

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

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

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 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

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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

WOODLANDS CENTRE, 5 FEBRUARY 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS SHARON FONG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: CHUA SUE ERN

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 LIM KENG YEOW

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 IVAN HO

Introduction

Many of our ideas of balance have to do with achieving an even distribution of weight or elements on each side, or a physical equilibrium. Covenant's core value of "Balance Centred on the Wisdom of God" is a different concept.

A. What Is Balance?

It is *not* lukewarm, compromising, mid-point or static. It is "both-and" *not* "either-or", holding on to two or more sides of a particular issue. Illus: A rubber and pulled on both ends and held in tension.

Ecclesiastes 7:18 (ESV) "It is good that you should **take hold of this**, and **from that withhold not your hand**, for the one who fears God shall come out from both of them." Key ideas: **Tension** and **the fear of the Lord**. Context: verses 15 to 17. Meaning: Pursue righteousness knowing that there are exceptions to the principle of retribution in this present life, where we may see the righteous suffer and the wicked prosper. Pursue righteousness, nonetheless, in the fear of the Lord and you will fulfil your duty of obedience to God.

Balance is holding the tensions of life in reverent awe of God. We see this balance in fundamental doctrines (e.g. Bibliology, Christology). Covenant practises this balance in various other doctrines (e.g. soteriology, pneumatology, ecclesiology, eschatology). Our position on the gift of tongues: Non-cessationist, non-normative.

B. Why Balance?

So that we can reflect Christ in our lives and as a Church, thereby glorifying God. We were made in God's image but that image was marred by sin. We have been redeemed by Christ's sacrifice to be holy and righteous. We are being sanctified by the Holy Spirit to conform to Christ. **Jesus Christ is the epitome of wisdom and balance.** He personifies the fullness of grace and truth (Jn 1:14). He lived His life with a "both-and" perspective. He was extreme in His allegiance to God the Father and in His commitment to do the Father's will. But Jesus also lived His life wisely with a holistic and wholesome balance – a truly righteous balance that reflects the character, beauty and glory of God. We work for the unity of the body of Christ and this glorifies God! God has called us in unity and love, so that when outsiders see the agape love that Christians have for one another, they will know that we are Christ's disciples! As long as we don't compromise on the essentials, we learn to accommodate differences, associate with one another and be friends for unity in the body and the work of the Kingdom. "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity."

C. How to Balance?

Consider Jesus and imitate Him:

1. Practise both Law and Grace (e.g. Jn 8:1-11).
2. Practise both Truth and Love (e.g. Matt 26:30-35).
3. Practise both Work and Rest (e.g. Mk 6:31-32; 45-46).

Conclusion

Pursue **Balance** Centred on the Wisdom of God! Develop **Christ-like** balance in life and ministry!