

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORSHIP MINISTRY

Do you have a passion for singing? Use your voice to serve God's Kingdom.

#### Covenant Choir

Serve at BPJ and WDL Centres. Visit the booth at the foyer today or email [cv.chorale@gmail.com](mailto:cv.chorale@gmail.com)

### STM TRIPS

CG members, join these STM trips and B.L.E.S.S. the nations!

**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 [aili.tay@cefc.org.sg](mailto:aili.tay@cefc.org.sg)

### BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Sign up for these classes at the Information Counter.

#### Baptism Class

Date: 26 Feb (Sun)  
Time: 2.30pm - 5.00pm  
Venue: BPJ Centre

#### Membership Class

Date: 4 Mar (Sat)  
Time: 9am - 4pm  
Venue: ACKCentre

### 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). Visit the booth at BPJ and WDL foyer or register online at <http://cefc.ch/nurture>

### PARENTING TRAINING

**Parenting with Love.** For married couples preparing for their first child.

**Dates:** 18 and 25 Feb

**Time:** 12pm - 5pm

**Venue:** WDL Centre

**Fee:** \$50 / couple

**Parenting with Faith.** For parents with kids below 12 years old.

**Dates:** Eight sessions from 18 Feb to 22 Apr

**Time:** 2pm - 4pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre

**Fee:** \$100 / couple

Register at the Information Counter today!

### CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for the following:

**Executive (Finance)**

**Human Resource Staff**

Applicants should either be a church or CG member, with a heart to answer God's call in their lives in furthering Covenant EFC's mission. For more information, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> Email your resumes to [hr@cefc.org.sg](mailto:hr@cefc.org.sg) by 19 Feb.

## 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

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

BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 5 FEBRUARY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: REV WILLIAM WONG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: LOW WEI SHING AND MAVIS LOW

### The Value of Brokenness

REV TONY YEO AND REV TAN KAY KIONG, SENIOR PASTORS

Our generation has been programmed to pursue happiness. But God is more committed to make us holy than to make us happy, "For this is what the high and lofty One says — he who lives forever, whose name is holy: 'I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly....'" (Isa 57:15).

#### The pathway to holiness is the pathway of brokenness.

We will never meet God in revival until we first meet Him in brokenness. That does not mean having a gloomy countenance, being morbidly introspective or having electrifying emotional experiences. It is possible to shed much tears and still not have true brokenness.

**Brokenness is not just a feeling; it is a choice, an act of the will.** Brokenness is a lifestyle of agreeing with God about the true condition of our hearts. It is a lifestyle of unconditional, absolute surrender of our will to the will of God. A heart attitude that says "Yes Lord!" to whatever God says. It is a response of humility and obedience to the conviction of the Word and Spirit of God, to see Him as

He really is. The closer we get to God, the more we see our need for brokenness.

When King Saul was confronted with his sin, he defended himself, blamed others, and tried to cover up his sin. His response revealed a proud and unbroken heart. But when King David was confronted with adultery and murder, he was willing to acknowledge his failure, to accept personal responsibility for his wrongdoing, and repent of his sins. His response was that of brokenness, which God honoured.

During the Welsh Revival of 1904-1905, the song that was heard frequently was, "Bend me lower, lower, down at Jesus' feet." Ultimately, brokenness is to surrender the control of our lives to God. The heart that has been lowered and emptied is the heart that will experience the filling and the reviving from our Glorious and Holy God.

As we end this series on our Underlying Values (Truth, Community, Stewardship, Balance, Brokenness), we ask God to seal them in our lives, that they will be visibly expressed in Grace, Growth and Godliness — the journey towards authentic discipleship and intentional discipling of *A Certain Kind*.

## SERMON OUTLINE

### Brokenness Centred on the Way of God

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 51:17, ISAIAH 57:15 ■ SERMON: PS KIRK TAN

#### Introduction

#### A. What is Brokenness?

#### B. Why Do We Value Brokenness?

#### Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:  
12 FEB – REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (BPJ AND WDL), REV TONY YEO (EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### Balance Centred on the Wisdom of God

SCRIPTURE: ECCLESIASTES 7:18 ■ SERMON: PS MATTHEW LO

#### Introduction

“Beliefs are what you hold on to. Convictions and values are what hold you.” – Rev Edmund Chan

#### A. What Is Balance?

1. Balance does not mean equal weight or making compromises to meet half way. Life is complex.
2. Balance is holding all things in tension (like a ballet dancer who renders a graceful balanced performance).
3. Ecclesiastes 7:15–18. Don't live under the sun either self-righteously or overly wickedly. Avoid swinging to extremes, and lived a balanced life under the hand of God.
4. Balance centered on the wisdom of God is bringing the tensions to God and asking Him for help.
5. Example of Pastor Francis Chan's challenge to the Church: balance the tensions of marriage and family so that the family can grow together in the adventure of faith!

#### B. Why Balance?

Three reasons why we value balance (not an exhaustive list but a personal list):

1. Balance keeps me humble: Not my wisdom but His; I cannot but He can (Isa 55:8-9).
2. Balance helps me to be more holistic: Not just my views. Be humble to listen to other views.
3. Balance leads me to holiness: Centred on the wisdom of God, not mine. It reminds me that there is a cost to discipleship. It can sometimes mean going against what the world says.

#### C. How to Balance?

Two examples:

1. Work – Rest – Play: Sometimes we are required to give more attention to one aspect for a season. Personal story of being a workaholic, and learning to be humble to rest, accept wise counsel from others, and pursue holiness.
2. Truth – Grace: Speak the truth in love to restore others. Balanced with extending grace because we all sin. Story of grace extended to adulterous woman (Jn 8:1–11). Story of a young East Timor Christian who asked for forgiveness *and* extended forgiveness to his brother-in-law who accidentally killed his nephew.

#### Conclusion

We do not have all the answers in life. Therefore, turn to Jesus who is wisdom!