

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHINESE NEW YEAR WEEKEND SERVICES

Please take note of the changes in the worship services in WDL 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.

WDL Centre : 8.30am service only. No 10.30am service.

Mandarin Service next Sun, 29 Jan

WDL Centre: 2pm at Chapel 1

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
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DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

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WOODLANDS CENTRE, 22 JANUARY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS IVAN HO ■ WORSHIP LEADER: ALLISON LIM

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 EDMUND WONG

Introduction

Verse 47 - What made the early Church so irresistible, that those watching them wanted to be part of it?

God's picture of a worshipful community:

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

1. Verse 42 – Jewish diaspora from the different parts of the world (Acts 2:8-11) who should have gone home after the festival of Pentecost, chose to remain in Jerusalem because something was happening!
2. And they devoted themselves – “supergluing” to one another rain or shine, for better or for worse
3. What directed their conversations and anchored their convictions was the person and work of Jesus – His commands that were passed on through the disciples (Matt 28:20), the remembrance of Him in the breaking of bread (Lk 22:19), their waiting in prayer for the Holy Spirit as He promised (Lk 24:19). To a point that they were filled with awe and wonder, even before the signs and wonders happened!
4. The effect of such devotion – Peter and John's boldness before the Jewish authorities when threatened (Acts 4:13). What the authorities noticed, which was outstanding about them: they were WITH Jesus!

Focus: Senior Pastors' heartbeat on 1 Jan 2017. From consumer to worshipper: Let's savour and enjoy God's presence daily before starting our Devotional Journal. It will have ripple effects on the spiritual atmosphere of our church and CGs!

Practical feet for CGs – CG Prayer and Praise starting 20 Jan 2017

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

1. Verse 42 – fellowship has to do with communion (sharing of our intimate thoughts and feelings) and contribution to one another. How did the early church contribute to one another?
2. Verses 44-45 – men and women in the synagogue were not allowed to be in the same place. Old Testament law required that property be passed on to those in the same tribe (Num 36:9). And there was no way they could know one another well when there were at least 3000 of them (Acts 2:41). But in Christ, gender and tribal and national lines are broken. They were family!
3. Verse 46 – their giving was out of gladness (“exceeding joy”) and generosity (“unworldly simplicity”), rather than obligation and sadness

Focus: From consumer to contributor – come to CG to release (your God-given time, energy, giftings, etc) rather than receive (support, nourishment, etc). When that happens, everyone receives and the CG dynamics changes. Make whatever adjustments necessary so that you can give yourself fully to community.

Conclusion

Jesus at the Centre of It All!