

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 with your name and contact number to register your interest.



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... to Impact Our Society & Culture

... for a Growing Global IDMC Movement

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WOODLANDS, 19 AUG 2018

SERVICE LEADER: PS SANDRA CHI • WORSHIP LEADER: ALLISON LIM

A Journey Worth Taking!

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

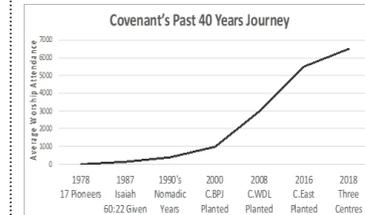
Any statement of the future is a statement of faith. If that statement of the future is of God and that faith is in God, then that future is worth reaching and the journey towards it is worth taking! Vision 2028 & Beyond is such a future because it is a return to Kingdom discipleship and Kingdom outreach.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

Sermon Outline

More than Conquerors!

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 12:1-24 • SERMON: REV TONY YEO

Introduction

A. Trusting When We Don't Understand It

“... Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church.” (v.1)

B. Believing When We Don't See It

“So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.” (v.5)

C. Persisting When We Don't Feel Like It

“But the word of God increased and multiplied.” (v.24)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

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

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Enlarging Our Borders

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 11:19-30 • SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

Introduction

Faith in Kindergarten (<https://www.ignitermedia.com/products/8586-faith-in-kindergarten>). Do not let your faith be stuck in kindergarten. We must continue to grow in faith and enlarge our borders. Author of Acts did not write Acts 8 to 11 chronologically. Luke wrote it in such a sequence to intentionally convey one important theological message – a movement orchestrated by the Hand of God. God's desire to expand His Kingdom is the same in the book of Acts and in 21st century Christianity. He is on the move to expand His Kingdom. We must desire to grow in faith and enlarge our borders.

A. Partner with the Hand of God (vv.19-24a)

They partnered with the hand of God and expanded beyond themselves, their culture, tradition and mindset by reaching out to the Gentiles. They looked beyond themselves. To grow and partner with the hand of God, we need to firstly look beyond ourselves, our comfort, our schedule and be a blessing to someone whom God is leading us to reach out to. We must also look for the hand of God and partner with Him. God is on the move. Look for His hand and partner with Him in what He is already doing in your home, workplace, school, NS unit, community and Singapore. God is moving to convict Christians to repent across many churches. The hand of God is moving us to pray and repent in this year 2018. God is moving His hand to gather the Body of Christ to expand God's Kingdom together — 2019 is the year for Celebration of Hope at the National Stadium. He is growing our faith to bring a friend to the evangelistic rallies in 2019. Don't let the hand of God pass you by. Let's partner with Him and enlarge our borders together.

B. Centre on the Truth of God (vv.24b-30)

Barnabas knew that to enlarge the borders of Christianity successfully, these young believers had to be centred down on God's Word. If many people accept Christ at the Celebration of Hope, are you ready nurture them and teach them the Word of God? If someone you know prayed to receive Christ, are you ready and willing to be the first one to volunteer to centre this person back on the Scriptures? If these young believers are not the usual educated or well-dressed people we see in church, are we ready to welcome them into the sanctuary and in our CG? We must be ready to centre them back on the truth of God and the community if we want to expand God's Kingdom successfully. The believers in Antioch were really well-centred on the Word of God. Not only were they taught, but they also lived out the Word of God. They obeyed the Word of God that was released by Prophet Agabus. They obeyed the Word of God that was affirmed by Spiritual Leaders, Barnabas and Paul. They obeyed the Word of God though they did not know anyone in the Jerusalem church. They obeyed the Word of God, by faith and not by sight as famine had not yet happened. This season, our Senior Pastor's Officer have shared their spiritual burden with regards to Vision 2028 & Beyond and the \$40M property seed journey. They shared with us the Word of God for Covenant EFC from now till Year 2028 and beyond. They are not prophets but servants of God who are leading the church faithfully to expand our borders together. How are you responding to the Word of God released through our spiritual leaders regarding Vision 2028? Are you responding to God's Word by faith and not by sight regarding Vision 2028, your life, marriage, home, work and relationships?

Conclusion

Walk by faith and not by sight. Do not let your faith be stuck in kindergarten.