

Announcements

MEMBERSHIP AFFIRMATION

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

- There's a booth at the foyer today where you can affirm your membership. You can also affirm at 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. 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.

CHILDREN'S FEST 2018 MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

New Life's Children's Fest is back on Sun, 8 Apr! Be one of the 600 Covenanters who shows love to the community and brings joy to the children. Sign up individually or as a CG at <https://tinyurl.com/loveCF2018> or email jasonlee@newlife.org.sg. See you there!

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.

EAST CENTRE BANK ACCOUNT FOR E-TITHING

With reference to the incorrect bank account details for Covenant East printed in the bulletin earlier this year, the bank has confirmed that the account is invalid and does not exist in the bank's system. Therefore all e-tithing to it would have failed.

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 (#10-10)
Register at <http://alpha.cefcapps.com>
Email 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 by today, 25 Feb.

MAR 2018 DJ COLLECTION

Hard copies of the Devotional Journal (DJ) for Mar 2018 are available at the Information Counter at Level 1 while stocks last. The digital copy is available at our church website and "Covenant EFC" app.

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Would you like to connect with your pre-believing friends? Come to our monthly cooking demo at WDL Centre foyer on Wed, 7 Mar, 7.30pm at \$5 per person with food sampling. To register, email vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg



WOODLANDS, 25 FEBRUARY 2018
SERVICE LEADER: PS SHARON FONG • WORSHIP LEADER: PS LIM KENG YEOW AND KAREN

We Are Church: Tell It as It Is!

REV TONY YEO AND REV TAN KAY KIONG, SENIOR PASTORS

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." – Acts 1:8

The Church is called to be the witness of God, and not just a holy huddle of saints singing "Kumbaya, my Lord". Salt is best and effective only when it is sprinkled in generous amount. Thus, we need to be the salt to our family, community, and nation.

The Church is also called to be the light of the world. Christ's message shines brightly as a beacon offering the only hope and worthy purpose for living. Thus, we must not muddle the Gospel and mix it up with other enticements.

As an intentional discipling church community, we have been impacted by the life-transforming work of Christ through the ministry of the Spirit. Love compels us to go. Grace steers us to share. Joy moves us to be a blessing to others. We reach out to the world for Jesus.

In this season of Chinese New

Year, it warms my heart to hear that many Covenanters are intentionally, passionately and faithfully blessing different kinds of people with the Gospel wherever they go.

A couple led their children to bless migrant workers with drinks and snacks.

A Covenanter noticed that her company security guard was unwell and struggling financially. So she and her husband decided to help with his medical and financial needs to show God's love.

Covenanters sharing their testimony with taxi drivers. By the grace of God, some of those they shared with even prayed to receive Christ.

A Covenanter drives her own car and thus never gets to share the Gospel with Grab or Uber drivers. Not letting anything hinder her, she signed up as a Grab hitch driver to engage passengers and share the Gospel with them.

We are Church, endowed with such boldness and love for the lost! Let our light shine for Jesus wherever we go! Let us be the Church as it is written in the book of Acts!

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... for Godly Families
and Generations

... for a Growing IDMC
Movement in Singapore

... to Impact Our Society
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Sermon Outline

This IS CHURCH!

SCRIPTURE: ACTS OVERVIEW • SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Introduction

What is the CHURCH?

A. FILLED! (Acts 1:1 – 2:41)

B. PASSIONATE! (Acts 2:42 – 7:60)

C. UNSTOPPABLE! (Acts 8:1 – 28:31)

Conclusion

Will you be the CHURCH?

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

4 MAR - PS SHARON FONG (BPJ), PAUL SHI (WDL) AND REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

The Presence of God

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

Introduction

Have you ever played the game called “Spot the Differences” where two seemingly very similar pictures, upon closer scrutiny, actually showed a number of distinct differences? Extrapolate that to compare between a Christian and a non-Christian. Are there any apparent differences? Should there be? The Word of God clearly suggests that there is, at least, a distinguishable difference.

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

Moses asked God for something generally decent and normal – “... teach me your ways... that I may find favour with You.” God responded to Him with a closer and more personal association – “My Presence will go with you...” Motivated and inspired by it, Moses petitioned God to remain present with him and the people of Israel throughout; otherwise, they will not go anywhere.

Illustration: A distinguishable difference between His Presence and His Absence

Application: He is either NOW HERE or NO WHERE!

Motivation: An appropriate response – Cherish His Presence every moment of every day

B. The Dependence That Leads to Holy Rest

God indicated to Moses what it means to enjoy His Presence. Moses and his people will find rest. What is rest? It is not an absence of work; rather a presence of inward peace, confidence and trust in His Sabbath. It is a freedom from being easily bothered by the daily considerations and concerns of life. It is total dependence in His power, care and ability to meet all our needs.

Illustration: The power of Holy Rest

Application: Know God, Know Rest; No God, No Rest!

Motivation: Opportunity to respond – Cherish His Presence, Come into His Rest

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

The people of God must know the difference between the Presence of God and the Promises, Protection and Provisions of God. Do not be distracted by the latter and find yourself missing out on the former. Contrast the response of restless Cain in Genesis 4:14 with the resoluteness of King David's resilience in Psalm 51:11 and His dependence on the Presence of God the Spirit.

Illustration: Have and Have Not?

Application: Observe the distinguishable difference

Motivation: Will you trade the Presence of God with the Presents from God? – Commit to an eternal relationship, not finite resources.

Conclusion

How will you make a difference to your CNY Visitations with the Presence of God? How will you commit the rest of the year to nurturing the rest for the year? Which area in your life needs a fresh visitation of His Presence? What actions will you take to rest in His Presence? Psalm 16:11 – “You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”