

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS WORKSHOP

Find out how business can be a platform to impact the nations and how you can use your marketplace skills to advance God's Kingdom. Join the missions workshop on Business As Missions (BAM)!

Dates: 27 Jul and 3 Aug (Thu)

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Venue: ACKCentre

Sign up at <http://www.cefc.org.sg/missions-week/workshops> For enquiries, email missions@cefc.org.sg

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Covenant Photography Ministry is holding a workshop on portraits photography — a time of hands on with portraiture techniques. This is open to your friends who are not from Covenant EFC. Interested participants should own a digital camera. This is on a first-come, first-served basis due to limited slots.

Date: 22 Jul (Sat) **Time:** 9.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: Gardens by the Bay

Email cefcphotographyministry@gmail.com by 15 Jul to sign up.

DISCOVERY WEEKEND (DWE)

DWE is a one-day session for courting couples to see where they are and where God is in their relationship, that they may grow to honour Him.

Date: 15 Jul (Sat)

Time: 8.45am – 5.00pm (lunch and breaks included)

Venue: BPJ Chapel (Level 3)

Sign up at the Information Counter on Sundays. Email fic@cefc.org.sg for enquiries.

IDMC INSTITUTE INTRO SESSION

If you could give one year of your life to invest in eternity, what would you do? The one-year internship at IDMC Institute 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 the Intro Session!

Date: 26 Jul (Wed) **Time:** 7.30 – 9.30pm

Venue: ACKCentre Live Recording Studio
Register at <http://www.cefc.org.sg/idmci>

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Hope is for parents of tweens and teens. We encourage parents with children in Momentum to join. Please note that the timing and venue of the training coincides with the Momentum Service on Saturdays.

Dates: 5 – 26 Aug (four Saturdays)

Time: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Venue: WDL Centre, Joy and Love Rooms

Fee: \$90 / couple

Register at the Information Counter today.

TNG MINISTRY TALK

Come dialogue with the TNG Staff at the Ministry Talk to find out how you can invest in the next generation (Sunbeam, WEB and Momentum). Registration is required at tinyurl.com/tngtalk

Date: 20 Jul (Thu) **Time:** 7:30pm – 9:30pm

LOVE SINGAPORE PRAYER BOOKLET

The Love Singapore Prayer booklet can now be downloaded at <http://www.lovesingapore.org.sg> Let us continue to engage in prayer for the 40 Days for Our Nation!

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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.30pm ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am (Pre-service prayer: 9.30am)

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AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

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BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 9 JUL 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS VALERIE CHAN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: ALLISON LIM

Leading by Example

PAUL SAMUEL, DISTRICT MENTOR

You can't lead anyone else further than you have gone yourself. – Gene Mauch

Leading by example is the best way to lead, especially in the family. If we want our own children to be good disciples, we must first be good disciples ourselves. Out of our own hearts will come the passion and energy to fuel all that we need to do to walk the path where God has placed us.

When it comes to prayer, we often tell our children to pray and trust God. Are we doing it ourselves? If we don't know how to pray, we need to learn and then teach it to our children. It is not just about organising regular family prayer times as much as it is about us making prayer a part of our own lives first. I know that as parents, we pray for our children everyday. One thing we can do is to ask our children to pray for us as well. Share with them a struggle that you are working through and ask them for prayer. Then as God leads you through the struggle, update them. It is a great way to show them that God works in answer to prayer and helps build a mutual accountability within the family.

What we should aspire to, is for our children to know when and how to pray, especially when we are not around, when they are by themselves facing the world. They need to grow in confidence that God hears and answers their prayers according to His will. Through this, we can teach them to accept His will for them.

We do these things not just because we need to do them as parents, but because it is our own love response to what God has done for us. It has to come from our hearts. If we are struggling with how to fit this into our schedule or we are hitting a wall in terms of how to go about this, I believe that we need to be re-charged and re-fired. A wonderful opportunity to do so is just around the corner!

Before we can disciple our children, we need to be disciples first — disciples with a renewed passion for God. Do consider coming for this year's IDMC Conference. I believe that it will be an opportunity for us to meet with God, especially if we come with expectant hearts. Let's learn how to rekindle our spiritual passion, to be vibrant disciples of Christ and the best parents to our children.

SERMON OUTLINE

Backfire

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 6:1-12 ■ SERMON: PS EDMUND WONG

Introduction

A. Oh No! There's More Waiting! (vv.1 – 5)

B. Oh Yes! That's God Working! (vv.6 – 12)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

16 JULY – PS ANDY LEW (BPJ), PS LEE DA WIN (WDL) AND PS KATHERINE CHAN (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Beyond

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL ■ SERMON: PAUL SHI

Introduction

The next generation stands at the crossroad. We see the threats and dangers of our society in its values and issues, and we fear that we may lose the next generation. However, we also see young people following God wholeheartedly and faithfully walking in their calling. In the light of this, what are some of the key factors that lead to the next generation walking in their calling, and what are some of the key factors that result in the next generation not walking faithfully with God?

A. Beyond Ourselves (Acts 20:4)

1. Judges 2:6-10, especially verse 10 says, 'All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.'
2. This was a generation who was born into the Promised Land, yet had not experienced, known or seen the great works of God for Israel like their forefathers.
3. Implication: Discipleship needs to be intentional, because it's not automatic.
4. We need to live beyond ourselves in passing on to the next generation what it means to know the LORD and His works.
5. Acts 20:4
 - a. In contrast to the picture painted in Judges 2, is the picture of Acts 20:4.
 - b. Here we have Paul on a missionary journey and what we notice is that he takes 7 companions with him on this journey. Paul is intentional in creating an environment for the next generation to know the LORD.
 - c. Some principles that we can observe about the way Paul disciplined the next generation are:
 - i. Discipleship was not just taught in the classroom but on the field.
 - ii. Paul is not over-protective about taking these young people with him.
 - iii. Paul did not have an age limitation on those whom he took on the missions trip.

B. Beyond Our Generation (1 Chron 20:4-8)

- 1 Chronicles 20:6-8
 1. The story of Jonathan and the giant is an obscure story of Jonathan (David's nephew) killing a giant in battle. Essentially this is David and Goliath all over again.
 2. However, why is the story of David and Goliath so well known and the story of Jonathan and the giant so unknown?
 3. The Biblical authors were intentional on what they recorded in the Scriptures. More details and longer passage were tools used to emphasize the historical importance of a particular story.
 4. The story of David and Goliath is recorded with much detail and length, a total of 58 verses were dedicated to David and Goliath, whereas three verses were given to this story.
 5. Perhaps the author wanted to emphasise that what was known as a monumental battle in David's generation was a mundane fight in Jonathan's generation. What was front page news in one generation was a footnote in the next generation.
 6. Therefore, we need to paint a picture of a God who will do great and mighty things in the next generation to inspire them.

Conclusion

Story of me mentoring a young preacher who ended up surpassing me in his gift of preaching.