

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

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 For enquiries, email 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

NEWCOMERS' LUNCHEON

Are you new to Covenant EFC? You are invited to a special lunch fellowship today after the service in UECC hall. See you there!

COVENANT EFC

ACKCentre: 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

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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

EAST CENTRE, 8 JANUARY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS SEBASTIAN QUEK ■ WORSHIP LEADER: SIMON AND LILIAN SEOW

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 Hillary 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: PS LEE DA WIN

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 TONY YEO

Introduction

1. We are living in unprecedented times both globally and nationally with rising religious conflicts, global economic uncertainty, increasing teenage suicides and natural disasters.
2. Vision 2028 is all about Authentic Discipleship and Intentional Disciplemaking of A Certain Kind anchored upon Acts 20:28.

To Go for the Long Haul, There Are Three Fundamental Areas to Develop:

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

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

1. Abraham left the earthly city, Ur for the “heavenly city” in Canaan (Rev 21:10-14). Abraham could see the city with his spiritual eyes. Application: Determine to live in the heavenly city and not the earthly city. Where we live will determine how we live.
2. “For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” Jesus Christ is the one and only foundation of the Church (1 Cor 3:11).
3. The Bible is the foundation of our faith. If the Bible goes, so goes our faith. Jesus defines a wise builder with foundation as one who hears the word of God and faithfully obey the word of God (Matt 7:24).
4. Application: Start 2017 with a fresh desire to build a deep foundation in God through the Word — seek Christ, know Christ and proclaim Christ. Grow and build strong Intentional Disciple Making Families.

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.”

1. Insight: It is not DIFFICULT but without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please God. Faith is not an option nor a substitute. God will lead us to impossible situations that we may exercise bold faith in God.
2. “Faith is being sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see.”
– Hebrews 11:1. Faith opposes doubts which slows us, fears which paralysed us, and apathy which stops us.
3. Two ways to develop the bold faith:
 - a. Believe that God exists: God is real, true, faithful and alive.
 - b. Believe that God cares: Best expressed and seen in what God through Christ has done for us.

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

“... whose designer and builder is God”

1. God is the Designer (technitēs) – God has a Destiny for your life!
2. God is the Builder (dēmiourgos) – God has the Resources!
3. The promise of fruitfulness from Isaiah 37:30-31.
4. Grow true Christian fruitfulness in:
 - a. Character: Bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-23).
 - b. Compassionate Outreach: Lift up your eyes in 2017, the field is white unto harvest. Be blessed to be a blessing to someone.
 - c. Calling: Five Faith exploits in Vision 2028. Disciple NOW - urgency of time. Start now.

Conclusion

Grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ now!