

# Announcements

## MEMBERSHIP AFFIRMATION

Our biennial membership affirmation is ongoing! All Covenant EFC constitutional members are required to affirm their membership by 28 Feb to remain as a constitutional member.

- Affirm your membership at the booth at the foyer on 25 Feb, or at [www.cefc.org.sg](http://www.cefc.org.sg) by clicking "My Account".
- Select whether you would like to receive the notice of AGM by email or by postal mail.
- Add a profile photo and update your personal particulars after your affirmation to receive the appropriate information and letters for the upcoming AGM.

If you need assistance with your Voyager account, email [sgi.admin@cefc.org.sg](mailto:sgi.admin@cefc.org.sg). If you are not able to affirm, submission of new membership application form is required to be a member again. Application forms are available at the Information Counter.

## PARENTING TRAINING

**Parenting with Love** is for married couples preparing for their first child. This will be held on **Saturdays, 24 Feb and 3 Mar, from 12pm to 5pm at WDL Centre**. Register at the Information Counter.

## SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Are you passionate and skilled in writing, photography, graphic design or emceeing? New Life Community Services needs volunteers for creatives and media (photographers, copywriters, graphic designers, emcees and interviewers). Please contact Zozo at [comms@newlife.org.sg](mailto:comms@newlife.org.sg)

## CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking to fill in positions on the church staff. Please go to <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> for more information.

## SERVE IN ALPHA

The Alpha Course is a series of informal and relaxed sessions exploring the Christian faith. Many have come to know Christ through Alpha and you can be part of this amazing experience by serving as a group leader / assistant, prayer intercessor, usher or helper.

Alpha begins on Wed, 4 Apr, and will carry on for 10 sessions, ending on 27 Jun.

### Training for Alpha Group Leaders and Assistants:

Date for Part 1: 27 Feb (Tue)

Date for Part 2: 6 Mar (Tue)

Time: 7.15pm – 10pm

Make-up Date : 13 Mar (only for those who have attended either Part 1 or Part 2)

Venue: ACKCentre (#10-03)

Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com>

Email [alpha@cefc.org.sg](mailto:alpha@cefc.org.sg) for enquiries.

## SEAN MCDOWELL CONFERENCE

Is truth dead? Does it matter? Evangelical Free Church of Singapore Young Adults Committee will be hosting Sean McDowell on the topic of relative and absolute truth.

This will be held on **Mon, 12 Mar at WDL Centre. Please be seated by 7.45pm.**

This is a free event, but registration is required as seats are limited. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/efcsyac2018](http://tinyurl.com/efcsyac2018) by 25 Feb.

## EAST CENTRE BANK ACCOUNT FOR E-TITHING

Please note that the bank account details for Covenant East printed in the hard copy of the bulletin since 7 Jan 2018 had been incorrect. If you had used the incorrect information to do e-tithing, please check with your bank. You can refer to today's bulletin or the church website for the correct details. We apologise for the error and for any inconvenience caused. For assistance, please email [finance@cefc.org.sg](mailto:finance@cefc.org.sg)



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## Special Delivery

VINCENT CHIA, OUTREACH

**T**he King will reply,  
"Truly I tell you,  
whatever you did for  
one of the least of these  
brothers and sisters of mine, you  
did for me." – Matthew 25:40  
(NIV)

Our church has an opportunity to connect with 30 elderly living alone in Teck Whye, Bukit Batok and Bedok South during this year's Chinese New Year celebration. We will deliver meals to them as their usual meals-on-wheels service takes a break during the first three days of the Chinese New Year. Without this meal delivery, they would only survive on biscuits and bread.

We are thankful for the Covenanters who have stepped up to prepare and deliver meals to them. So how is our meal service different? Unlike the regular deliver-and-drop meal service, our food is in accordance with their diet preferences and will be delivered by people who will take time to converse with them.

Madam T lives in an area that is most out-of-the-way among

the 30 elderly, so I was contemplating whether to include her. But I remembered that God's grace has no boundaries. She is a pre-believer and has mobility issues due to a sudden onset of Parkinson's Disease in Oct 2017. In addition, she yearns for better food as meal deliveries are usually bland and dry, and shared her desire to occasionally have soup for her meals. It gave me an opportunity to share God's transformational work in my life, encouraging her to seek Him in her season of loneliness. Though she has yet to give her life to Jesus, we can pray for her.

