

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

As part of Covenant EFC's ongoing collaboration with community partners, serve with us as primary level tutors for English and Maths to help children from underprivileged families. Session commences on 12 Jan every Thursday at the following locations:

- Chua Chu Kang  
CC 35 Teck Whye Avenue  
Singapore 688892  
Time: 7.45pm to 9.00pm
- Block 632A, Senja Road  
Singapore 671632  
Time: 7.30pm – 9pm

If interested, email [vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg](mailto:vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg)

### DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Courting couples, would you like to further develop your relationship for God's glory? Choose one Saturday (8.30am–5pm) from next year's Discovery Weekend dates: 14 Jan, 22 Apr, 15 Jul and 14 Oct. Register at the Information Counter.

### MIC PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Please note that the Men-in-Covenant (MiC) Prayer Fellowship on Saturdays, 7.30am will be held at WDL Centre, Prayer Room for the first quarter of 2017. For enquiries, email [mic@cefc.org.sg](mailto:mic@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, email [volunteer@newlife.org.sg](mailto:volunteer@newlife.org.sg) or call Lewis Woo (9634 9457) / Cai Aiwei (6760 0533).

## COVENANT EFC

ACK Centre: 2 Kallang Avenue, CT Hub #10-26, Singapore 339407

ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30am ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am

Tel: (65) 6892 6811 ■ Email: [mail@cefc.org.sg](mailto:mail@cefc.org.sg) ■ Website: [www.cefc.org.sg](http://www.cefc.org.sg)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CovenantEvangelicalFreeChurch](https://www.facebook.com/CovenantEvangelicalFreeChurch)

## VISION

AUTHENTIC  
DISCIPLESHIP  
& INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

### VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



### UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

## COVENANT EFC

WOODLANDS CENTRE, 1 JANUARY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI ■ WORSHIP LEADER: KAREN PHUAH

## 2017: Starting out as Worshippers

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

One of the funny WhatsApp messages I received last year was —

Serious Warning:

On 31 December around 11.59pm, do not go outside your house. Otherwise you will come back next year!

Thankfully between 11:59pm and 12.01am, it is not a 365-day difference but only 2 minutes. But whether it's 2 minutes or 365 days, time goes by quickly. Someone shared with me about the two calendars we are confronted with: the world's calendar and the Christian calendar. **The calendar we follow is that which controls our lives.**

This does not mean Mother's Day or National Day is unimportant. It means that we see every day's event through the lens of Christ and ask God to help us live according to the Christian posture, perspective and process. And should we fail, we can still trust the Lord to keep us. Take comfort with Psalm 37:24 "Though they stumble, they will not fall, for the Lord upholds them with his hand."

Today is a wonderful day to start the New Year by worshipping the Lord together. If you have

noticed, both WDL and BPJ Centres have begun pre-worship 10–15 minutes earlier. The East Centre begins with half an hour of prayer before the actual service. Why? **To prepare our hearts to meet God.** Preparation begins from Mondays to Saturdays: our daily Vocation and Witness, our Small Group Community, our

Family Altar, even our recreation. Sunday is the climax of the Christian worship. It's the day we can reflect over the week, record His faithfulness and recommit ourselves for the next lap. I want to urge you to prepare your hearts daily and to come 15 minutes earlier (half hour for the East Centre)

**Which calendar controls your life — the world's calendar or the Christian calendar? Will you make effort to meet with the Lord?**

for the Sunday worship service. I believe we will be better prepared to worship God and receive from Him. I think it's very troubling when Christians are nonchalant about being late for Sunday worship but anxious if they are late for a musical. Take heed of Psalm 130:5 "I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits..."

2017: Let's start out as worshippers. Review these two questions: Which calendar controls your life — the world's calendar or the Christian calendar? Will you make effort to meet with the Lord? It's not about our punctuality but our piety.

## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Going for the Long Haul

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL ■ SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

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#### Introduction:

1. Blessed New Year! Every New Year is the Beginning of a New Journey.
2. Vision 2028

#### A. A Firm F\_\_\_\_\_ in God (Heb 11:10a)

“For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations...

#### B. A Bold F\_\_\_\_\_ in God (Hebrews 11:6)

“And without faith it is impossible to please God because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

#### C. A True F\_\_\_\_\_ for God (Hebrews 11:10b)

“... whose designer and builder is God.”

#### Conclusion:

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:  
8 JAN - PS LEE DA WIN (BPJ), PAUL SHI (WDL) AND REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

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### Happily Ever After

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 4:4-10 ■ SERMON: DR ANDREW GOH

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It is a common desire to live “happily ever after”; hoping that a right decision or choice or incident will settle the future for good. Lord Jesus made this happen for the Samaritan woman. She left her pitcher (pressing need) at the well because she found the fountain of living water.