

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Do you have a passion for singing? Serve God's Kingdom as a **Worship Vocalist**. Visit the booth after the service or email cefc.bv@gmail.com

CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

Executive (Finance)

This role is required to perform financial accounting responsibilities such as weekly cash receipt recording for Sunday tithing and other income types, monthly bank reconciliation and monitoring cashflow balance. He/She will also coordinate the cash collection process during events. Prior relevant experience preferred.

Human Resource Staff

This role is responsible to provide administrative support to the HR functions including payroll, benefits, HRIS, recruitment, government regulations compliance, training and HR-related projects as assigned. Knowledge of the Singapore Labour Law regulations and minimum two years of payroll experience required.

Applicants should either be a church or CG member, with a heart to answer God's call in their lives in furthering Covenant EFC's mission. For more information, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> Email your resumes to hr@cefc.org.sg by 19 Feb.

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Love. For married couples preparing for their first child.

Dates: 18 and 25 Feb **Time:** 12pm – 5pm
Venue: WDL Centre **Fee:** \$50 / couple

Parenting with Faith. For parents with kids below 12 years old.

Dates: Eight sessions from 18 Feb to 22 Apr
Time: 2pm – 4pm **Venue:** ACKCentre
Fee: \$100 / couple

Register at the Information Counter today!

STM TRIPS

CG members, join these STM trips and B.L.E.S.S. the nations!

Hanoi, Vietnam on 3-11 Jun. Build bridges into local community through English camp for 12 to 18-year-olds.

Yunnan on 28 Oct – 5 Nov and 5-12 Nov (two trips) Village Doctor Training

Mongolia 7-10 days in April and Oct/Nov (two trips). Connect, network and train Mongolian medical professionals (both believers and pre-believers).

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

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Sign up for these classes at the Information Counter.

Baptism Class

Date: 26 Feb (Sun)
Time: 2.30pm – 5.00pm
Venue: BPJ Centre

Membership Class

Date: 4 Mar
Time: 9am – 4pm
Venue: ACKCentre

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

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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, 5 FEBRUARY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: JEREMY KOH ■ WORSHIP LEADER: DAVID CHONG

The Value of Brokenness

REV TONY YEO AND REV TAN KAY KIONG, SENIOR PASTORS

Our generation has been programmed to pursue happiness. But God is more committed to make us holy than to make us happy, “For this is what the high and lofty One says — he who lives forever, whose name is holy: ‘I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly...’” (Isa 57:15).

The pathway to holiness is the pathway of brokenness.

We will never meet God in revival until we first meet Him in brokenness. That does not mean having a gloomy countenance, being morbidly introspective or having electrifying emotional experiences. It is possible to shed much tears and still not have true brokenness.

Brokenness is not just a feeling; it is a choice, an act of the will.

Brokenness is a lifestyle of agreeing with God about the true condition of our hearts. It is a lifestyle of unconditional, absolute surrender of our will to the will of God. A heart attitude that says “Yes Lord!” to whatever God says. It is a response of humility and obedience to the conviction of the Word and Spirit of God, to see Him as

He really is. The closer we get to God, the more we see our need for brokenness.

When King Saul was confronted with his sin, he defended himself, blamed others, and tried to cover up his sin. His response revealed a proud and unbroken heart. But when King David was confronted with adultery and murder, he was willing to acknowledge his failure, to accept personal responsibility for his wrongdoing, and repent of his sins. His response was that of brokenness, which God honoured.

During the Welsh Revival of 1904-1905, the song that was heard frequently was, “Bend me lower, lower, down at Jesus’ feet.” Ultimately, brokenness is to surrender the control of our lives to God. The heart that has been lowered and emptied is the heart that will experience the filling and the reviving from our Glorious and Holy God.

As we end this series on our Underlying Values (Truth, Community, Stewardship, Balance, Brokenness), we ask God to seal them in our lives, that they will be visibly expressed in Grace, Growth and Godliness — the journey towards authentic discipleship and intentional discipling of *A Certain Kind*.

SERMON OUTLINE

Brokenness Centred on the Way of God

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 51:17, ISAIAH 57:15 ■ SERMON: PS SEBASTIAN QUEK

Introduction

A. What is Brokenness?

B. Why Do We Value Brokenness?

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:
12 FEB – REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (BPJ AND WDL), REV TONY YEO (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Balance Centred on the Wisdom of God

SCRIPTURE: ECCLESIASTES 7:18 ■ SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

1. Our Church is not just **Vision-driven** but **Value-driven**. Grace, Growth and Godliness are our visible values. Truth, Community, Stewardship, Balance and Brokenness are the underlying values that provide the foundation.
2. What comes to your mind when you think about **Balance**? Is it a picture of complete equilibrium in which everything is perfectly weighted, so that we can have complete peace and harmony? But real life is not like this. It's filled with tensions and disruptions. Like a cyclist riding on level ground, uphill, and downhill.

A. What Is Balance?

1. It's a biblical idea: Ecclesiastes 7:18 "It is good to grasp the one and not let go of the other. The man who fears God will avoid all extremes." The context (vv.15-17) highlights what happens when good people experience bad things. Two human tendencies: We swing to the opposite extreme and stop being good; we settle for status quo and just try not to be too bad.
2. Fulcrum in Ecclesiastes 7:18 "The **fear** of God." It's the beginning of wisdom. A life of Balance learns to look at the issues of life with the fear of God so that we can live out the wisdom of God.

B. Why Balance?

1. Greater **Humility**: Learn from the Pharisees. They should have known the Messiah but they missed Jesus altogether because of their own arrogance and pride. One man didn't: Nidocemus (See Jn 3:9; 19:39).
2. Greater **Hunger**: We may agree to disagree over certain positions, but our posture towards one another should always be patience and kindness. Always hungry to learn more. The body of Christ is diverse since the Protestant Reformation in 1517.
3. Greater **Holism**: Learn from Jesus (see Lk 2:52). He grew holistically over time. Dr Selwyn Hughes model of problem solving. Don't be simplistic.

C. How to Balance?

1. There are many issues and tensions in life: Doctrinal, Personal or Ethical. We must learn to look at the issues of life with the fear of God so that we can live out the wisdom of God. In the process, we then grow in greater humility, hunger and holism.
2. One practical tool: Balancing life's Demand by Dr Howard Grant. Focus on your relationship with God and find wisdom that will help us balance our Roles and Responsibilities.

Conclusion

The Fear of God is the beginning of Wisdom.