

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

If you are curious about Christianity or have been visiting the church but have not accepted the faith, join us at Christianity Explored!

Date and Time: Six Sundays from 14 Jan to 25 Feb (except 18 Feb) at 1pm

Venues: WDL Centre, Love Room
BPJ Centre, Hope 4

Covenanters who would like to invite and accompany their friends and loved ones on these sessions, are encouraged to attend a training session on Sat, 6 Jan, 2pm to 4pm at ACKCentre, Training Room 5.

Sign up for the sessions or for the training at <http://cefc.ch/christianity-explored>

STEADY READERS

We need 83 Steady Readers Volunteer Mentor! Help children overcome challenges in reading and instil a love for books in them.

Date: Jan to May 2018

Time: Weekly, 8pm – 9.30pm

Training dates: 6, 7, 13 or 14 January 2018

Time: 1pm to 5pm at Fajar Youth Hub

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/SRstepup> to sign up now. Email volunteer@newlife.org.sg or contact Jason Lee at 9635 1135 to enquire.

JAN 2018 DJ COLLECTION

Hard copies of the Devotional Journal (DJ) for Jan 2018 are available at the Information Counter at Level 1 while stocks last.

BREAKTHROUGH WEEKEND

Watch out for the early bird registration for Breakthrough Weekend next Sun, 7 Jan!

WATCHNIGHT PRAYER

Come join us to start the new year in God's presence at our Watchnight Prayer **tonight!**

Time: 9.00pm to 12.18am

Venue: WDL Worship Centre

*Please note that there will be **no children's programme.***

STM TRIPS 2018

Calling all CG members, plan your STM trips for 2018 now!

Mongolia – Provinces outside Ulanbaatar/ March (10-14 days)

Focus – To teach basic Biblical disciplines
Team size: 4 to 6 people only

Mongolia – Ulanbaatar / March or April (10-14 days)

Focus – Campus outreach to conduct English lessons
Team size: 6 to 12 people (18 to 35 years)

Nepal / 23 Mar to 5 Apr (8-10 days)

Focus - Teachers' training and Children's program

Thailand – Chiang Mai / 5 day period

between 23 Apr to 5 May (6-7 days)
Focus – Youth / children's camp (Spiritual development)

Closing date for registration is 4 Feb 2018

Requirement & Commitment -Trippers **MUST** be members of a CG and attending CG regularly, be committed to STM training and team meetings.

Email missions@cefc.org.sg for more info or to indicate your interest.

COVENANT EFC

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

ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.30pm ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 9.00am & 11.00am

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DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

COVENANT EFC

EAST CENTRE, 31 DEC 2017

SERVICE LEADER JEREMY KOH: ■ WORSHIP LEADER: DAVID CHONG

Entering 40 on Our Knees

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

We thank God for His presence in our Christmas outreach last weekend! Out of the 497 guests at Sunbeam, English, Mandarin and Hokkien services spread over our BPJ, WDL and EAST Centres, a total of 42 adults and children prayed to receive Christ. All glory to God in the highest!

As the Church advances with the Gospel to rebuild lives, marriages, families and society, we are also mindful that **we are under attack**. The evil one is on an all-out war knowing that his time is short. (Rev 12:12) We are hearing stories of casualties especially in the areas of marital fidelity and sexual purity. **But we are fighting from victory!**

Jesus said that He will build His Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matt 16:18). We are assured that in the end, Jesus wins. The Gospel and His kingdom

advance in answer to prayer. That's why we will enter into our church's 40th year **tonight, 31 Dec, 9.00pm** until 1 Jan, 12:18am at **Woodlands Centre** — on our knees.

Samuel Chadwick says, "The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray."

Covenant EFC's 40th year signals our entry into a new territory as we claim back the lost ground for Jesus, and into a new era of God's move in our Church and land. The Church must be found awakened and alert in such a time as this!

Join us tonight as we stand together in our Watchnight Prayer! Sound the call to your family and CG, and let's come as **one church** to watch and pray together!

SERMON OUTLINE

Life, Lordship and Legacy

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 51 ■ SERMON: PS BARNEY LAU

Introduction

A. An Imperfect but Authentic Life Before God (vv. 1-6, 16-17)

B. An Intentional Preference for the Lordship of God (vv. 7-15)

C. A Covenantal and Delightful Legacy to God (vv. 18-19)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:
7 JAN – REV TONY YEO (BPJ & WDL) AND REV TAN KAY KIONG (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Happily Ever After

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL ■ SERMON: DR ANDREW GOH

Introduction

It is human to desire for happy endings. In life, we do expect that things will get better. A pithy statement reflects our desire: “In the end, it will be ok. If it’s not ok, it’s not the end.” It is possible to live “happily ever after” both in the present life and in eternity, when we are permanently with God.

A. Present – in Time and on this Earth

1. The musical “Ellie” communicates that, in reality, life is more often described by three D’s: Dreams, Disappointments and Disillusionment. Henry Kissinger said that it is tragedy for a man to work hard for something and never get it, but an even more bitter tragedy is to get it and find it empty.

2. One way that we can have happiness in time and on this earth is to raise our children well – specifically to raise them to love obeying.

3. Romans 8:28 – Sometimes life can be summed up in 3 words - mad, bad, sad. But we know that God can make all things work together for good, when we trust Him to be the weaver of the threads of our lives.

4. Psalm 23:1-6 – When we become part of God’s flock, He actively guides us. There is meaning and purpose in what we are doing. God restores us, and walks with us in our journey of life; this is a promise that is ultimately fulfilled in Christ — Immanuel, God with us. God takes care of us even when we face enemies and troubles, and provides so abundantly that blessings overflow into the lives of others.

B. Permanent – in Eternity and Heaven

1. God made us in His image (Gen 1:26-27) and we will live forever (1 Cor 15:53-54). However, we can choose where we will be in eternity. We can make decisions in Time that affect Eternity.

2. Psalm 90:12 – We are to number our days so that we can gain a heart of wisdom, and know that God’s purposes are greater than our own.

3. Ecclesiastes 3:11 – God has put eternity into our hearts. C.S. Lewis wrote, “If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.”

Conclusion

The message of Christmas is not about man doing enough good to become God, but rather God becoming man to reach us. Christmas is about the God who gave Himself for us.

In 1998, Canadian mine-drilling executive Norbert Reinhart willingly became a guerrilla hostage in Colombia, taking the place of an employee, Ed Leonard. When Jesus died on the cross He took our place — it is by grace we have been saved.