

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHINESE NEW YEAR WEEKEND SERVICES

Please take note of the changes in the worship services 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.

**East Centre:** 10am service as usual

#### Mandarin Service on 29 Jan, Sun

WDL Centre: 2 pm at Chapel 1

#### 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

EAST CENTRE, 15 JANUARY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: JEREMY KOH ■ WORSHIP LEADER: DAVID CHONG

### 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 BARNEY LAU

#### 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: PS LEE DA WIN

#### Introduction

We don't just live in a post-modern world. We live in a post-truth world. The premium this world places on truth is so low, and what seems to be of much greater value is individual and personal experience. It is becoming increasingly difficult if not nearly impossible to differentiate truth from lies. How, then, are we to know the Truth?

The only way to know truth from lies is to know the Source of all truth, which is the Word of God. To lay hold of Truth, we must know the Word.

#### A. Knowing the Word (Psa 119:160)

The entirety of God's word is truth because God's Word is inspired, literally meaning to have been breathed into by God (2 Tim 3:16). The Holy Spirit superintended the writers of Scripture so that, while writing according to their own styles and personalities, they produced God's written Word. And since God cannot lie, every word that is spoken by Him is true. We therefore say that God's Word is inerrant (Scripture in its original manuscripts is completely without error) and infallible (Scripture is incapable of leading us astray in matters of faith and practice). The Bible asserts itself as Truth, and external evidence corroborates it.

#### B. Knowing the WORD (Jn 1:1, 14; 14:6)

Knowing truth as proposition is important, even essential, but still inadequate. Even more imperative is knowing truth as a Person. John 1:1-5, 14 reveal that "the Word" is not an object but a Person. He is the Second Person of the Trinity — Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus asserts Himself as the Truth (Jn 14:6) and is literally Truth personified. We may be unable to fully know everything about the written Word, but when we know Jesus more deeply and love him more, knowing Truth as a Person far supersedes knowing the truth as proposition.

#### Conclusion

God has revealed Himself to us through His Word, and through His Son. To lay hold of truth, we must know both the Word, and THE WORD. And in reading His Word, the secret to moving from duty to devotion, from devotion to delight, is by loving Jesus more.