

## » 38TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

We are celebrating Covenant EFC's 38th birthday as *One Family* with a special combined service. We will also have a children's service for three to ten-year olds.

**Date:** 4 Sep (Sun)

**Venue:** Singapore EXPO Hall 1

**Time:** 9.30am

Starting today, please share with us your photos and captions on how Covenant EFC is One Family to you! Upload your photos to Instagram and Facebook with the hash tag #OneFamily and tag us @covenant.efc

## » SERVE IN COVENANT CHOIR

Do you have a passion for singing? Do you yearn to use your voice for the Kingdom of God? The Covenant Choir is looking for new members to join their family! Visit the booth at the foyer today to find out more, or email [cv.chorale@gmail.com](mailto:cv.chorale@gmail.com)

## » CYAN BREAKTHROUGH WEEKEND

For those who have registered for CYAN BTW, we will be having our CYAN BTW Spiritual Preparation on Sun, 28 Aug, 2.30pm–4.30pm at BPJ Centre, Chapel.

## » CYAN FELLOWSHIP

Come and hear about building relationships from Lisa Anderson, the author of "The Dating Manifesto" and director of Young Adults at Focus on the Family.

**Date:** 20 Aug (Sat) **Time:** 6.45pm–9.00pm

**Venue:** 2 Kallang Ave, CT Hub, #10-14, S339407

This is a ticketed event. Please register online at [tinyurl.com/cyanrelationships](http://tinyurl.com/cyanrelationships)

## » SERVE IN IDMC CONFERENCE 2016

Calling all Covenanters who have signed up for this year's IDMC Conference. We would like to ask you to consider stepping up to serve at this year's IDMC Conference. Those who have served at past IDMC conferences have testified of how serving has enriched the whole IDMC Conference experience. Sign up at [www.tinyurl.com/volunteerIDMC2016](http://www.tinyurl.com/volunteerIDMC2016) today!

## » NEW LIFE CHARITY GOLF 2016

New Life is holding its Charity Golf where you can play in order to give. Register today!

**Date:** 15 Sep (Thu)

**Venue:** Tanah Merah Country Club (Tampines)

**Time:** 1pm (golf playoff); 7pm (appreciation dinner)

**Guest of Honour:** Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs

To sign up or enquire, contact Debbie Wee at [debbiewee@newlife.org.sg](mailto:debbiewee@newlife.org.sg) or 68927249 by 14 Aug.

## » CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

**Center Administration cum Mobilisation, East Centre**  
Reporting to the Director of Operations, this role will lead and oversee operational aspects of the Covenant East Centre. This includes mobilising people in various areas such as centre administration and scheduling, weekly services requirements, facilities setup and coordination, Finance & IT-related matters.

In addition, this role serves as the overall coordinator in mobilising the lay congregation in the East Centre. He/She works very closely with the ministry heads on all lay mobilisation in recruitment, selection, redeployment and renewal matters.

Applicants should either be a church or CG member. For job requirements, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment>. If interested, please email your resume to [hr@cefc.org.sg](mailto:hr@cefc.org.sg) by 21 Aug.

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SERVICE LEADER REV WILLIAM WONG // WORSHIP LEADER CHUA SUE ERN



## Prayer at the East Centre

BY: REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

**L**et's come together at the East Centre tomorrow evening for our prayer vigil.

Over the years of ministry in the church, we have taken various faith pilgrimages. From the bungalow in Bukit Timah to St Thomas Secondary School, from Regal Theatre to Singapore Labour Foundation and Fairfield Methodist Church, and finally to BPJ Centre, WDL Centre, ACKCentre, and now the East Centre!

Each pilgrimage has been filled with God's promises and provisions—an adventure of faith and obedience! We look back and beam with great joy that we have participated in God's great plans for the church.

Back in March when I (Ps Kay Kiong) was having a personal retreat, one of the downloads was the confirmation of the East Centre. Frankly, I was not even thinking of it but God brought 1 Chronicle 4-5 to me. Here is the summary of what the Lord has spoken.