It is not an accident that one of our volunteers resides just a block away from where she is, thus making delivery convenient. This volunteer is also willing to seek the Lord about connecting with her after CNY.

Just as Jesus feeds the 5,000 to satisfy physical hunger, may our friendship satisfy their souls' hunger!

# Sermon Outline

## The Presence of God

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 33:1-3, 13-16 • SERMON: REV NICHOLAS CHOO

### Introduction

1. A Chinese New Year Greeting
2. A “Spot the Differences” Activity – So easy
3. A “Spot the Christian Differences” Activity – So easy?
4. Is there an apparent difference between a Christian and a non-Christian?

### A. The Development That Leads to a Humble Request (vv.33:13-16)

His Presence is either NOW HERE or NO WHERE!  
Children of God: Cherish His Response

### B. The Dependence That Leads to Holy Rest

His Presence and His Rest: Know God, Know Rest; No God, No Rest!  
Children of God: Come into His Rest

### C. The Distractions That Lead to Hollow Relationship (vv.33:1-3)

His Presence is not His Promises, Protections or Provisions.  
Children of God: Commit to Relate

### Conclusion

1. CNY Visitation – What difference will distinguish you from the rest?
2. Rest of the Year – REST for the year
3. Year of His Presence – Always NOW HERE!

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NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:  
25 FEB - REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (BPJ, WDL AND EAST)

# Last Week's Sermon Summary

## Missions: To Win the World for Christ

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 1:14-17 • SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

### Introduction

Most of us do not wake up in the morning thinking "I am going to win the world for Christ!" Many of us do not see how that is possible, or we may be too wrapped up with our own concerns to ensure that the last command of Jesus becomes our first concern. Where are you in the mission to win the world for Christ? Let's uncover the evangelistic zeal of the Apostle Paul in Romans 1:14-17 and participate in God's movement to win the world for Christ:

### A. I Am Eager and Unashamed ... (vv.14-16)

1. Verse 15 "I am **eager** to preach the gospel to you." The word "**eager**" (*prothymos*) in Greek means being **willing, ready, active or passionate**. One example of this word in the New Testament is found in Matthew 26:41 "The spirit is willing (or eager) but the flesh is weak."
2. History tells us that eventually Paul went to Rome but not in the way he expected. Instead of going as an **eager missionary** to Rome, He was transported there as an **eager prisoner** to go on trial under the Roman law (See Acts 25-27). This is in contrast to the Gethsemane account where the disciples' spirit was eager to pray with Jesus, but they couldn't because their flesh was weak. Paul's spirit was not only eager to preach the Gospel, He actually did it — whether as a missionary or as a prisoner! It didn't matter to him! You can say that an eager spirit is only an eager spirit when it overcomes the flesh.
3. Not only was Paul eager to preach the Gospel, he was also **unashamed!** In Greek, to be ashamed means to have a sense of disgrace. One example of the use of this word is found in Hebrews 12:2 "Jesus endured the cross, despising the shame ..." Jesus was not ashamed of us. Why should we be ashamed of Him and the Gospel?
4. Application: Am I eager and unashamed of the Gospel?

### B. To Preach the Gospel of Christ (vv.16-17)

1. The secret of our evangelistic fervor lies not only in the **messenger** but the **message** itself. Gospel – *euangelion* means "**Good News or Glad Tidings**". It appears some 76 times in the New Testament and 60 times were used in Paul's writing. In the Greek world, the term is commonly used to refer to "news of victory." In the Roman world, it is the imperial good news that celebrates the Emperor's life. The Apostle Paul uses this word *euangelion* and reference it to the Lord Jesus Christ — **Jesus is the Good News, the News of Victory, the King of all Kings that all people will bow down and celebrate.** Worship Jesus!
2. Application: individually, Covenant Group, church, missions, Vision 2028

### Conclusion

Facing the Unfinished Task