

Announcements

MEMBERSHIP AFFIRMATION

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

- There's a booth at the foyer today where you can affirm your membership. You can also affirm 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.

MAR 2018 DJ COLLECTION

Hard copies of the Devotional Journal (DJ) for Mar 2018 are available at the Information Counter at Level 1 while stocks last. The digital copy is available at our church website and "Covenant EFC" app.

EAST CENTRE BANK ACCOUNT FOR E-TITHING

With reference to the incorrect bank account details for Covenant East printed in the bulletin earlier this year, the bank has confirmed that the account is invalid and does not exist in the bank's system. Therefore all e-tithing to it would have failed.

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 (#10-10)
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 today, 25 Feb.

CHILDREN'S FEST 2018 MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

New Life's Children's Fest is back on Sun, 8 Apr! Be one of the 600 Covenanters who shows love to the community and brings joy to the children. Sign up individually or as a CG at <https://tinyurl.com/loveCF2018> or email jasonlee@newlife.org.sg See you there!



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EAST, 25 FEBRUARY 2018
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We Are Church: Tell It as It Is!

REV TONY YEO AND REV TAN KAY KIONG, SENIOR PASTORS

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." – Acts 1:8

The Church is called to be the witness of God, and not just a holy huddle of saints singing "Kumbaya, my Lord". Salt is best and effective only when it is sprinkled in generous amount. Thus, we need to be the salt to our family, community, and nation.

The Church is also called to be the light of the world. Christ's message shines brightly as a beacon offering the only hope and worthy purpose for living. Thus, we must not muddle the Gospel and mix it up with other enticements.

As an intentional discipling church community, we have been impacted by the life-transforming work of Christ through the ministry of the Spirit. Love compels us to go. Grace steers us to share. Joy moves us to be a blessing to others. We reach out to the world for Jesus.

In this season of Chinese New

Year, it warms my heart to hear that many Covenanters are intentionally, passionately and faithfully blessing different kinds of people with the Gospel wherever they go.

A couple led their children to bless migrant workers with drinks and snacks.

A Covenanter noticed that her company security guard was unwell and struggling financially. So she and her husband decided to help with his medical and financial needs to show God's love.

Covenanters sharing their testimony with taxi drivers. By the grace of God, some of those they shared with even prayed to receive Christ.

A Covenanter drives her own car and thus never gets to share the Gospel with Grab or Uber drivers. Not letting anything hinder her, she signed up as a Grab hitch driver to engage passengers and share the Gospel with them.

We are Church, endowed with such boldness and love for the lost! Let our light shine for Jesus wherever we go! Let us be the Church as it is written in the book of Acts!

Sermon Outline

This IS CHURCH!

SCRIPTURE: ACTS OVERVIEW • SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Introduction

What is the CHURCH?

A. FILLED! (Acts 1:1 – 2:41)

B. PASSIONATE! (Acts 2:42 – 7:60)

C. UNSTOPPABLE! (Acts 8:1 – 28:31)

Conclusion

Will you be the CHURCH?

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

4 MAR - PS SHARON FONG (BPJ), PAUL SHI (WDL) AND REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Be Like a Tree

SCRIPTURE: • SERMON: DAVID LEONG

Introduction

What kind of tree is this? When you see a tree with ripe fruits in abundance, you will say that it is a healthy tree. You will also want to see its juicy fruits and come under its shade during hot weather.

What kind of tree are you? The Psalmist in Psalm 1 uses the beautiful picture of a tree planted by rivers of water to describe the happiness or blessedness of a person who follows God's Word. We can find at least three descriptions of such a person.

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? E.g. forgiveness of sins (Psa 32:1; Rom 4:7-8), eternal life (Jn 5:24), peace with God (Rom 5:1), etc.
 - a. Psalm 1:1 is exclamatory and "Blessed" is plural in the Hebrew. Hence, we can say "Oh, the blessednesses or blessings of this person" or "How very happy, happy, happy is the person!"
2. Someone who has decided to follow God's ways (Psa 1:1)
 - a. In his thinking – not walking or following along in the counsel (thinking) of the wicked.
 - b. In his doing – not standing or firm in the way of the sinners in terms of forming bad habits.
 - c. In his speaking – not sitting or remaining in or belonging to the seat or assembly of mockers.
 - d. Chinese character for "Blessing" = a person who listens to divine or God's words to live in a field or garden under heaven.
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)
 - a. No fear or anxiety of heat and year of drought

B. A Bountiful Person

1. 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.
 - a. Rivers of water or more accurately divisions, channels or canals of water = well-irrigated or watered (Psa 1:3)
 - i. strong foundation in God's Word
 - b. Fruit and foliage (green leaves) = abundant and timely fruit (Psa 1:2) and able to live under difficult situations (Jer 17:8)
 - i. Bearing much fruit that will last (Jn 15:5, 8, 16)
 - ii. Having the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)

C. A Blessing Person

1. Someone who is not unfruitful but whatever (used here in a general sense) he does prospers.
 - a. Devoted to doing good works (Titus 3:14)
 - b. Enriched by God to be generous 2 Cor 9:10-11 "When God blesses you financially, don't raise your standard of living. Raise your standard of giving." – Mark Batterson

Conclusin

During this Chinese New Year season, let us be a blessed, bountiful and blessing person who delights in God's Word and is devoted to doing good to others, especially meeting urgent needs of our family members and brothers and sisters in Christ. We are blessed by God to be like a tree to bless others for God's glory!