

Announcements

MEMBERSHIP AFFIRMATION

We will be conducting our bi-annual membership affirmation starting next Sunday! All Covenant EFC members are required to affirm your membership to remain as a constitutional member.

This year, members can choose the mode of notification for the Notice of AGM to be sent either via email or postal mail. Please add a profile photo and update your personal particulars after your affirmation by 28 Feb to receive the appropriate information and letters for our upcoming AGM. For those who missed affirming your membership 2 years ago, please fill out and submit a reinstatement application form from the Information booth.

Visit the booth at the foyer or go to www.cefc.org.sg and click "My Account" from next Sunday. If you need assistance with your Voyager account, you can email sgl.admin@cefc.org.sg

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

If you are curious about Christianity or have been visiting the church but have not accepted the faith, join us at Christianity Explored! This is an informal platform to explore Christianity and discuss spiritual questions.

Date and Time: Six Sundays from 14 Jan to 25 Feb (except 18 Feb) at 1pm

Venues: WDL Centre (Love Rm), BPJ Centre (Hope 4)
Sign up for the sessions at <http://cefc.ch/christianity-explored>

DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Courting couples, would you like to further develop your relationship for God's glory? Choose one Saturday (8.30am-5pm) from this year's Discovery Weekend dates: **27 Jan, 21 Apr, 21 Jul and 20 Oct**. Register at the Information Counter.

COVENANT POLO SHIRT

New stocks of the Covenant EFC turquoise polo shirt are available from 14 Jan (BPJ) and 21 Jan (WDL) at \$15 each.

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Homework Corners

We are looking for volunteers to help children from low income families in their school work once a week.
Locations: 632A Senja Centre (Tues to Thurs)
Time - 7.30pm to 9pm; Choa Chu Kang Community Club (Thurs) Time - 8pm to 9.15pm

Community Storybuilders

We are looking for volunteers or CGs to help in existing community platforms that connect families via storytelling and craft sessions from 8pm to 9pm monthly.
Locations: Blk 552 WDL - 1st Friday; BPJ Chapel - 1st Friday; Blk 785 Yew Tee - 2nd Friday; BPJ Chapel - 3rd Friday; Block 589 WDL - 3rd Friday

Email vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg to enquire or sign up.

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Faith. For parents with kids below 12 years old. **Dates:** Eight sessions from 27 Jan to 14 Apr.
Time: 2pm - 4pm **Venue:** ACKCentre
Fee: \$100 / couple
Register at the Information Counter today!

STM TRIPS

All CG members, plan your STM trips for 2018 now!
Mongolia - Provinces outside Ulanbaatar / March (10-14 days) Focus - To teach basic Biblical disciplines.
Team size: 4 to 6 people only

Mongolia - Ulanbaatar / March or April (10-14 days) Focus - Campus outreach to conduct English lessons. Team size: 6 to 12 people (18 to 35 years)

Nepal / 23 Mar to 5 Apr (8-10 days)
Focus - Teachers' training and Children's program

Thailand - Chiang Mai / 23 Apr to 5 May (6-7 days)
Focus - Youth / children's camp (Spiritual development)

Closing date for registration is 4 Feb 2018
Requirement & Commitment - Trippers MUST be members of a CG and attending CG regularly, be committed to STM training and team meetings.
Email missions@cefc.org.sg for more info or to indicate your interest.



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WOODLANDS CENTRE, 7 JANUARY 2018
SERVICE LEADER: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI • WORSHIP LEADER: CHUA SUE ERN

We Are Church: Pray and Repent!

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

As we lead Covenant EFC toward Vision 2028 when our church celebrates her 50th Jubilee Anniversary, God has given us **Acts 20:28** as our spiritual anchor: *"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood."* So we as church leaders and members are to **pay careful attention** to our heart condition and to our triune God. During the Senior Pastor's Office (SPO) Listening Retreat on 8 to 15 July 2017 at the mountain with God, we were grateful for His divine guidance and prompting through a plurality of godly leadership. This is the spiritual burden God impressed upon us for 2018: **WE ARE CHURCH: PRAY AND REPENT!**

We are CHURCH
We believe that God has called us together to be *One Church with Multiple Centres* and pursue the *A.D.I.D. of A Certain Kind* within each local centre through small groups. We will enhance the small group strategy so that we can make disciples who make disciples. We were led to preach on the book of Acts for 2018 and rediscover what the Church is all about.

