

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHINESE NEW YEAR WEEKEND SERVICES

Please take note of the changes in the worship services in East Centre next Sun, Chinese New Year weekend:

English Services next Sun, 29 Jan

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 next Sun, 29 Jan

BPJ Centre: 3.30pm at Main Sanctuary
WDL Centre: 2pm at Chapel 1

Combined Hokkien Service on Sat, 28 Jan 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 next Sun, 29 Jan 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

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 next Sun, 29 Jan 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

SERVE IN HEALTHSERVE

B.L.E.S.S. the migrant workers living in Mandai by serving once a month at Mandai Clinic on Saturdays, 7pm to 9pm. We need doctors, nurses, dentists, physiotherapists and occupational therapists. Drop by the registration booth at the foyer or email missions@cefc.org.sg for more details.

STM TRIPS

Hanoi, Vietnam on 3-11 Jun. Build bridges into local community through English camp for 12 to 18-year-olds. Suitable for teachers, adults who can teach English, and young adults who would like to connect with youths.

Yunnan on 28 Oct –5 Nov and 5-12 Nov (two trips). Village Doctor Training. Suitable for medical professionals who are passionate about training and development of others in basic medical knowledge. Must know basic conversational Mandarin.

Mongolia 7-10 days in April and Oct/Nov (two trips). Connect, network and train Mongolian medical professionals (both believers and pre-believers). Suitable for medical professionals with a passion to mentor and do training and development.

To register or enquire, email aui.tay@cefc.org.sg

COVENANT EFC

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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

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

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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

EAST CENTRE, 22 JANUARY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: JEREMY KOH ■ WORSHIP LEADER: SIMON AND LILLIAN SEOW

Stewardship Centred on the Will of God

ELDER JOHNNY TAN, DIRECTOR, MISSIONS

One of Covenant EFC's core values is

stewardship centred upon the will of God. This means that the exercising of our resources has to be done in the context of God's calling for Covenant EFC and for you. We believe that we are primarily not owners but stewards.

I would like to suggest that this stewardship is twofold — the stewardship of the Gospel and the stewardship of our resources.

With this twofold stewardship in mind, we should seek to be the best possible stewards of our God-given resources. We are called to leverage our time, treasures and talents for the extension of His kingdom.

This perspective should then help us clarify our priorities when we make our day-to-day decisions and strategic decisions. When we remember that our resources are God-given, we will put

them to use in areas that are God-directed.

I recall a testimony shared by our Leadership Mentor, Rev Edmund Chan. A publisher with worldwide distribution network offered to publish one of his books. It would be translated into various languages and will be sold in bookstores worldwide. Ps Ed spent time to pray about this and subsequently declined the offer from the publisher.

The publisher commented that authors hardly decline such an offer. Conventional wisdom would also persuade one to accept the offer. To this Ps Ed replied that the highest form of stewardship is based on the will of God. As God did not ask him to do that, thus he declined the offer.

This is Stewardship Centered on the Will of God in action!

SERMON OUTLINE

STEWARDSHIP: RE-DEFINING SUCCESS IN LIFE

SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 1:9-14 ■ SERMON: REV EDMUND CHAN

Introduction

1. Re-Defining Success In Life
2. Understanding “Stewardship”
3. How To Be A Good Steward? 3 Things –

A. BE MISSION CLEAR

“So that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord...” (Col 1:10)

B. GET MISSION READY

“That you may be filled with the knowledge of His will...” (Col 1:9)

C. STAY MISSION TRUE

“For the attaining of all steadfastness and patience...” (Col 1:11-12)

Conclusion. Fulfilling the Purpose of God for Your Life!

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:
29 JAN – PAUL SHI (BPJ), PS IVAN HO (WDL) AND REV TAN KAY KIONG (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Community Centred on the Worship of God

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:42-47 ■ SERMON: PS BARNEY LAU

Introduction

1. The context: Jesus' ascension (Acts 1:9-11), Spirit-filled Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4), Gospel preached (Acts 2:14-36), people's repentance (Acts 2:37-41), vibrant Church growth (Acts 2:41).
2. Authentic Discipleship & Intentional Disciplemaking is all about reproducing products of *A Certain Kind*! Hence, Covenant EFC's core values.
3. A biblical picture of a Community centred on Worship is one that is:

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

1. Devoted to the Apostles' teachings and the fellowship: The church of Christ is firstly and firmly rooted in biblical truth and values. Biblical Christian fellowship is to be founded in the confidence and hope we have in Jesus Christ as witnessed and assured by the Word of God (Heb. 10:23-25).
2. Devoted to the breaking of bread and the prayers: In remembering Christ and His Sacrifice in the PAST, in the Communion, we remember whose and who we are in Christ as a community standing on the righteousness of Christ in the PRESENT, looking forward to the FUTURE when Christ comes back again (1 Cor 11:26, Jude 24-25)! Upon this righteousness we pray in faith and hope - our worship and devotion!
3. This is what the community life of over 200 CGs are to be centred on!

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

1. Not only was the church community to be Christ-centred in its devotion, this is to be lived out in being others-oriented in its mission.
2. The Acts church was not “communist”, but communal where the early disciples held their resources loosely with open hands, ready to share graciously and to give generously wherever there is a need.
3. The history and journey of Covenant EFC in its BPJ, WDL, ACKCentre and East centres are such — Christ-centred graciousness and generosity!
4. This vibrant Acts community's authentic and intentional discipleship was so overflowing and contagious that it overflowed into evangelism!

Conclusion

1. There is no perfect church, but there can be authentic discipleship and intentional disciplemaking church community centred in the worship of God that reproduces *A Certain Kind* of Person!
2. Be an authentic and intentional part of a Covenant Group community!