

## » CHRISTMAS DAY OUTREACH SERVICE

Christmas Day is just around the corner! Invite your pre-believing family and friends to hear the Gospel in a fun and relaxed setting **next 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 Tale of 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

Join our Christmas Family Lunch at the foyer *along with your guests* after each 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](http://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.

## » TODAY'S WDL MANDARIN SERVICE

Today's 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](mailto: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](mailto:volunteer@newlife.org.sg) or call Lewis Woo (9634 9457) / Cai Aiwei (6760 0533).

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SERVICE LEADER REV WILLIAM WONG // WORSHIP LEADER PS LIM KENG YEOW



## Spiritual Temperature

BY: PS LEE DA WIN, COORDINATOR, SMALL GROUP INFRASTRUCTURE

**T**his is the second to the last week of 2016. The finishing line is finally in sight.

As we near Christmas and the unparalleled opportunity to invite our FRANS (Families/Friends, Relatives, Associates, Neighbours and even Strangers) to our Christmas outreach services, let's be reminded to do so in ceaseless prayer (1 Thess 5:17). After all, when we work, we work. But when we pray, God works!

Looking back, the previous month marked the final centralised Prayer & Praise meeting — the way we've been doing it in Covenant EFC for as long as anyone could remember. And from January onwards, we go where we've never been before — monthly Prayer & Praise decentralised to the CGs! With the full CG time dedicated to prayer, this affords an extended and unhurried time for us to pray together, and not just for one another's needs as we are so used to do in the CG, but also for the needs of the Church and the world. This will widen the horizon of our prayer, deepen our propensity for intercession, change the spiritual climate of our CGs, and illumine our city with the Light of the World.

For some of us, this may be a big step forward. "Prayer is not learned in a classroom but in the closet" says E. M. Bounds. And the trouble is, if I may humbly add, the closet is not too comfortable to be in for long. Especially when we're just starting out. It takes some getting used to. And for some of us who seem to be perpetually stuck in our prayer life, we're longing for a breakthrough. There's no better time than now to get started, as we draw to the close of the year and look forward to the beginning of the next.

One of the distinctives of the earlier Church believers was their characteristic devotion to prayer (Acts 2:42). If there was anyone who could have gone without prayer, that would have been Jesus, the Son of the Living God. And yet, Jesus prayed *all the time* (Matt 26:36; Mk 6:46; Lk 6:12, 11:1).

"I know of no better thermometer to your spiritual temperature than this," says Charles Spurgeon, "the measure of the intensity of your prayer." What is the reading on your thermometer today? What about the reading for your CG? If you're experiencing spiritual hypothermia, then it's time to get back into that closet. It's never too late.



## VISION

AUTHENTIC  
DISCIPLESHIP  
& INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

## VALUES

GRACE  
GROWTH  
GODLINESS

# SERMON OUTLINE



## Reloading Your Prayer Life

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:18–24 (NIV)** Sermon: **PS SHARON FONG**

### Introduction

Reloading our prayer life for spiritual battle requires that we:

#### A. Pray in the Spirit (v.18a)

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.”

#### B. Pray for the Saints (vv.18b-24)

“With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, ...”

### Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:

25 Dec **PS ANDY LEW** (BPJ), **DR ANDREW GOH** (WDL) and **GLENN LIM** (EAST)

# LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



## Repelling the Enemy

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:17B** // Sermon: **PS ANDY LEW**

### Introduction

The sword of the Spirit is the final piece of armour of God. It is the only piece use both defensively and offensively. How do we use the sword in our daily battles?

#### A. Let the Word of God Master Us

1. To “take” means to “receive” and “grasp”. We must lay hold of the inspired Word of God.
  - a. The Scriptures were written by the Holy Spirit (2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:20-21; 1 Cor 2:12-13). It is the very words of God written by over 40 people over 1,400 years.
  - b. The Scriptures were preserved by the Holy Spirit. One of the most reliable ancient document and was canonized in AD 325 based on authorship and date.
2. We affirm that all Scriptures are useful for our discipleship (Heb 4:12).
3. Application: Move from experience to word-based discipleship; filter daily and life choices through the Word of God.
4. Quote: We must not read the Word of God to be informed, but to be formed. – Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon
5. Illustration: Prison ministry in Philippines — changed lives through the living Word.
6. Summary: Read the Bible with reverence and deference. Be discipled by the Word of God and disciple others with the Word of God.

#### B. Let the Word of God Defend Us

1. The very words of God are our best defense to chase away the devil. – James 4:7
2. Jesus used the very words of Scriptures to counter Satan's lie. – Matthew 4:1–11
  - a. Vv.1–3 Attack #1: You can have it now!
  - b. Vv. 5–6 Attack #2: You can control God!
  - c. Vv. 8–9 Attack #3: You can be noticed!
  - d. Other attacks by Satan: deception, division, discouragement, defilement, danger
3. Application: Turn to the Bible first before anything else!
4. Illustration: Over reliance upon the smartphone Bible!
5. Summary: We must be discipled in the Word to defend the Word.

### Conclusion

Closing Testimony: Test of faith in Breakthrough Weekend in Bandung the same time as Jakarta protest.

Lord, I Thirst For You!