

Announcements

IDMC 2018 – FAITH & FIRE

Have you signed up for IDMC 2018 – Faith & Fire? **Registration will close in two weeks. Don't miss it! Sign up at engage.cefc.org.sg by 15 August.** For enquiries, email info@idmc.org.sg
Date: 30 Aug – 1 Sep (Thu – Sat)
Venue: Singapore EXPO

COVENANT EAST SERVICE ON 19 AUG

On 19 Aug, Covenant East will hold its Sunday Service at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel (Grand Ballroom, Level 4, 392 Havelock Rd, Singapore 169663), as Park Avenue Convention Centre is not available for our use. There will only be **one service at 10am** as the ballroom is able to accommodate a larger-sized congregation. Sunbeam and WEB services will be held at various function rooms within the hotel.

BEFRIENDING OLDER FAMILY MEMBERS

Would you like to improve relationships with older adults in the family, neighbourhood or workplace? Join this workshop and learn how to have a pleasant conversation to build better rapport, and have meaningful dialogues to help older adults deal with their frustrations and concerns.

Date: 18 Aug (Sat)
Time: 8.30am – 5.00pm
Venue: ACKCentre
Sign up at Voyager.
Slots are limited! Registration ends on 12 Aug.



OVERNIGHT PRAYER

Get ready to climax our 40-day prayer season with overnight prayer **this Wed, 11pm until Thu, 6am.** We will hear senior civil servants share about our nation so that we can pray for our government. We will learn about societal issues which are happening so that we can repent on behalf of the land. We will do a prayer walk in the community and bring blessing over it. Let's pray and repent together for our nation!

Date and Time: 8 Aug, 11pm to 9 Aug, 6am
Venues: BPJ Centre, WDL Centre, ACKCentre (for Covenant East)
Bring a powerbank for your phone to last the night!

NEW LIFE FUND RAISING

Be a blessing to the community by financially supporting New Life's work!

Charity Golf

Sign up as golfers or donate in cash or in-kind. 10 more flights are available.

Date: 13 Sep (Thu)
Venue: Singapore Island Country Club
Guest of Honour: Dr Vivian Balakrishnan
Visit tinyurl.com/newlifegolf for FAQs and registration form.

Charity Run

CSC Run by the Bay, 6KM category
Form a team of 4 and register now via tinyurl.com/newliferun2018

Date: 20 Oct (Sat)
To find out more, email fundraising@newlife.org.sg or call Trevor at 87677089.

40TH ANNIVERSARY Disciple Now!

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and Generations

... for a Growing IDMC
Movement in Singapore

... to Impact Our Society
& Culture

... for a Growing Global
IDMC Movement

ACKCentre
2 Kallang Avenue,
CT Hub #10-26, Singapore 339407

**ONE CHURCH
MULTIPLE CENTRES**

BPJ Centre:
Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

WDL Centre:
Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

East Centre:
Sun 9am & 11am

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EAST, 5 AUG 2018
SERVICE LEADER: BENJAMIN SUN • WORSHIP LEADER: DAVID CHONG

A Movement Worth Growing!

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

Any statement about the future is a statement of faith. Yes? The question then is: Is that statement of God, and is that faith in God?

Any statement about the future that God makes is a matter of fact to Him, but a matter of faith for us. This is demonstrated throughout biblical history. Acts 1:8 is a statement of fact to God, but required unprecedented pioneering faith for the early disciples! The rest is history. Today, we are living in the unfolding reality of Acts 1:8!

In 1978, a Gospel-centred, forward-looking and growth-oriented pioneering spirit gave birth to Covenant EFC when 17 members stepped out to plant a church in a humble HDB 5 room flat. Later in 1987, Isaiah 60:22

The smallest one will become a clan, and the least one a mighty nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time.

was a faith promise given to Covenant EFC through then Senior Pastor Edmund Chan that we will be a thousand strong. To a small congregation of just over a hundred without a permanent home, this was highly implausible. But to God, it was really a matter of fact which came to pass in year 2000 at our first worship service in Bukit Panjang Centre! The rest is history. Today, we are living in the unfolding reality of Isaiah 60:22!

This is what Covenant EFC's intentional discipling church (IDMC) mission statement —

Returning the Church to its discipling roots through

authentic discipleship and intentional discipling so as to reproduce disciples of A Certain Kind and to multiply them to win the world for Christ!

is all about: To continue the Lord's mission; to continue the 17 pioneers' missionary spirit; to continue Isaiah 60:22 movement. In 2003, the Church Board inked this ethos in its Long-Term Planning paper. In 2008, Woodlands Centre came into being. Bukit Panjang Centre, Woodlands Centre and ACKCentre are Spirit-led and sacrificial faith ventures by over 2,000 Covenanters without any bank loan or debt in the midst of three Asian and global financial crises! This same boldness resulted in Covenant East Centre in 2016. Lord willing, we will plant a Covenant West Centre in 2021.

1978 was a pushback against a maintenance mindset. It led to a growing IDMC with multiple-centres over the last 40 years. We believe that God would want Covenant EFC to be a movement and not a monument; — to spur an IDMC movement of like-minded churches in Singapore and Beyond!

What a privilege to partner with God in a Gospel-Centred, Forward-Looking and Growth-Oriented pioneering faith venture that only God can accomplish through His Church. This is Vision 2028 & Beyond – to arrive at our Golden Jubilee celebration having spurred a Global IDMC movement by being a thriving Local IDMC movement!

Sermon Outline

Breaking Barriers

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 9:32 - 11:18 • SERMON: REV BARNEY LAU

Introduction

A. The Place Matters:

The Gospel moves out from Jerusalem to Judea and on to Samaria.

B. The People Matters:

The Gospel moves from the Jews to the Hellenistic Jews to the Gentiles.

C. The Heart Matters:

The Gospel moves gradually from our personal bias and traditions to impartial love and acceptance.

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

12 AUG - PAUL SHI (BPJ), PS SHARON FONG (WDL) AND PS ANN CHAN (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Chosen Instruments

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 9:1-15 • SERMON: REV COLIN SMITH

Paul was a chosen instrument used in the hands of God for the advance of the Gospel (v.15). God's work gets done through His people. How can we be the kind of people God will use to advance His purpose in the world?

The people God uses are compelled by the glory of Christ. Saul of Tarsus saw the risen Lord and heard His voice (vv.3, 4). One day every person will see the glory of the Lord. A believer is a person who has been gripped by the glory of Christ now. We have seen the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Cor 4:6).

The people God uses are humbled by the mercy of Christ. Saul saw himself as a righteous man, but when He was confronted by Christ, he knew that he was a sinner and that he had sinned against the sovereign Lord of the universe (vv.4, 5). Those who came to know Jesus have a whole new view of themselves. Pride and swagger cannot remain in the hearts of those who know that they hang on to the mercy of God.

The people God uses are submitted to the Lordship of Christ. Saul was told what he must do (v.6). Submission to Christ is not a burden but a relief. Saul had been kicking against the goads (Acts 26:14). As long as you resist the Lordship of Christ you are wounding yourself and relief will only come by submitting yourself entirely to Him.

Finally, the people God uses are engaged in the mission of Christ. Paul proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying that He is the Son of God (Acts 9:19-20). This was the pattern of apostolic ministry. They did not set out to change the world. They set out to proclaim Christ who changed them, and through their witness to Jesus, lives were transformed, churches were planted and that changed the world.

God's work gets done by people who are compelled by the glory of Christ, humbled by the mercy of Christ, submitted to the Lordship of Christ, and engaged in the mission of Christ. Are you ready to offer yourself as a chosen instrument in the Redeemer's hand?