

Announcements

MEMBERSHIP AFFIRMATION

We will be conducting our bi-annual membership affirmation starting next Sunday! All Covenant EFC members are required to affirm your membership to remain as a constitutional member.

This year, members can choose the mode of notification for the Notice of AGM to be sent either via email or postal mail. Please add a profile photo and update your personal particulars after your affirmation by 28 Feb to receive the appropriate information and letters for our upcoming AGM. For those who missed affirming your membership 2 years ago, please fill out and submit a reinstatement application form from the Information booth.

Visit the booth at the foyer or go to www.cefc.org.sg and click "My Account" from next Sunday. If you need assistance with your Voyager account, you can email sgl.admin@cefc.org.sg

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! This is an informal platform to explore Christianity and discuss spiritual questions.

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

Venues: WDL Centre (Love Rm), BPJ Centre (Hope 4)
Sign up for the sessions at <http://cefc.ch/christianity-explored>

DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Courting couples, would you like to further develop your relationship for God's glory? Choose one Saturday (8.30am-5pm) from this year's Discovery Weekend dates: **27 Jan, 21 Apr, 21 Jul and 20 Oct**. Register at the Information Counter.

COVENANT POLO SHIRT

New stocks of the Covenant EFC turquoise polo shirt are available from 14 Jan (BPJ) and 21 Jan (WDL) at \$15 each.

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Homework Corners

We are looking for volunteers to help children from low income families in their school work once a week.
Locations: 632A Senja Centre (Tues to Thurs)
Time - 7.30pm to 9pm; Choa Chu Kang Community Club (Thurs) Time - 8pm to 9.15pm

Community Storybuilders

We are looking for volunteers or CGs to help in existing community platforms that connect families via storytelling and craft sessions from 8pm to 9pm monthly.
Locations: Blk 552 WDL - 1st Friday; BPJ Chapel - 1st Friday; Blk 785 Yew Tee - 2nd Friday; BPJ Chapel - 3rd Friday; Block 589 WDL - 3rd Friday

Email vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg to enquire or sign up.

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Faith. For parents with kids below 12 years old. **Dates:** Eight sessions from 27 Jan to 14 Apr.
Time: 2pm - 4pm **Venue:** ACKCentre
Fee: \$100 / couple
Register at the Information Counter today!

STM TRIPS

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 / 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.



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BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 7 JANUARY 2018
SERVICE LEADER: REV WILLIAM WONG • WORSHIP LEADER: PS FABIAN GHUI

We Are Church: Pray and Repent!

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

As we lead Covenant EFC toward Vision 2028 when our church celebrates her 50th Jubilee Anniversary, God has given us **Acts 20:28** as our spiritual anchor: *"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood."* So we as church leaders and members are to **pay careful attention** to our heart condition and to our triune God. During the Senior Pastor's Office (SPO) Listening Retreat on 8 to 15 July 2017 at the mountain with God, we were grateful for His divine guidance and prompting through a plurality of godly leadership. This is the spiritual burden God impressed upon us for 2018: **WE ARE CHURCH: PRAY AND REPENT!**

We are CHURCH

We believe that God has called us together to be *One Church with Multiple Centres* and pursue the *A.D.I.D. of A Certain Kind* within each local centre through small groups. We will enhance the small group strategy so that we can make disciples who make disciples. We were led to preach on the book of Acts for 2018 and rediscover what the Church is all about.

We Are Church: PRAY!

I (Rev Tan Kay Kiong) received a very distinct picture of Moses praying in the mountain with his hands supported by Aaron and Hur. As I read the account in Exodus 17, the burden was clear:

1. We Are Under Attack (Exo 17:8) Many of us are living defeated lives — stained by sin and the affairs of this world. The devil has launched his arsenal of attacks against every possible arena of our lives.

2. We Must Fight with the Weapons of God

 (Exo 17:9b)

The staff in Moses' hand was the staff of God. This once ordinary staff used to goad sheep in the desert had become God's weapon to fight spiritual battles. We must put on God's spiritual armour so that we can stand against the schemes of the devil.

