

## » CHRISTMAS DAY OUTREACH SERVICE

Christmas Day is just round the corner! Invite your pre-believing family and friends to hear the Gospel in a fun and relaxed setting on **Sun, 25 Dec**. We will have a short original musical, written and produced in-house, that will bring across some of the unmet expectations, unfulfilled dreams and lonely feelings that the Christmas season may surface.

### BPJ Centre

8.30am & 10.30am

Speaker: Ps Andy Ley

Please note that driving into BPJ Centre will not be allowed due to Christmas Family Lunch.

### WDL Centre

8.30am & 10.30am

Speaker: Dr Andrew Goh

### East Centre

9am & 11am

Speaker: Glenn Lim

We will have our **Christmas Family Lunch** on the same day *after each service at the foyer*. Let's bond as a church family over good food and fellowship!

## » BAPTISM CLASS

Register at the Information Counter today.

Date: 11 Dec (next Sun)

Time: 1.00pm–3.30pm

Venue: WDL Centre

## » INDONESIAN & FILIPINO CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

### Indonesian Fellowship Christmas Outreach

Theme: Endless Love

Date & Time: 11 Dec (next Sun), 2pm–5pm

Venue: ACKCentre

### Filipino Fellowship Christmas Outreach

Theme: Scandal of Grace

Date and Time: 11 Dec, (next Sun) 2.30pm–7pm

Venue: BPJ Centre, Grace Sanctuary

## » MOMENTUM'S NEW TIMING

Starting 7 Jan 2017, Momentum service's **new timing is 3.30pm–6.30pm** on Saturdays at WDL Centre Main Sanctuary. Ps Barney Lau will be preaching to the youths at next year's first service. For enquiries, email [tng.momentum@cefc.org.sg](mailto:tng.momentum@cefc.org.sg)

## » NEW MANDARIN SERVICE IN BPJ

Praise God for the growth of our Mandarin and Cantonese ministries! The Grace Sanctuary where we have been holding our BPJ Mandarin and Cantonese services is full on Sundays. After much prayer and consultation, the **BPJ Mandarin and Cantonese ministries will merge to form the New Mandarin Service starting 1 Jan 2017**.

**New Timing:** 3.30pm–5.00pm

**New Venue:** BPJ Centre Main Sanctuary (Level 2)

For enquiries, email [chris.pang@cefc.org.sg](mailto:chris.pang@cefc.org.sg)  
WDL Mandarin Service will be held as usual every Sunday, 2pm at WDL Centre.

EAST CENTRE 4 DEC 2016  
SERVICE LEADER PS BARNEY LAU // WORSHIP LEADER DAVID CHONG

## The Heartbeat of Christmas

BY: REV TONY YEO AND REV TAN KAY KIONG, SENIOR PASTORS

**A**nd the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

– Luke 2:10-11 (ESV)

It's Christmas time again!

The modern world looks at Christmas and fills it with clutter, noise and busyness. The clutter can blind us from seeing the truth. The noise can keep us from hearing the truth. And the pace can keep us from finding the truth.

God's gift came in such a simple, quiet manner, and in such a lowly place. The crowds and busyness were at the inn in Bethlehem, not at the stable where Christ was born. Who would expect something important to happen there? At the manger there were no flashing lights to get the crowd's attention, no signages to attract the shoppers and no bands to stir up the passersby's excitement. But on a peaceful hillside out of town, the heavens opened. A few humble shepherds with hearts ready to listen heard the most remarkable message ever been spoken.

We believe God hasn't changed.

Today He is still drawing us back

to the quiet waters of salvation, to the lowly place of worship, to the peace of His presence, to the simplicity of the Cross, to the beauty of His face and to the best gift Love could ever give — God's only begotten Son.

In this season of giving we are reminded that our true gift is the gift of God's grace. This is not the sort of gift to hide in the closet like an ill-fitting sweater, nor put on a shelf and dust off from time to time. We live in a world that longs to hear a word of grace and to know a God who is Immanuel, God-with-us. The gift of God's grace is meant to be passed on!

