

## » IDMC COLLECTION OF TAGS

If you have signed up for the IDMC Conference, please collect your conference tags **today** at the counter at the foyer. Do bring along your confirmation letter. If you are unable to collect it today, you may do so on the first day of the conference.

## » HOKKIEN MID-AUTUMN OUTREACH

Do you want to reach out to your family and friends who speak Hokkien? Invite them to our Hokkien Mid-Autumn Outreach event!  
**Date:** 10 Sep (Sat)

**Time:** 7pm–9pm (Buffet starts at 5.45pm on a first-come-first-served basis)

**Venue:** BPJ Centre

**Speaker:** Rev Timothy Hoon

**Artist:** Lina Ng

## » 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)

**Time:** 9.30am

**Venue:** Singapore EXPO Hall 1

Please share with us your photos and thoughts 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.etc

## » 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:** 15 Sep (Thur)

**Time:** 7.15pm–9.30pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre

To register, visit <http://www.cefc.org.sg/idmci> or email [registrar@idmci.edu.sg](mailto:registrar@idmci.edu.sg) for enquiries.

## » COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Here's an opportunity to B.L.E.S.S. the kids in the community. As we aim to help more kids, we need more tutors for the primary level at the following locations once a week:

- Wednesdays, 7pm–9pm at Block 237, Choa Chu Kang
- Thursdays, 7.30pm–9pm at Block 632A, Senja Road (BPJ)

To sign up or enquire, email [vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg](mailto:vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg)

## » MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Please sign up at the Information Counter if you wish to attend the next Membership Class.

**Date:** 24 Sep (Sat)

**Time:** 9am–4pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre

BUKIT PANJANG 21 AUG 2016

SERVICE LEADER PS VALERIE CHAN // WORSHIP LEADER ALLISON LIM



## The Call for the East

BY: PS BARNEY LAU, DIRECTOR, SENIOR PASTOR'S OFFICE

**S**tanding 1,800 m above sea level on Kiau Gap View looking out at Mt Kinabalu was a surreal moment at 6pm, last 5 July. Drenched in sweat and tears, I felt the cold gusts of wind as the sun set on the horizon. Sweat from being physically out of shape. Tears in coming to terms with my dear god-brother's death just the week before.

I needed rest and wanted a word from the Lord in this SPO (Senior Pastor's Office) Listening Retreat. I felt as the apostle Paul did in Ephesians 3:8, being "the very least of all saints", unworthy for the task and responsibility ahead in Covenant East, yet "this grace was given, to preach" the Gospel.

Prior to the 30-minute walk up the 2 km steep winding slope to this Mt Kinabalu lookout, I had been meditating on the five "may" of Philippians 3:8-12, processing what Moltmann wrote on the event of Golgotha and the Cross of Christ in his book *The Crucified God*, and grappling with Keller's insistence that Christ be preached in every sermon from every scriptural text.

A monument stands on Kiau Gap View commemorating the 18 mountain climbers who died in last year's earthquake. While reading the monument, it's as if a still, small voice whispered in my head saying, "I was there when they died. I was there with your brother in his fight against cancer all year through, and when he died. I was there, Barney, I was there. I know, because I hung on the cross for all of them, for everyone. I was there, and I am here now."

Suddenly, I felt Paul's overwhelming desire to gain Christ, to be found in Christ, to know Christ, to be risen with Christ and to be like Christ. The event of Golgotha and the Cross of Christ is not a private property of the Church, but a public privilege for the godless and godforsaken that they might know Him. This can only come about if Christ is preached at every opportunity.

I heard the word from the Lord clearly that day: to **seek Christ**, to **know Christ**, and to **preach Christ!** It is not just a word for me, but for the new Covenant East centre we are to build! And by God's grace, we shall!



## VISION

AUTHENTIC  
DISCIPLESHIP  
& INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

## VALUES

GRACE  
GROWTH  
GODLINESS

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# SERMON OUTLINE



## God's Wake Up Call

Scripture: **EPHESIAN 5:3-14** Sermon: **REV TAN KAY KIONG**

### Introduction

#### A. WAKE UP from our Delusion of LUST (vv.3 – 7)

#### B. WAKE UP to our Destiny as LIGHT (vv.8 – 14)

### Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:  
28 Aug **PS MATTHEW LO** (BPJ) and **PS EDMUND WONG** (WDL)

# LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



## The Key To Rebuilding Relationships

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 4:30-5:2** // Sermon: **PS ANDY LEW**

### Introduction

Unforgiveness can tear relationships apart, but forgiveness builds authentic community.

Three Key Principles of God-centred Forgiveness:

#### A. Look INWARD for SIGNS of Unforgiveness (Eph 4:30-31)

1. Paul reminds us that behavior and doctrine are linked, and the Holy Spirit is a personal being who is affected (v.30).
2. Paul asks us to put away bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and slander (v.31) which are signs of unforgiveness.
3. Illus: God delivering from bitterness in the office.
4. Application: Quickly deal with signs of unforgiveness.

#### B. Look UPWARD for the SOURCE of Forgiveness (Eph 4:32-5:1)

1. Paul teaches us to replace bitterness with kindness, tender-heartedness, and forgiveness (v.32).
2. The strength to forgive can only come from that we are God's forgiven children (4:32b-5:1). We are forgiven with no strings attached. A forgiven person will be tender-hearted (cf. the woman with the alabaster jar in Luke 7).
3. God takes unforgiveness *very* seriously (cf. unmerciful servant in Matthew 18)
4. Quote: "...Examine your foundations. I find it very difficult to see how such a person can be called a Christian." – Dr Martin Lloyd-Jones
5. Illus: Michael Phelps' victory before the Olympics - forgiving his father
6. Application: Forgive as God forgave you.

#### C. Look OUTWARD to SERVE the Forgiven (Eph 5:2)

1. We are to "walk in love" (cf 4:1) with those who have been forgiven. We are to follow Christ's example of sacrificial love to the offended.
2. Forgiveness is complete when we make a choice to serve those who have offended us.
3. Thomas Watson gives practical ways of service: resist revenge, wish them well, grieve at their calamities, pray for their welfare, seek reconciliation so far as it depends on you, and come to their aid in distress.
4. Application: Bless those whom you have forgiven.

### Conclusion

Forgive as God forgives and love as Christ loves.

Closing testimony: Loving my children when they are unlovable.