3. We Must Fight with the Weapons of God and Hold Up Our Hands

 (Exo 17:11a)

Joshua and his troops were fighting with all their might against the enemies, but the secret to their victory was Moses' hands raised to God in desperate intercession. Aaron and Hur helped Moses keep his hands up. We must hold up our hands in intercession for spiritual victory in our lives.

We Are Church: Pray and REPENT!

There is no true prayer without **REPENTANCE**. John the Baptist's cry in Luke 3:8 was "Bring forth fruits in keeping with repentance." God spoke to me (Rev Tony Yeo) through the book of Joel:

1. Repent **Humbly**. Put on **sackcloth, wail** before the altar, declare a **holy fast** and call a **sacred assembly** (Joel 1:13-14).

2. Repent **Wholeheartedly**. Rend your **heart** and not your garments (Joel 2:12-13). Return to God with all our hearts for He is gracious and compassionate!

3. Repent **Urgently** in the light of the Day of the Lord and His coming judgement (Joel 3:3-14).

May His Spirit guide and direct your prayers such that God will be pleased to answer them and display His power and glory in you and in our church, for the advance of God's Kingdom and His righteousness in Singapore and beyond.

Sermon Outline

We Are Church

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 17:8-13; JOEL 1-3 • SERMON: REV TONY YEO

Introduction

We are Church!

A. We Are Church: Pray! (Exo 17:8-13)

B. We Are Church: Pray and REPENT! (Joel 1-3)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

14 JAN - PS ANDY LEW (BPJ), REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (WDL) AND PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Life, Lordship and Legacy

SCRIPTURE: PHILIPPIANS 1:12-30 • SERMON: PS LEE DA-WIN

Introduction:

Every new day that God sustains our lives is because He has a purpose for us to still remain on this side of eternity. How then are we to live so that God's purpose in us is fulfilled, and not let another day, another week, another month, another year just pass us by?

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Philippian Church, exhorts the Christians to "live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Phil 1:27). As disciples of Christ, there are three things that we must do as we come to the end of 2017, and as we enter into 2018, in order to live our lives in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

1. Refocus Your Life (vv.12-17)

Paul was wrongfully imprisoned for preaching the Gospel. Yet, he was able to see beyond his suffering in prison and the injustice because his focus in life was clear. He wasn't looking at life's misfortunes. Rather, he saw God's purpose when he refocused his life.

God calls us to lift our eyes above our circumstances, above life's problems, and to focus on Him and His purposes. To focus on Him and trust Him even if we may not be able to understand right now why He is putting us through it.

2. Reaffirm Jesus' Lordship (vv.18-22)

The important thing to Paul was not whether he was imprisoned or released, or even whether he lived or died, but that his Lord be glorified. If he lived, it was because Christ wanted him to and he would live to serve Him. And if died, that would have been his gain as he'd immediately be with his beloved Master! Such words can only be said by a servant who knows his Master and loves his Master – a Master whom he is so radically devoted to that he is willing to both live and die for Him. This is the same Lord that we are called to be radical disciples of today – to reaffirm the Lordship of our Lord Jesus Christ in our lives.

3. Review Your Legacy (vv.23-30)

Paul's legacy was not his wealth or biological children, but the spiritual children that he had fathered. Besides Philippi, Paul planted many other churches, and touched the lives of many individuals – Silas, Timothy, Philemon, etc. These lives, transformed by the Gospel, were Paul's legacy!

Whether we are conscious of it or not, we too are leaving a legacy. When we leave this world, we will leave a memory behind. As we come to the end of the year, it would be timely to review our legacy. If I went to sleep tonight and didn't wake up tomorrow, what would I be leaving behind? Or rather, who would I be leaving behind?

Conclusion:

Jesus gave His life in order that we may have new life. Our new life must therefore be lived for Jesus our Lord. How then are we to live that we may glorify our Lord, and in order that we may leave a lasting legacy that honours Him?