

Announcements

MEMBERSHIP AFFIRMATION

Our biennial membership affirmation is ongoing! All Covenant EFC constitutional members are required to affirm their membership by 28 Feb to remain as a constitutional member.

- Affirm your membership at the booth at the foyer on 25 Feb, or at www.cefc.org.sg by clicking "My Account".
- Select whether you would like to receive the notice of AGM by email or by postal mail.
- Add a profile photo and update your personal particulars after your affirmation to receive the appropriate information and letters for the upcoming AGM.

If you need assistance with your Voyager account, email sgi.admin@cefc.org.sg. If you are not able to affirm, submission of new membership application form is required to be a member again. Application forms are available at the Information Counter.

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Love is for married couples preparing for their first child. This will be held on **Saturdays, 24 Feb and 3 Mar, from 12pm to 5pm at WDL Centre.** Register at the Information Counter.

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Are you passionate and skilled in writing, photography, graphic design or emceeing? New Life Community Services needs volunteers for creatives and media (photographers, copywriters, graphic designers, emcees and interviewers). Please contact Zozo at comms@newlife.org.sg

CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking to fill in positions on the church staff. Please go to <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> for more information.

SERVE IN ALPHA

The Alpha Course is a series of informal and relaxed sessions exploring the Christian faith. Many have come to know Christ through Alpha and you can be part of this amazing experience by serving as a group leader / assistant, prayer intercessor, usher or helper.

Alpha begins on Wed, 4 Apr, and will carry on for 10 sessions, ending on 27 Jun.

Training for Alpha Group Leaders and Assistants:

Date for Part 1: 27 Feb (Tue)

Date for Part 2: 6 Mar (Tue)

Time: 7.15pm – 10pm

Make-up Date : 13 Mar (only for those who have attended either Part 1 or Part 2)

Venue: ACKCentre (#10-03)

Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com>

Email alpha@cefc.org.sg for enquiries.

SEAN MCDOWELL CONFERENCE

Is truth dead? Does it matter? Evangelical Free Church of Singapore Young Adults Committee will be hosting Sean McDowell on the topic of relative and absolute truth.

This will be held on **Mon, 12 Mar at WDL Centre. Please be seated by 7.45pm.**

This is a free event, but registration is required as seats are limited. Sign up at tinyurl.com/efcsyac2018 by 25 Feb.

EAST CENTRE BANK ACCOUNT FOR E-TITHING

Please note that the bank account details for Covenant East printed in the hard copy of the bulletin since 7 Jan 2018 had been incorrect. If you had used the incorrect information to do e-tithing, please check with your bank. You can refer to today's bulletin or the church website for the correct details. We apologise for the error and for any inconvenience caused. For assistance, please email finance@cefc.org.sg



BUKIT PANJANG, 18 FEBRUARY 2018
SERVICE LEADER: PS ADRIAN CHAN • WORSHIP LEADER: BENJAMIN AND SHARON TAN

Special Delivery

VINCENT CHIA, OUTREACH

The King will reply,
"Truly I tell you,
whatever you did for
one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you
did for me." – Matthew 25:40
(NIV)

Our church has an opportunity to connect with 30 elderly living alone in Teck Whye, Bukit Batok and Bedok South during this year's Chinese New Year celebration. We will deliver meals to them as their usual meals-on-wheels service takes a break during the first three days of the Chinese New Year. Without this meal delivery, they would only survive on biscuits and bread.

We are thankful for the Covenanters who have stepped up to prepare and deliver meals to them. So how is our meal service different? Unlike the regular deliver-and-drop meal service, our food is in accordance with their diet preferences and will be delivered by people who will take time to converse with them.

Madam T lives in an area that is most out-of-the-way among

the 30 elderly, so I was contemplating whether to include her. But I remembered that God's grace has no boundaries. She is a pre-believer and has mobility issues due to a sudden onset of Parkinson's Disease in Oct 2017. In addition, she yearns for better food as meal deliveries are usually bland and dry, and shared her desire to occasionally have soup for her meals. It gave me an opportunity to share God's transformational work in my life, encouraging her to seek Him in her season of loneliness. Though she has yet to give her life to Jesus, we can pray for her.

It is not an accident that one of our volunteers resides just a block away from where she is, thus making delivery convenient. This volunteer is also willing to seek the Lord about connecting with her after CNY.

Just as Jesus feeds the 5,000 to satisfy physical hunger, may our friendship satisfy their souls' hunger!

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Sermon Outline

Radical Faith

SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 11:17-19 • SERMON: REV GEORGE ONG

Radical Faith

“By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. – Hebrews 11:17-19

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Missions: To Win the World for Christ

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 1:14-17 • SERMON: REV TONY YEO

Introduction

Review of topical discipleship series on Covenant EFC's mission statement

Paul's evangelistic fervour and zeal to win the world for Christ:

A. I Am Eager and Unashamed ... (vv.14-16)

“So, for my part, I am eager ... For I am not ashamed ...”

- Three prevailing attitudes in preaching the Gospel and winning the world for Christ:
 - Fear of rejection – What if I am disliked, marginalized, laughed at, or openly mocked?
 - Lack knowledge of the Gospel – Am I able to articulate the truths of the Gospel in a simple, coherent and intelligible way?
 - Apathy – Have I forgotten what it was like to live without hope, to be lost and apart from Christ?
- Three Compelling Reasons why Paul was eager and unashamed to preach the Gospel:
 - Personal Encounter with God. “Eager” (v.15): *prothymos* – willing, ready, active, passionate, strongly wanting to do or have something, keenly expectant or interested. Illustration: Paul's conversion in Acts 9.
 - Personal Obligation to God. “I am under obligation” (v.14): *opheiletes* – morally or legally bound like a debtor. Paul had no option but to take the good news far and wide to people of every nation regardless of their ethnic or cultural orientation (1 Cor 9:16).
 - Personal Boldness for God. “Unashamed” (v.15): *epaischynomai* – no shame, disgrace or disrespect
- Application: Take the first Step through B.L.E.S.S. strategy. Repent for lack of eagerness and being ashamed to preach the Gospel.

B. To Preach the Gospel of Christ (vv.16-17)

“... to preach the gospel to you ...”

The Whole Story: Jesus not only died for our sins but rose from the grave, showing His power over death. What is the Gospel of Christ? Gk. *Evangelion* - good news, glad tidings.

- Divine Initiative (1:16a) – “for it is the power of God.” Salvation is initiated only by God who is actively at work in reaching out to the hearts of people. The Gospel is God telling His love to wayward people.
- Divine Power (1:16b) – “for it is the power (Gk. *dunamis*) of God for salvation (Gk. *soterio* – deliver, save, rescue from danger and restore to safety and well being).” Paul spoke of God's power of deliverance from the results of Adam's sin.
 - Justification (being set right with God)
 - Sanctification (growth in holiness)
 - Glorification (ultimate transformation into Christ-likeness)
- Human Response: Faith (1:16c) – “to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek”
- Divine Righteousness (1:17) – “For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “**But the righteous man shall live by faith** (Hab 2:4).” The result is a right standing before God that has nothing to do with human merit but received by faith. Illust: Chinese character for righteousness: 義 - means lamb over me made me righteous.
- “Preach” (Gk. *euangelize*) – declare, announce, herald through our lips and lives
- Illustration: Missions in personal life and CG community, missions work of Covenant EFC, Global Alliance

Conclusion

Vision 2028 video: The Church is the **messenger** of the greatest **message** that must be preached to the world. Catch God's fire for the lost today. Stand in the gap between the living and the dead.