47) as a result of the spill-over effects of being Christ-centred and others-focused, undoubtedly through evangelism and outreach, where the Lord added many to them daily! They were not afraid of numerical growth even as they grew deep in Christ!

The social, cultural, economic and political context of Acts 2:42-47 may be very different, but the principles are unchanging. That's what it is to be a church of Authentic Discipleship and Intentional Disciplemaking of *A Certain Kind*! Let's build such a church through such Christ-centred, others-focused and growth-oriented Covenant Groups!

## SERMON OUTLINE

### Community Centred on the Worship of God

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:42-47 ■ SERMON: PS ANDY LEW

#### Introduction

What is God's picture of a worshipful community?

#### A. Centring on Jesus in Our Devotion (vv.42-43)

#### B. Ministering to Others in Our Mission (vv.44-47)

#### Conclusion

Jesus Be the Centre!

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:  
22 JAN - REV EDMUND CHAN (BPJ, WDL AND EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### Truth Centred on the Word of God

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL ■ SERMON: PAUL SHI

#### Introduction

When John Calvin was preaching in Geneva, the city was transformed from the Preaching of God's Word.

Values:

1. We value what is invisible as well as what is visible, hence we have visible and invisible values.
2. Our invisible values are grounded in God (way, will, worship, wisdom and way of God).

#### A. Knowing the Word

1. Inspiration of Scripture
2. 2 Timothy 3:16, one of the key words is that the Scriptures are "God breathed".
3. The inspiration of Scripture essentially describes God's influence over the writers of the Scriptures for Him to communicate Himself.
4. Therefore, because the Bible is the inspired Word of God, it is infallible and inerrant. Infallibility and inerrancy is to say that the Bible is trustworthy for truth in all matters.
5. How do we know this?
  - a. The amount of overwhelming number of manuscripts of the New Testament
  - b. The fulfillment of Biblical Prophecy in world history and in the person of Jesus Christ
6. Ultimately, we need to know the Scriptures because it reveals God's characteristics.
7. "A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't." – Charles Spurgeon

#### B. Knowing the WORD

1. What we know about God was revealed to the patriarchs through a subjective experience of God.
  - a. Genesis 22: Abraham knowing God as Jehovah Jireh
  - b. Psalm 18: David knowing God as a refuge
  - c. 2 Corinthians 4:6. Paul knew God as God of light
2. God ultimately revealed Himself as a person.
3. Truth is not just a proposition, truth is a person.
4. John 14:6, Jesus said 'I AM the way, the truth and the life.'
5. **Know Jesus; know Truth.**
6. Two blockages from knowing God through relationship:
  - a. Token Christianity: Our faith can merely look like token gestures of piety to fulfill our desire for duty.
  - b. Self-centred ritualistic Christianity: We worship God so that we can get what we really want.

#### Conclusion

Moses did not worship to get into the Promised Land; for Moses God Himself is the Promised Land (Exodus 33).