We Are Church: PRAY!
I (Rev Tan Kay Kiong) received a very distinct picture of Moses praying in the mountain with his hands supported by Aaron and Hur. As I read the account in Exodus 17, the burden was clear:

1. We Are Under Attack (Exo 17:8)
Many of us are living defeated lives — stained by sin and the affairs of this world. The devil has launched his arsenal of attacks against every possible arena of our lives.

2. We Must Fight with the Weapons of God (Exo 17:9b)

The staff in Moses' hand was the staff of God. This once ordinary staff used to goad sheep in the desert had become God's weapon to fight spiritual battles. We must put on God's spiritual armour so that we can stand against the schemes of the devil.

3. We Must Fight with the Weapons of God and Hold Up Our Hands (Exo 17:11a)

Joshua and his troops were fighting with all their might against the enemies, but the secret to their victory was Moses' hands raised to God in desperate intercession. Aaron and Hur helped Moses keep his hands up. We must hold up our hands in intercession for spiritual victory in our lives.

We Are Church: Pray and REPENT!

There is no true prayer without **REPENTANCE**. John the Baptist's cry in Luke 3:8 was "Bring forth fruits in keeping with repentance." God spoke to me (Rev Tony Yeo) through the book of Joel:

1. Repent **Humbly**. Put on **sackcloth, wail** before the altar, declare a **holy fast** and call a **sacred assembly** (Joel 1:13-14).

2. Repent **Wholeheartedly**. Rend your **heart** and not your garments (Joel 2:12-13). Return to God with all our hearts for He is gracious and compassionate!

3. Repent **Urgently** in the light of the Day of the Lord and His coming judgement (Joel 3:3-14).

May His Spirit guide and direct your prayers such that God will be pleased to answer them and display His power and glory in you and in our church, for the advance of God's Kingdom and His righteousness in Singapore and beyond.

Sermon Outline

We Are Church

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 17:8-13; JOEL 1-3 • SERMON: REV TONY YEO

Introduction

We are Church!

A. We Are Church: Pray! (Exo 17:8-13)

B. We Are Church: Pray and REPENT! (Joel 1-3)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

14 JAN - PS ANDY LEW (BPJ), REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (WDL) AND PS BARNEY LAU (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Our TIMES are in His hands

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 7:20-36 • SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Introduction:

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, what is the LORD's burden for His congregation in WDL Centre? It is to live so that our times are in His hands. As believers, we grow through various stages as disciples:

A. The LIFE we LONG for (vv.20 – 29)

1. We would assume that someone like Moses, who seemingly had everything going for him (physical beauty, loved by family, powerful family, best education, gifted communicator, man of action, and prime age), would have life – yet the Scriptures tell us he “fled” to Midian at his people's rejection.
2. We can have everything in life, but if we do not have God, we have nothing. Like the Christmas musical the previous Sunday, some of us only have God on Sunday. We must come to the place where God is in all of our lives – not just on Sundays. Is God in all of your life?

B. The LORDSHIP we SURRENDER to (vv.30 – 34)

1. Life vacillates between the whirlwind and boredom. We feel guilty when we rest because we wonder if we are lazy. We feel guilty that we work so hard to the neglect of our family. In the midst of both pains, we turn to various coping mechanisms – alcohol, sex, porn, gaming, drugs, purchases, YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, relationships etc. We feel guilty after this and the cycle continues.
2. The Lordship of God in our lives means we allow Him to determine the Timing (His Time), how things are to be done (His Way) and who does what (His Work). He often does His work through His work in us. When we allow Him to do so, He is Lord of our lives. We can be rested both in the whirlwind and in our times of calm because He approves us. Is Jesus the Lord of your life?

C. The LEGACY we LEAVE behind (vv.35 – 36)

1. When Moses made God His Lord, He worked through him to leave an incredible legacy as Israel's deliverer, miracle-worker and lawgiver. What kind of legacy will you leave behind?
2. Not everyone is called to be a leader, but we can certainly lead in whatever capacity God has called us to. Mostly, we can trust Him to do His work in us and through our lives even when we do not see the “success” in this life. Will your life count? When Jesus is the Lord of your life – your life will count!

Conclusion:

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, God invites us to place our times in His hands. In doing so, we will experience His true life and leave His true legacy!