

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHINESE NEW YEAR WEEKEND SERVICES

Please take note of the changes in the worship services during the upcoming Chinese New Year weekend:

#### English Services on 29 Jan (Sun)

There will be NO Sunbeam and WEB services for all centres. Children are encouraged to join the main adult services.

BPJ Centre :

8.30am and 10.30am services only.

No 12.30pm service.

WDL Centre :

8.30am service only. No 10.30am service.

East Centre:

10.00am service as usual

#### No Indonesian Fellowship in both centres on 29 Jan (Sun)

#### Filipino Fellowship on 29 Jan (Sun)

BPJ Centre: 8.30am and 10.30am as usual

WDL Centre: 8.30am as usual

#### Mandarin Services on 29 Jan (Sun)

BPJ Centre: 3.30 pm at Main Sanctuary

WDL Centre: 2.00pm at Chapel 1

#### Combined Hokkien Service on 28 Jan (Sat)

at WDL Centre, 9am at Chapel 1

#### No Momentum service on 28 Jan (Sat)

### 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, please email [mic@cefc.org.sg](mailto:mic@cefc.org.sg)

### CHINA FELLOWSHIP CNY SERVICE & DINNER

Invite your China national friends to the CNY celebration service at the WDL Mandarin Service on 29 Jan, Sun, 2pm–3.30pm at Chapel 1, to be followed by a dinner at 4pm–6pm at the foyer. For enquiries, email [john.chen@cefc.org.sg](mailto:john.chen@cefc.org.sg) For enquiries, email [john.chen@cefc.org.sg](mailto:john.chen@cefc.org.sg)

### 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 – 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.

## COVENANT EFC

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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

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

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## VISION

AUTHENTIC  
DISCIPLESHIP  
& INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

### VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



### UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

## COVENANT EFC

BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 8 JANUARY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS VALERIE CHAN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: BENJAMIN AND SHARON TAN

### What's Really Important to Us?

REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI, DIRECTOR, SENIOR PASTOR'S OFFICE

Every group creates and embodies a culture. Culture is like the personality of a group, how the group feels and do things together. Likewise, Covenant EFC embodies a certain culture — a culture of authentic discipleship and intentional discipling of *A Certain Kind*. What makes for a culture?

At the heart of any culture are its underlying values. Core values determine who we are and what we do and hence, our culture. In January 2017, we hope to bring these values to the foreground to examine them afresh as they can mould us into all that the Lord desires for us to be. Our five core values are:

- Truth centred on the Word of God
- Community centred on the Worship of God
- Stewardship centred on the Will of God
- Balance centred on the Wisdom of God
- Brokenness centred on the Way of God

This week, we will start with Truth. The term “post-truth era” was coined around the period of the Trump-Clinton debate in 2016. Donald Trump declared that he was only willing to debate Hilary Clinton provided the moderator of

the debate does not challenge him on the data he would use. Lying is not new to politics. But to do so in such a blatant way was certainly unheard of. Then there is the issue of “facts” posted on social media that were not true. Even Facebook has come to concede that while it cannot “police” the information posted, Mark Zuckerberg recently commented: “...we have a new kind of responsibility to...build a space where people can be informed.” Perhaps a hint towards verification of some sorts. Can you imagine a world where one can no longer be sure of anything?

Into this conundrum, we declare our commitment to the Truth. We hold that the greatest world we live in is the unseen world where the greatest commodity is truth. We hold that this truth is found in the Word of God (Jn 17:17). Hence our commitment to preach the Word of God consistently over our pulpit and by His grace, to practise it moment by moment in our lives (Jas 1:25).

If you consider Covenant EFC to be your spiritual family, may we encourage you to make space daily to read God's Word, to memorise it, meditate upon it and by His grace to live it out. In doing so, the truth becomes more than just information, but will result in your transformation into *A Certain Kind*.

## SERMON OUTLINE

### Truth Centred on the Word of God

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL ■ SERMON: PAUL SHI

#### Introduction

#### A. Knowing the \_\_\_\_\_ (Psa 119:160)

#### B. Knowing the \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 1:1-5, 14; 14:6)

#### Conclusion

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### Going for the Long Haul

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL ■ SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

#### Introduction

1. We are living in unpredictable and unprecedented times. We must know our God; know the times and know what we ought to do (1 Chron 12:32; Dan 11:32).
2. Vision 2028: Authentic Discipleship and Intentional Disciplemaking of *A Certain Kind!* Spiritual anchor starts with Acts 20:28. For the long haul, it's Hebrews 11:10.

Three Fundamental Areas We Need to Develop:

#### A. A Firm Foundation in God (Hebrews 11:10)

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

1. The context of Hebrews 11:10 is about how Abraham left the “worldly city” of Ur to go to the “heavenly city” in Canaan. Though Canaan is just an agricultural land, Abraham could see the city with his spiritual eyes.
2. See 2 Peter 3:10-13 and 1 Corinthians 3:11-15. This earthly city will pass away. Our one and only foundation is found only in Jesus. Be careful how you build on that foundation. Matthew 7:24 reminds us that the one who listens to the voice of God is the one who builds his house upon the rock. Where you live determines how you live.

#### B. A Bold Faith 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.”

Hebrews 11:1 tells us that “Faith is the basis, the substructure of all that the Christian life means, all that the Christian hopes for.” The rest of chapter 11 illustrates what faith looks like in the lives of many servants of God in the OT. Hidden in verse 6 is the fundamental reason why all believers must live by faith. The writer did not say that for without faith it is DIFFICULT to please God. No. He said for without faith, it is IMPOSSIBLE to please God. That means Faith is not an option. Faith is meant for every believer without exception. If this is so, then we can expect God to lead us to situations where we have no choice but to exercise bold faith in God.

Two requirements for bold faith are spelled out here:

1. Believe that God exists: Every building has an architect. Every person has a Creator.
2. Believe that God cares. Calvary is the greatest proof.

#### C. A True Fruitfulness for God (Hebrews 11:10b)

“... whose designer and builder is God”

God designs and builds this city to be fruitful. It is all inclusive. See John 15:2,5.

Two SPO members shared from Isa 37:30-31. God promised us fruitfulness.

Three broad categories of Christian fruitfulness:

1. Fruitfulness of Character: If we fail to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit, Christianity will not make sense anymore.
2. Fruitfulness of Outreach: If we fail to win lost souls for God, the Church will not make sense anymore.
3. Fruitfulness of Calling: Five Faith exploits in Vision 2028

#### Conclusion

As Jesus did it for us, we can do it for Him. Be Christ's Disciples Today.