

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHINESE NEW YEAR WEEKEND SERVICES

Please take note of the changes in the worship services in WDL 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.

**WDL Centre :** 8.30am service only.  
No 10.30pm service.

#### 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

WOODLANDS CENTRE, 15 JANUARY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS SHARON FONG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: PS LIM KENG YEOW & KAREN

### *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 EDMUND WONG

#### 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: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

#### Introduction

We live in a post-truth era where lies are blatantly passed off as reality. All the more we must hold on to what's ultimately real. In Covenant EFC, we hold to Five Core Values:

1. Truth centred on the Word of God
2. Community centred on the Worship of God
3. Stewardship centred on the Will of God
4. Balance centred on the Wisdom of God
5. Brokenness centred on the Way of God

We Show Ourselves to Value Truth By:

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

We can know that the Bible is God's Word and therefore trustworthy because of at least five reasons:

1. Scientific Consistency
  2. Prophetic Accuracy
  3. Historical Particularity
  4. Bibliographical Testimony
  5. Existential Efficacy
1. To know the Word of God we must know what it reveals to us (Content): we should not rush through reading God's Word but rather take time to reflect upon it, mull over it, meditate on it and understand it. Read the Bible **slowly**.
  2. To know the Word of God we must also do what it tells us to do (Conduct): There is a knowing that comes only when we do what God tells us to do. This kind of experiential learning seals truth into our hearts. Live the Scriptures **really**.
  3. To know the Word of God we must also take it for all it reveals to us about God (Consistency): There have been many in the past who pick and choose the parts of the Bible they prefer or what they want God to be (e.g. Marcion of Sinope, Thomas Jefferson.) We are to accept God for ALL that He has revealed Himself to be. Know God **fully**.

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

1. More often than not we approach truth as an idea. The Scriptures remind us that the WORD of God became flesh and lived among us (Jn 1:1, 14) and that Jesus Himself is **Truth** incarnate (Jn 14:6).
2. Freedom Writers segment: If even with human beings whom we can see and feel and we end up being in love with an idea rather than a person — how much more we can slip into loving the idea of being a disciple of Jesus rather than loving Him.
3. To know God as a personal being requires time, effort and covenant faithfulness — the same with knowing any person. Knowing the Bible is not an end in itself, but a means to experience God personally (Jn 17:3; 5:39 – 40.) We are created to enjoy God **truly**.

#### Conclusion

May 2017 be a year where we cherish the truth by reading the Bible **slowly**, living the Scriptures **really**, knowing God **fully** and enjoying Him **truly**.