

# Announcements

## COVENANT EFC'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY COFFEE TABLE BOOK

As part of Covenant EFC's 40th Anniversary celebration, we are producing a commemorative coffee table book titled *This Is Us: 40 Years of God's Faithfulness* so we can look back at our journey as a church family, remember God's faithfulness, and catch a glimpse of what lies ahead towards Vision 2028 & Beyond. This beautifully designed, high-quality book filled with photos will be launched at our 40th Anniversary Service on 2 Sep. Be sure to get your copy then! Price will be announced soon.

## HOKKIEN MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL OUTREACH

Share God's love with your Hokkien-speaking family and friends by inviting them to our Hokkien Mid-Autumn Festival Outreach. Belinda Lee will share her testimony and Ps Gilbert Sng will give a special message.

**Date:** 22 Sep (Sat)

**Time:** 7pm - 9pm (free buffet starts at 5.45pm on a first-come, first-served basis)

**Venue:** BPJ Centre, Main Sanctuary (Level 2)

## IDMC 2018 PRE-CONFERENCE CHECK-IN

Calling all Covenanters who have registered for IDMC 2018! Beat the queue by collecting your name tags today, from 10am to 1pm at BPJ and WDL Centres.

To expedite your collection, please have your ticket QR code or ticket number ready.

## 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 & Beyond!

## 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](mailto:CefcSoccerOutreach@gmail.com) with your name and contact number to register your interest.



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... for Godly Families and Generations

... for a Growing IDMC Movement in Singapore

... to Impact Our Society & Culture

... for a Growing Global IDMC Movement

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**ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES**  
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Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

**WDL Centre:**  
Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

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**BUKIT PANJANG, 19 AUG 2018**

SERVICE LEADER: PAUL SHI • WORSHIP LEADER: BENJAMIN & SHARON TAN

## A Journey Worth Taking!

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

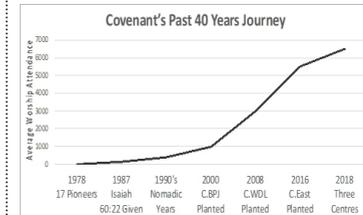
Any statement of the future is a statement of faith. If that statement of the future is of God and that faith is in God, then that future is worth reaching and the journey towards it is worth taking! Vision 2028 & Beyond is such a future because it is a return to Kingdom discipleship and Kingdom outreach. It is a journey worth taking because we believe God is in it!

Covenant EFC's calling is to grow an intentional discipling church (IDMC) movement and not be a monument. The IDMC movement is anchored in the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20). Vision 2028 & Beyond is a **milestone** vision to **strengthen our foundations** for an IDMC **movement**. For a local and global IDMC movement to thrive, Covenant EFC must grow as a pioneer, model and microcosm of the IDMC

movement. The litmus test of an IDMC is spiritual maturity and multiplication. The outcome is to win souls, change lives and send mentors!

We believe that God has called us to be One Church with multiple worship and outreach centres. This was envisioned in our Long-Term Planning Taskforce since 2003. It is therefore an integral part of Vision 2028 & Beyond. It is a confirmation of an unfolding promise God gave Covenant EFC in Isaiah 60:22 back in 1987. The \$40M Seed Fund launched in our 40th anniversary year and to be raised over the next few years is an integral part of our church-planting vision and spiritual multiplication.

Our mission statement is an expression of our obedience to join God's grand plan of world evangelisation! We cannot hope to participate in this grand mission without having a vision to share and without saturating Singapore with the Gospel. In Joshua 21:43, God gave Israel all the land promised, but Israel still had to possess and live in it. Today, we must exercise our faith to see Singapore embrace Jesus as Saviour and Lord. We must trust that God will bring His mission and vision to pass. That includes trusting God for the \$40M Seed Fund! May you bring your best gift to the Lord this anniversary.



The past 40 years has been a tremendously blessed, God-filled and adventurous journey. Vision 2028 & Beyond will be the same because God is in it! The Lord has blessed and is blessing Covenant EFC. What shall we do about it — choose to live in status quo or believe in God for greater things (Matt 25:14-30)? Let's faith up! Just as how Jabez prayed, let's ask the Lord to enlarge Covenant EFC's tent and that His hand be upon us (1 Chron. 4:9-10)!

**Come on Covenanters! Let's take this journey worth taking, to reach a future worth reaching, to grow a movement worth growing!**

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# Sermon Outline

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## More than Conquerors!

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 12:1-24 • SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

### Introduction

1. Church Within, Without and Beyond
2. We are more than conquerors...

### A. God delivers through our \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 12:1-5)

### B. God delivers through His \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 12:6-19)

### C. God delivers through His \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 12:20-24)

### Conclusion

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NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

26 AUG - PS MATTHEW LO (BPJ), PS EDMUND WONG (WDL) AND PROF FREDDY BOEY (EAST)

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# Last Week's Sermon Summary

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## Enlarging Our Borders

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

### Introduction

The Antioch church was birthed through the scattering of disciples because of the martyrdom of Stephen. This church eventually became a powerful church which spread the Gospel to the ends of the world. It sent the apostle Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey, and helped the Church move forward in accepting the Gentiles. So what are some key marks that we noticed about the Antioch church?

### A. Radical Evangelism (vv.19-21)

1. In this passage, there were those who spoke to the Jews only, and there were those who also spoke to Gentiles.
2. To preach the Gospel to the Gentiles was a very bold and radical move. The Church was not yet ready to accept Gentiles into a predominantly Jewish Church.
3. Their culture and background were different, yet in this Church context, they were 'radical' to do something no one had done and reach a group nobody had reached.
4. Verse 21: And the Hand of the LORD was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.
5. Will we be willing to be radical in the environment that we find ourselves in? It can start with a simple B.L.E.S.S. action.

### B. Intentional Discipleship (vv.22-26)

1. When the church in Jerusalem (which was about 800 km away) heard about what was happening in the church at Antioch, notice their strategy: It was not to send a curriculum; it was to send a person — Barnabas.
2. It says that Barnabas was a 'good man, filled with the Spirit and faith'.
3. Barnabas then went to find Saul of Tarsus because Saul was a man who was a Hellenist Jew, someone who understood Hellenist culture in order to be able to impact the new Greek Antioch church in the most effective way.
4. Under this kind of spiritual investment, the church in Antioch continued to grow.
5. But notice the direction of their discipleship. Barnabas encouraged them toward a wholehearted purpose to remain in the LORD. What does this mean? In the original language, it means 'with all intention and purpose of will', with our inward being to remain in the LORD. This means that discipleship and growth in God is not automatic.
6. We can understand why Barnabas wanted to encourage the Antioch church this way. Antioch was known as a morally decaying society. We can imagine that a large number of new believers in the Antioch church would have been half-hearted, attached to their previous way of life.

### C. Kingdom Mentality (vv.27-30)

1. Finally, the Jerusalem church sent a group of prophets to the church in Antioch.
2. When Agabus prophesied that there was going to be a famine in Judea, the Antioch Church was determined to send relief.
3. The word 'relief' in the original language is the root word for deacon, which means to serve. This church sought to give what they could to serve someone else. This is Kingdom mentality. This Church cared not just about their welfare, but also the welfare of the wider Body of Christ.

### Conclusion

These are basic reminders for us to see the kind of church that God chooses to build up and raise.