

» 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**. BPJ and WDL Centres will have a short original musical bringing across some of the unmet expectations and lonely feelings that the Christmas season may surface. East Centre will feature “The Three Trees”.

BPJ Centre

8.30am & 10.30am

Speaker: Ps Andy Lew

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

Christmas Family Lunch

Let's bond as a church family over good food. See you at the foyer after each Christmas Day Outreach Service!

Special Offering

Aside from the usual Sunday offering, we will have a special offering on Christmas Day for the Hiding Place (www.hidingplace.com.sg), a Christian home that rehabilitates and ministers to drug addicts, ex-prisoners, alcoholics, gambling addicts, homeless orphans, and troubled youths. They are raising \$8.5 million for a new building in Punggol as the lease for their current location ends in Sep 2017.

» WDL MANDARIN SERVICE ON 18 DECEMBER

On 18 Dec, WDL Mandarin Service will be held from **7pm to 9pm** at **Chapel 1 (Level 4)** for the pre-Christmas celebration. **No service at 2pm.**

» 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

» SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Steady Readers

Be a Steady Readers Volunteer Mentor! Help children overcome challenges in reading and instill in them a love for books from Jan to May 2017, every week at 8pm–9.30pm.

Kids Champ Club

If you love children, here's a great opportunity for you to serve in a character-based mentoring programme for 7 to 10-year-olds from Feb to Jun 2017, every Saturday at 3pm–5pm.

To volunteer or enquire, please email volunteer@newlife.org.sg or call Lewis Woo (9634 9457) / Cai Aiwei (6760 0533).

EAST CENTRE 11 DEC 2016
SERVICE LEADER JEREMY KOH // WORSHIP LEADER KAREN PHUAH



Formed by His Word

BY: PAUL SHI, MINISTRY STAFF, THE NEXT GENERATION

In this year's church camp, I was privileged to host Pastor Edmund Chan and Bishop Robert Solomon in a question-and-answer session with the young adults. My first question was, “Many people say that they read the Bible but don't get much out of it. How can we read the Scripture so that it is more edifying?”

“I don't read the Bible to be informed, I read it to be *formed*,” Bishop Solomon responded. The wisdom of this answer struck me.

In Ephesians 6:17, Paul writes “take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”. In this verse, “take” is written in the middle voice, an ancient Greek verb form denoting that the doer of the action is affected by his own action. This means that as we take and wield the sword of the Spirit, we are changed and

formed by it. With this principle in mind, how has the Scripture shaped and moulded you recently?

Pastor Ed's response was, “Let me give you a principle; the Bible is boring ... the first time you read it.” I thought that this is such a fascinating answer. It acknowledges the reality of how many of us feel about reading the Scripture, but at the same time encourages and motivates us to continue studying and knowing it. When I reflected on this answer, I came to this simple conclusion: the more we read and know the Word, the more our appetite for it grows.

Our appetite for spiritual nourishment through the Scripture is cultivated as we develop the habit of knowing it. And as we do so, may we as His people continue to be formed by His Word.



VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VALUES

GRACE
GROWTH
GODLINESS

SERMON OUTLINE



Repelling the Enemy

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:17B** Sermon: **PAUL SHI**

Introduction

A. Let the Word of God Master Us

B. Let the Sword of the Spirit Defend Us

Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:

14 Dec **PS SHARON FONG** (BPJ), **PS IVAN HO** (WDL) and **PS EDMUND WONG** (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



THE HELMET OF SALVATION

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:17A** // Sermon: **REV EDMUND CHAN**

Introduction

1. Tiger Woods: Equipment is important to the game!
God's Equipment: The Armour of God! (Eph 6:11) — 5 basic observations:
 - a. Purpose: To STAND FIRM
 - b. Not random pieces – Not an arbitrary list
 - c. Not optional – Not a suggestion
 - d. Put on at all times – Not put on or not as you like
 - e. Need ALL the pieces – Not select as you like
2. The Armour of God is the Divine Countermeasure against Satan's Attacks
Satan attacks through Deception. God's counter: "belt of truth" (v.14).
This is in fact a commitment to KNOW THE TRUTH.
Satan attacks through Corruption. Counter: "breastplate of Righteousness" (v.14).
This is the commitment to LIVE OUT THE TRUTH.
Satan attacks through Opposition. God's counter is the "sandal of readiness" (v.15).
It is a commitment to ADVANCE THE TRUTH. .
Satan attacks through Intimidation. God's counter is the "shield of faith" (v.16).
It is a commitment to BELIEVE THE TRUTH.
Satan attacks through Discouragement. Counter: "helmet of salvation"(v.17).
It is a commitment to HOLD FAST TO THE TRUTH.
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. The "Helmet of Salvation": Hope (Certainty) of Salvation (1 Thess 5:8)
3. Twelve Lies Americans Believe (LifeWay Research)
 - Personal salvation depends on good works.
 - Everyone goes to heaven.
 - Sin isn't important.
 - God accepts worship of all religions.
 - Jesus was created by God.
 - The Holy Spirit is a force.
 - The Bible was written to be interpreted as each person chooses.
 - Extramarital sex is not a sin.
 - Abortion is not a sin.
 - Gender identity is a matter of choice.
 - Homosexual behaviour is no longer a sin.
 - The prosperity gospel

Beware of False Teachers

- False Teachers are Common
- False Teachers are Deceptive
- False Teachers are Dangerous
- False Teachers are Divisive
- False Teachers Give People What They Want

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!