1 Chronicles 4:39-40a (NIV)  
*And they went to the outskirts of Gedon to the east of the valley in search of pasture for their flocks. They found rich, good pasture, and the land was spacious, peaceful and quiet.*

**The Vision:** We are heading to the East because we believe there is a flock God wants us to shepherd in authentic discipleship and intentional discipling of *A Certain Kind*. Every church has her redemptive calling and gifts,

and we must excel in ours!

1 Chronicles 5:18 (NIV)  
*The Reubenites, the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh had 44,760 men ready for military service—abled-bodied men who could handle shield and sword, who could use a bow and who were trained for battle.*

The Pioneers. Four characteristics that describe the pioneers who were going into the land:

**A Ready People** (v.18). The two and a half tribes mentioned were ready for military service. I am glad 200 of us are now being prepared to go.

**A Praying People** (v.20). Because they cried out to God during the battle, He answered their prayers. The core team and the pioneers have been praying together regularly.

**A Trusting People** (v.20). He answered their prayers because they trusted Him. It's not just any kind of prayer, but trusting prayers.

**A Faithful People** (v.25). Sadly, once they entered into the land, the Bible says "they were unfaithful". We must be faithful before, during, and after we have entered into the land. This is especially true for BPJ and WDL Centres.

Covenanters, you are here by God's divine choice. Whichever centre you will be in, let's be a ready, praying, trusting and faithful people.

The battle belongs to the Lord!



## VISION

AUTHENTIC  
DISCIPLESHIP  
& INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

## VALUES

GRACE  
GROWTH  
GODLINESS

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# SERMON OUTLINE



## I Am Changed

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 4:25–29** Sermon: **REV TAN KAY KIONG**

### Introduction

Being Made New in Christ Should Change:

1. What we \_\_\_\_\_ (v.25)

2. What we \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.26-27, 29)

3. What we \_\_\_\_\_ (v.28)

### Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speaker:  
14 Aug **PS ANDY LEW** (BPJ) and **PS IVAN HO** (WDL)

# LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



## The Battle Rages On

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 4:17–24** // Sermon: **REV TAN KAY KIONG**

### Introduction

Review: WOW framework and flow of thought in Ephesians. Decide to live for God's glory and don't let carnality rob us of the unity, maturity, vitality and harmony in Jesus.

Two Things We Must Pay Attention to in This Fierce Battle

#### A. WATCH OUT for the OLD SELF (vv.17–19)

Paul is very clear that for the disciple of Jesus, there must be a clean break from the past. He said in verse 17: "You must **no longer** walk as the Gentiles do." So how do the Gentiles walk? In the futility of their minds or thinking, in New Living Translation: "hopelessly confused"! This spiritual confusion is caused by three ungodly forces:

1. They are **Darkened** in their **Mind** (v.18a): Unbelievers cannot understand and perceive the truths of God. Why? They are dead in their sins (Eph 2:1), alienated and cut off from God, or as Paul puts it in 2 Corinthians 4:4, " ... the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers ... "
2. Darkened mind because of a **Hardened Heart** (v.18b): The word "hardening" describes "a stone that is harder than marble". It is used medically to denote the callus formed on the bones which is harder than the bone itself.
3. Darkened mind and hardened heart results in a **Decadent Life!** The phrase "having given themselves up to sensuality" literally means "having lost all sensitivity". The spiritual nerve center is completely dead. It is guided by the notion: What feels good must be right!

Illus: Recent incidents that happened in the world and in Singapore, story of Malcom Muggeridge

#### B. WORK ON the NEW SELF (vv.20–24)

"But that is not the way you learned Christ!" (v.20)

Three phrases used that evoked the image of learning in a school:

1. You learned Christ (v.20): Focus is on the **person**. He alone is the substance of our learning. Without this personal relationship with Jesus, it's impossible to work on the new self.
2. You heard Him(v.20): What did you hear Jesus say to you when you first believed in Him? I heard Him say: "I love you. I forgive you. I will be with you!"
3. Taught in Him (v.20): Not taught *by* Him but taught *in* Him. That means we must abide in Jesus in order to learn—an ongoing relationship and process.

### Conclusion

"He has taken off the grave clothes and put on the grace clothes for us." – Warren Wiersbe