

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:finance@cefc.org.sg)



EAST, 18 FEBRUARY 2018  
SERVICE LEADER: BENJAMIN SUN • WORSHIP LEADER: SIMON AND LILLIAN SEOW

## Special Delivery

VINCENT CHIA, OUTREACH

**T**he 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

## Be Like a Tree

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 1:1-3; JEREMIAH 17:7-8 • SERMON: DAVID LEONG

### Introduction

What kind of tree is this?

What kind of tree are you?

### A. A Blessed Person

1. Someone who has received many, many blessings from God. What are some of the many blessings you have received from God?
2. Someone who has decided to follow God's ways. (Psa 1:1)
3. Someone who is stable and strong in the midst of difficult circumstances because his confidence is not in himself nor man, but in the Lord. (Jer 17:5-8)

### B. A Bountiful Person

Someone who has been transplanted (a poetical and much rarer Hebrew word used here as also in Psalm 92:13) and made strong and healthy by the Lord and His Word.

### C. A Blessing Person

Someone who is not unfruitful but whatever (used here in a general sense) he does prospers.

### Conclusion

We are blessed by God to be like a tree to bless others for His glory!

# Last Week's Sermon Summary

## Missions: To Win the World for Christ

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 1:14-17 • SERMON: PS BARNEY LAU

### Introduction

1. Mandate must precede mission; mission must prescribe ministry; and ministry must produce maturity and multiplication towards the mandated mission.
2. Covenant EFC's mandate is to return the Church to its disciplemaking roots. Our mission is to win the world for Christ. Our mission prescribes our ministry of reproducing disciples of *a certain kind* with the maturity of authentic discipleship and a multiplication through intentional disciplemaking.
3. To live our mission, we are eager and unashamed to preach the Gospel of Christ!

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

1. Attitudes of the contemporary Christian towards the witness of the Gospel:
  - a. Apathy in a privatised religion mentality
  - b. Averse in a multi-religious multi-ethnic society
  - c. Ashamed in an increasingly irreligious environment
2. Against these prevailing attitudes, Paul's sees his mission as one of:
  - a. Entrusted – "I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, ... wise and foolish." Paul is indebted to God, but he described his payment as to all men.
  - b. Eager – "I am eager to preach the gospel..." Eager because of the weight of calling and responsibility entrusted to Paul (Gal 2:7; 1 Thess 2:4; Tit 1:3).
  - c. Emboldened – "I am not ashamed of the gospel..." – an ironic understatement to underscore his pride and faith in the Gospel (2 Tim 1:8,12; Phil 3:7-14).
3. How must our attitudes change towards the Gospel of Christ? At the heart of change is a change of the heart, when we are changed by the Gospel of Christ.

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

1. Apprehensions of the contemporary Christian towards the witness of the Gospel: a. Inadequacy in a scientifically-driven era b. Irrelevance in a self-sufficient world c. Implausibility in a skeptical culture
2. Against these prevailing apprehensions, Paul declared the Gospel to be the:
  - a. Supreme Gospel – "I am not ashamed of the gospel..." Christ is the Gospel.
  - b. Sufficient Saviour – "it is the power of God for salvation..." Christ is the Saviour.
  - c. Simple Invitation – "to everyone who believes..." Christ is accessible.
  - d. Story of Grace – "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith..." People understand love when they see God's grace and sacrifice.
3. How to preach the Gospel of Christ?
  - a. By Being authentic living gospels wherever God has placed us (1 Thess 1:5).
  - b. By Walking in PDA and B.L.E.S.S. and ready to tell the "story of grace" of John 3:16 from your own life – The Greatest Love ("For God so loved the world"), Greatest Gift ("that He gave His only begotten Son,"), Greatest Invitation ("that whoever believes in Him"), Greatest Promise ("shall not perish, but have eternal life."), and the Simplest Condition – just believe and receive!

### Conclusion

1. Story of the hymn "Facing a Task Unfinished"
2. Will you grow to become "eager and unashamed to preach the gospel of Christ" and ask the Lord to give you the privilege of leading someone to Christ in 2018?