

Announcements

COVENANT EAST SERVICE NEXT SUN

Next Sun, 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.

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Cooking Demo and Food Sampling

Would you like to learn how to make Fried Mee Siam and Miso Clam Soup? Bring a pre-believing friend along and connect!

Date: 15 Aug (this Wed)

Time: 7.30pm – 9pm

Venue: WDL Centre foyer

Fee: \$5 (pay on that day)

To enquire on how to sign up, SMS Vincent Chia at 9842 8275.

SOCCER OUTREACH

Is it challenging to invite pre-believing friends and loved ones to church? What about playing soccer together? Covenant EFC is starting a soccer outreach group and inviting Covenanters who are passionate about souls and soccer to join us! **We are having a briefing, prayer and kick-around session on Sun, 9 Sep.** Please email CefcSoccerOutreach@gmail.com with your name and contact number to register your interest.

IDMC 2018 NAME TAG COLLECTION

Calling all Covenanters who have registered for IDMC 2018! Beat the queue by collecting your name tags **next Sun, 19 Aug 10am to 1pm at BPJ and WDL Centres.** **Have your ticket QR code or ticket number ready to expedite your collection.**

COVENANT EFC'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Come and celebrate as ONE church!

Date: 2 Sep (Sun)

Time: 9.30am-12.15pm (Security check is required. Please come early at 9.15am.)

Venue: Singapore EXPO Hall 1

- Children will join the main service and will receive a 40th Anniversary Fun Pack! First come, first served. (No children's programme)
- Stand a chance to win prizes in our selfie contest. More details soon!
- 40th Anniversary limited edition early bird gift for the first 1,000 adults.
- Giving of firstfruits offering towards Vision 2028!

BEFRIENDING OLDER FAMILY MEMBERS

Join this workshop and learn how to improve your relationships with older adults.

Date: 18 Aug (this Sat)

Time: 8.30am – 5.00pm

Venue: ACKCentre

Sign up at engage.cefc.org.sg using your Voyager login. Slots are limited! **Today is the last day of registration.**



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Next Generation

... for Godly Families
and Generations

... for a Growing IDMC
Movement in Singapore

... to Impact Our Society
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Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

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A Future Worth Reaching!

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

For an entire week every year, the Senior Pastor's Office "ascend" to Kinabalu Park to intentionally and prayerfully discern the Lord's ongoing spiritual burden and directives for Covenant EFC in the light of her Mission. This is then shared with Covenant EFC's Board and Staff for their collective prayers, discernment and resonance.

Vision 2028 & Beyond, which consists of Five Faith Exploits, is the outcome of such leadership plurality and process since 2012. It serves as a 50th anniversary milestone in our Intentional Disciplemaking Church (IDMC) mission to strengthen every foundation and champion an IDMC movement.

Covenant EFC is called to **grow a Global and Local Movement of IDMC churches.** The ministries of the IDMC Global Alliance (GA) led by Leadership Mentor Rev Edmund Chan, Covenant EFC's Missions in Asia, and the IDMC SG Chapter serve this purpose. Together, these represent our modest initiative and contribution to "return the Church to its disciplemaking roots".

Covenant EFC seeks to be a microcosm of the larger IDMC movement. She must answer God's call to be "salt and light" that **impacts culture and society.** For that to happen, "authentic discipleshap and intentional disciplemaking (ADID)" must exist in godly families and generations "to

reproduce disciples of *A Certain Kind*" – the Christ-mastered kind! Without **godly families and generations**, there will not be any **vibrant and healthy next generation leadership** by 2028 and beyond. Without a thriving local ADID movement in the family and Church, there cannot be an proactive contribution to accomplish the Great Commission "to win the world for Christ".

The plan to acquire a church-home for our third worship and outreach centre in the East is a direct result of Vision 2028 & Beyond. And if the Lord wills, we seek to plant our fourth centre further West in 2021. Bukit Panjang and Woodlands centres will also undergo her capacity enlargement and lease renewal in due course as an integral part of Vision 2028 & Beyond.

Any statement of the future is a statement of faith. If that statement is **of** God and that faith is **in** God, **then** that future is a future worth reaching for!

Vision 2028 & Beyond is the statement of the future. It is a future worth pursuing and reaching because the leadership believes it is of God. Unless God is in it and we see with eyes of faith, it is a mission impossible. God who gave us Isaiah 60:22 as a promise back in 1987 will continue to unfold His work in this generation.

Join us in this faith venture of a future worth pursuing and reaching for!

Sermon Outline

Enlarging Our Borders

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 11:19-30 • SERMON: PAUL SHI

Introduction

A. R _____ E _____

B. I _____ D _____

C. K _____ M _____

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

19 AUG - REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), REV TONY YEO (WDL) AND REV BARNEY LAU (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Breaking Barriers

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 9:32-11:18 • SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

God is on the move to break down any barriers and bring His glorious redemption to this world. This is what Acts 1:8 is all about. See the following verses for the growth movement: Acts 1:15; 2:41,47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:1,7; 8:1,4-5,12-13; 9:31.

Three breakthrough episodes of God's movement and advance near the coastal plain of Judea and Samaria:

- a. The Healing of Aeneas in Lydda (Acts 9:32-35). As a result, Acts 9:35 "All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord."
- b. The Raising of Tabitha (Dorcas) at Joppa (Acts 9:36-43). As a result, Acts 9:42 "This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord."
- c. The Conversion of Cornelius and his household at Caesarea (Acts 10:1-11:18). As a result, see Acts 10:44-48.

Three breakthrough lessons to advance the Gospel:

A. The Place Matters

The Gospel moves outwards from Jerusalem to Judea and on to Samaria. Peter came from Jerusalem to Lydda and brought healing to Aeneas (about 40km North West of Jerusalem). Then he was summoned to Joppa to raise Tabitha from the dead (about 50km Northwest of Jerusalem). Finally, he was compelled by a vision to go to Caesarea (about 100km North West of Jerusalem) to meet with Cornelius.

Application: Let's get out of our comfort zone and preach the Gospel where it has not been known.
Illustration: East Timor missions

B. The People Matters

The Gospel moves from the Jews to the Hellenistic Jews to the Gentiles. From reaching a pure Jew like Saul to the Hellenistic Jews like Aeneas and Tabitha, to a Gentile Roman centurion Cornelius. The fact that Peter stayed with a tanner shows that God was preparing him to minister to someone totally different from him soon.

Application: It's easy to pray for others but difficult to love them. Helping migrant workers.

C. The Heart Matters

You can see how the Gospel moves from our personal bias and traditions to impartial love and acceptance. Peter had a vision to move beyond his bias and culture to reach a Gentile for Jesus.
Application: The hardest breakthrough is the heart. Domestic worker sent as missionary.

Conclusion

Vision 2028 as a movement.