Christmas is our time to celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ and remember His infinite love for the world. That's what our Christmas musical "Happily Ever After" on 25 December is going to be about. Start praying and inviting your friends, family, relatives, colleagues that they may hear, believe and receive the gift of Christ this Christmas.

May this coming Christmas lead us to a fresh grasp and a deep appreciation of God's amazing gift to the world — He broke into human history to offer us the gift of salvation.



## VISION

AUTHENTIC  
DISCIPLESHIP  
& INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

## VALUES

GRACE  
GROWTH  
GODLINESS

# SERMON OUTLINE



## The Helmet of Salvation

Scripture: **Ephesians 6:17a** Sermon: **REV EDMUND CHAN**

### Introduction

1. Tiger Woods: Equipment is important to the game!
2. God's Equipment: The Armour of God! (Eph 6:11)
3. Focus. The "Helmet of Salvation": Two Critical Needs -

### A. BEING PROTECTED FROM FALSE TEACHINGS OR FALSE HOPE

1. The Importance and Need for Helmets
2. Meaning of the "Helmet of Salvation"
3. Twelve Lies Americans Believe (LifeWay Research)

### B. BEING ANCHORED IN THE TRUTH AND HOPE OF THE GOSPEL

1. Thinking About THINKING!
2. Don't Assume!
3. Developing the Christian Mind!
4. Living Out the Gospel!

### Conclusion. The Power of the GOSPEL of CHRIST!

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:

11 Dec **PS ANDY LEW** (BPJ), **PS LEE DA WIN** (WDL) and **PAUL SHI** (EAST)

# LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



## Taking Enemy Fire

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:16** // Sermon: **REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI**

### Introduction

God has provided all the resources we need to win the spiritual battle, but it is our responsibility to apply them during the battle.

### A. Take Up the Shield of Faith (v.16a)

1. Fallacies on Faith:
  - a. "As long as we believe, it'll be true..."
  - b. "You must have a lot of faith..."
  - c. "It's your faith that matters..."
2. Facts on Faith:
  - a. Our believing doesn't make anything true. Rather, it is true so we ought to believe.
  - b. Jesus tells us we only need the faith as small as a mustard seed (Matt 17:20).
  - c. We are not called to have faith in faith. We are called to have faith in a person (Jn 14:1).
3. The word for shield is *thureos*, the Roman Scutum which was the huge door-like shield that covered the Roman soldier from top to toe. When we trust God's promises to us in the Scriptures (e.g. Rom 8:37 "more than conquerors"; 1 Jn 4:4 "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world"; 1 Jn 2:14b "you have overcome the evil one"; Jas 4:7 "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.") — these promises act as His shield for us.

### B. Put Out the Darts of Fire (v.16b)

1. The shield of faith is the only piece of armour to which Paul attributed a function. It was to put out the fiery darts from the evil one. These fiery darts come in the form of angry, lustful, depressive thoughts, fears and anxieties.
2. How do we put out these darts?
  - a. We must **recognise** them.
    - i. They seem to come from the self — in the "I" and "me" statements.
    - ii. They are shocking. They are not what we usually think about.
    - iii. They are sudden. They are usually incongruous with the situation (e.g. during worship, prayer, etc.)
    - iv. They subvert God by undermining His faithfulness and power.
    - v. They slime others by framing them in a very bad light and seeking to bring about division within the Body.
  - b. We are to **refuse** them. We can say something like: "These thoughts are not from God. In Jesus' name, be gone!"
  - c. We are to **refute** them by countering the respective "darts" appropriately, e.g. anxieties, fears and worries with 1 Peter 5:7 and Philippians 4:6; temptations with Romans 8:37; the lie that God doesn't love us with Psalm 100:3, Jeremiah 31:3, etc. This presupposes we already know and have memorised Scriptures.

### Conclusion

Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb 11:6) and to fight the spiritual battle. Arise to take hold of the promises God has already given us in Christ and stand victorious!

East Centre