

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHINESE NEW YEAR WEEKEND SERVICES

Please take note of the changes in the worship services in BPJ Centre next Sun, Chinese New Year weekend:

English Services next Sun, 29 Jan

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.

Mandarin Service next Sun, 29 Jan

BPJ Centre: 3.30 pm at Main Sanctuary

Combined Hokkien Service on Sat, 28 Jan at WDL Centre, 9am at Chapel 1

AGM NOMINATION

Nomination of office bearers for the Church Board for the term 2017-2018 is now open. Please get the nomination forms at the Information Counter and submit by next Sun, 29 Jan to The Honorary Secretary, Covenant Evangelical Free Church, 2 Kallang Avenue, #10-26, CT HUB, Singapore 339407. Candidates will be considered by the nomination committee and subject to Board approval. For enquiries, contact Sandy Siak, Honorary Secretary at honsec@cefc.org.sg

Nomination Committee

Nomination Chairman: Roger Loh
Senior Pastors: Rev Tony Yeo and
Rev Tan Kay Kiong

Board Chairman: Elder Louis Tan
Board Honorary Secretary: Sandy Siak
Board Members: Amos Leong and
Patrick Lim

Lay Members: Eugene Long and
Tham Sau Ling

CHINA FELLOWSHIP CNY SERVICE & DINNER

Invite your China national friends to the CNY Celebration Service at the WDL Mandarin Service next Sun, 29 Jan 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

NEW NURTURE GROUP

Are you new in the faith or returning to the faith? Learn how to grow in Christ and live victoriously as His disciple in today's world. A new Nurture Group is starting on 12 Feb until 7 May, 1.00pm - 2.30pm at BPJ Centre (Faith Hall Level 2) and WDL Centre (Interview Room Basement 1). Register online at <http://cefc.ch/nurture>

SERVE IN HEALTHSERVE

B.L.E.S.S. the migrant workers living in Mandai by serving once a month at Mandai Clinic on Saturdays, 7pm to 9pm. We need doctors, nurses, dentists, physiotherapists and occupational therapists. Drop by the registration booth at the foyer or email missions@cefc.org.sg for more details.

STM TRIPS

Hanoi, Vietnam on 3-11 Jun. Build bridges into local community through English camp for 12 to 18-year-olds.

Yunnan on 28 Oct –5 Nov and 5-12 Nov (two trips) Village Doctor Training

Mongolia 7-10 days in April and Oct/Nov (two trips). Connect, network and train Mongolian medical professionals (both believers and pre-believers).

To register or enquire, email ailli.tay@cefc.org.sg

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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AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

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BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 22 JANUARY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS LEE DA WIN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: PS FABIAN GHUI

Stewardship Centred on the Will of God

ELDER JOHNNY TAN, DIRECTOR, MISSIONS

One of Covenant EFC's core values is

stewardship centred upon the will of God. This means that the exercising of our resources has to be done in the context of God's calling for Covenant EFC and for you. We believe that we are primarily not owners but stewards.

I would like to suggest that this stewardship is twofold — the stewardship of the Gospel and the stewardship of our resources.

With this twofold stewardship in mind, we should seek to be the best possible stewards of our God-given resources. We are called to leverage our time, treasures and talents for the extension of His kingdom.

This perspective should then help us clarify our priorities when we make our day-to-day decisions and strategic decisions. When we remember that our resources are God-given, we will put

them to use in areas that are God-directed.

I recall a testimony shared by our Leadership Mentor, Rev Edmund Chan. A publisher with worldwide distribution network offered to publish one of his books. It would be translated into various languages and will be sold in bookstores worldwide. Ps Ed spent time to pray about this and subsequently declined the offer from the publisher.

The publisher commented that authors hardly decline such an offer. Conventional wisdom would also persuade one to accept the offer. To this Ps Ed replied that the highest form of stewardship is based on the will of God. As God did not ask him to do that, thus he declined the offer.

This is Stewardship Centered on the Will of God in action!

SERMON OUTLINE

STEWARDSHIP: RE-DEFINING SUCCESS IN LIFE

SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 1:9-14 ■ SERMON: REV EDMUND CHAN

Introduction

1. Re-Defining Success In Life
2. Understanding “Stewardship”
3. How To Be A Good Steward? 3 Things –

A. BE MISSION CLEAR

“So that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord...” (Col 1:10)

B. GET MISSION READY

“That you may be filled with the knowledge of His will...” (Col 1:9)

C. STAY MISSION TRUE

“For the attaining of all steadfastness and patience...” (Col 1:11-12)

Conclusion. Fulfilling the Purpose of God for Your Life!

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:
29 JAN – PAUL SHI (BPJ), PS IVAN HO (WDL) AND REV TAN KAY KIONG (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Community Centred on the Worship of God

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:42-47 ■ SERMON: PS ANDY LEW

Introduction

Technology has brought us closer yet farther apart. The birth of the early church in Acts gives us two pictures of God's design for a worshipping community.

A. Centring on Jesus in Our Devotion (vv.42-43)

1. The early church increased from 120 to 3,000 in one day! The church comprised many nations, meeting corporately in the temple and in home-based communities (Acts 2:9-12; 2:46). Illustration: Covenant EFC is one church with three centres, and 250+ CGs (adult, MD, Youth, and All Nations).
2. The early communities were devoted (continually pursued) to four key agendas:
 - a. The apostles' teaching – the new believers needed to be grounded in the teachings of Jesus.
 - b. The fellowship – a natural closeness developed between believers from different backgrounds
 - c. The breaking of bread – refers to both evening supper and communion
 - d. The prayers – the church was birthed in prayer; prayers sustained them
 - e. Signs and wonders – were an outflow of early community life which authenticated the Gospel message
3. Illustration: CG Prayer & Praise is a new initiative to bring prayers to higher level of dependence
4. Summary: We are called to Christ-centred and dynamic community.

B. Ministering to Others in Our Mission (vv.44-47)

1. Within the community (vv.44-46; Jn13:35) – “had all things in common”
 - a. Generosity is a hallmark of the Christian faith.
 - b. Illustration: CG serving in SST and hosting the CG
2. Beyond the community (v.47a) – “having favor with all the people”
 - a. CG can B.L.E.S.S the pre-believers as a community.
 - b. CG serving together in New Life, Mission Trips, and HealthServe
3. Multiplying the community (v.47b) – “...the Lord added to their number day by day...”
 - a. The Lord grew the church through addition.
 - b. The CG is God's evangelistic tool!
 - c. Illustration: CG visited the member's father in the hospital and the mother came to church for the first time.

Conclusion

Discipleship and discipling happens in Christ-centred community.
Testimony: God multiplying 1 Covenantor to 100+ Covenanters in four CGs.
Desiring a community is desiring Christ!