

» CYAN BREAKTHROUGH WEEKEND

Often, we feel we are not good enough. Our inadequacies and self-labels can stand contrary to the way God sees us. Join CYAN Breakthrough Weekend and *enjoy the early bird rates when you sign up by this Fri, 15 Jul.*

Dates: 9–12 Sep (12 Sep is a public holiday)

Venue: Pulau Desaru Resort

Early Bird Rates: \$300/student; \$400/adult

Sign up through Voyager at voyager.cefc.org.sg
For enquiries, email cyanbtw@cefc.org.sg

» CYAN FELLOWSHIP: TEMPTATIONS

As young adults, one of the biggest challenges we face is temptations—sex, money, power. Join this month's CYAN Fellowship as Rev Dr Chua Chung Kai speaks on this topic. This will be followed by a time for discussion and questions.

Date: 23 Jul (Sat) **Time:** 1.45pm

Venue: BPJ Centre, Main Sanctuary

Light refreshments will be provided after the session. Sign up at tinyurl.com/cyantemptations

» TNG MINISTRY TALK

Would you like to know how you can invest in our next generation in Sunbeam, WEB and Momentum ministries? Sign up at www.cefc.org.sg/step-up

Date: 11 Jul (tomorrow) **Time:** 7.30pm–9.00pm

Venue: BPJ Centre, Grace Sanctuary
Dinner is provided from 6.30pm.

» DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Courting couples: would you like to know where you are in your relationship, before considering the next steps?

Date: 30 Jul (Sat) **Time:** 8.45am–5.00pm

Venue: BPJ Centre

Sign up at the Information Counter.

For enquiries, email fic@cefc.org.sg

» IDMC INSTITUTE VISION TEA

If you could give one year of your life to invest in eternity, what would you do? IDMC Institute's one-year internship is an excellent opportunity to immerse in authentic discipleship and intentional discipling. Journey in a community as you grow deeper in the Lord and clarify God's calling in your life. Find out more at our Vision Tea session.

Date: 14 Jul (this Thu) **Time:** 7.30pm–9.30pm

Venue: ACKCentre

Email registrat@idmci.edu.sg to register or enquire. Visit us at <http://www.cefc.org.sg/idmci>

» MARKETPLACE DISCIPLESHIP

Have you signed up for IDMC Conference 2016 yet? Workshops include Redeeming the Marketplace, Thank God It's Monday, Calling or Compromise, Ambition and Devotion and Titles or Testimony. Sign up through Voyager and invite your friends to do so at www.idmc.org.sg by 31 Jul as they get \$30 off the \$280 public rate if they use the coupon code MKTCEFC.

» CENTRE OVERSEERS

Ps Chua Chung Kai has been the Centre Overseer for WDL Centre since 1 Jul, as we prepare for the start of Covenant East Centre on 6 Nov, which will be led by Senior Pastor Tony Yeo and Centre Overseer Ps Barney Lau. Do keep seeking God on whether He has called you to pioneer in the East. Senior Pastor Tan Kay Kiong remains as the Centre Overseer at BPJ Centre.

» BAPTISM CLASS

Sign up at the Information Counter.

Date: 7 Aug (Sun) **Time:** 2.30pm–5.00pm

Venue: BPJ Centre

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Marriage Matters

BY: PS SHARON FONG, OUTREACH

Do you personally know someone who is struggling with his/her marriage, or whose marriage has already ended in divorce?

Strong marriages are a critical need in our society. When the Church offers help for this heart-felt need among unbelievers, we can bring the Gospel closer to them. In the words of Tim Keller: "The Bible begins and ends with a wedding. Marriage is God's idea." Hence, when the Church steps forward to bless the non-Christians' marriages with God's biblical blueprint for this God-designed union, we also build a Gospel bridge to them.

This month of July, we are launching *Two to Tango* to reach out to pre-believing married couples, as well as dating couples who are planning to tie the knot. It's a five-week *Win* platform where our friends can watch Mark Gungor's marriage seminar and discuss about it.

Mark Gungor is one of the most sought-after international speakers on marriage and family. Each year, thousands of couples attend his *Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage* seminars. He is gifted in addressing hot topics of marriage and communicates it with deep conviction and yet hilarious humour.

Covenanters, we believe that it's time for us to arise to bless and redeem the marriages in our community. You may have friends whose marriages will be significantly transformed when they begin to understand their union in the light of God's truth.

Remember, we are blessed to be a blessing! Would you invite your pre-believing friends to *Two to Tango*? Would you avail yourselves as facilitators? If you wish to facilitate, please email twototangocefc@gmail.com. Training will be provided this Thursday, 14 July.



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AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
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OF A CERTAIN KIND

VALUES
GRACE
GROWTH
GODLINESS

SERMON OUTLINE



Go with the Flow or Grow?

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 4:14–16** Sermon: **PS MATTHEW LO**

Introduction

A. We Can't Grow Without Foundation in the Truth (v.14)

So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine ... (v.14)

B. We Can't Grow Without Bond in the Community (vv.15–16)

... joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” (v.16)

Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speaker:
17 Jul **DR CRAIG OTT** (BPJ and WDL)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



How Does Satan Disarm the Church Within a Nation?

Scripture: **DEUTERONOMY 8:1–5** // Sermon: **JOSEPH CHEAN**

Introduction

2 Timothy 3:16-17

How Does Satan Disarm the Church Within a Nation?

When the Church loses the authority of God's Word in their personal and corporate lives, the Church loses the authority to be the salt and light to the nation. Instead, evil will disciple the nation, not the Church. Soon the revival of one generation will die because of the ignorance and the loss of the authority of the Word of God.

Revivals of Wales, Pyongyang and Singapore

As we look at the Singapore today, the prosperity we enjoy is a miracle. Almost in every sphere of our society, we find Christians committed to God and embracing their God-given role in society. Singapore is experiencing this prosperity because of the generations of those in the 70s and 80s who have submitted their lives under the **authority of the Word of God** and the **obedience** to workings of the Holy Spirit.

Will this last for another generation?

Common Challenges of the Singapore Church

1. New waves of self-centred worship
2. Easy discipleship
3. Optional Obedience
4. Walking away from basic Christian disciplines (solitude, silence, fasting, Sabbath, secrecy, submission), instead relying on activities
5. Bible illiterate – lack of fear of the Lord
6. Adapting to changes in our society without considering what the Bible says

The Word of God Has the Power to Change Nations

Hebrews 4:12-13 “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

Psalms 119:105 “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”

The word of God is our **only** guiding principle to the **life** that God has designed. This book is not a proposal, but a manual to the human world. If we choose to live by it, we will be blessed. If we walk away from it, we self-destruct. It has the power to change cultures, transform the impossible, equip the untrained and give guidance to all areas of life.

Conclusion

1. How much authority does God's Word have in your life?
Is this book a proposal, a suggestion or the authority?
2. To families, where does God's Word feature in your family life?
How is the Word of God the authority in our daily family life? Deut 6:4-9
3. How are the young people disciplined in Covenant EFC?
Is this the role of the Youth Pastor or the Community of this family?

Singapore will still exist in the next 50 years. The question is how would Singapore look like in Year 2065? God is sovereign. He can do all things but He will never do the part that is ours, even if it means we self-destruct. Look at Israel. Look at our Church history.

It starts now! If we don't disciple our children and ourselves, the society will disciple them.
There is no neutral ground.