

# Announcements

## IDMC INSTITUTE'S ONE-YEAR INTERNSHIP INTRO SESSION

IDMC Institute's One-Year Internship Programme is an opportunity to discover the God of the Word, be mentored, and journey together with a community of fellow disciples, as you crystalize God's call on your life in the marketplace, ministry or in missions. Come and find out more at the Intro Session!

**Date:** 24 Sep (Mon) **Venue:** ACKCentre  
**Time:** 7.15pm – 9.30pm

Please RSVP before attending this event at the "Covenant EFC" app, or go to <http://www.idmci.edu.sg> More information is also available on this website.

## GATHERING OF MULTITUDES (GOM)

Calling all Zone Mentors, CGLs, ACGs and Ministry Leaders! You and your spouse are invited to our annual GOM on **29 Sep, 9am – 4pm (lunch will be provided) at BPJ Centre**. This year, it will be held on a **Saturday** to give us more time to process and interact on where we are headed. This gathering is pivotal for our alignment as leaders. See you there!

## ALPHA LITE TRAINING

In preparation for Covenant Groups (CGs) to run Alpha Lite in Nov 2018 (a four to seven-week Alpha programme), this training is for all CG members (especially those who will be championing Alpha Lite), and individuals who wish to learn how to run a home Alpha.

**Date:** 25 Sep OR 2 Oct (Tue) – select either one session **Time:** 7pm – 10pm  
**Venue:** ACKCentre #10-10

**Topics:** How to host an Alpha, how to facilitate an Alpha small group discussion, and how to be fruitful in reaching out. Register at <http://cefc.ch/alphalitetraining> For enquiries, email [alpha@cefc.org.sg](mailto:alpha@cefc.org.sg)

## CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking to fill in positions on the church staff. Please go to <http://www.cefc.org.sg/about-us/recruitment> for more information.

## COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

Connect and learn how to make Lu Rou Fan and Yam Cake by bringing a pre-believing friend to our cooking demo and food sampling!

**Date:** 19 Sep 18 (Wed) **Time:** 7.30pm to 9pm  
**Venue:** WDL Centre foyer **Fee:** \$5 (pay on that day)

To enquire on how to sign up, please send an SMS to Vincent Chia at 9842 8275 by today.

## ENCOURAGERS-IN-COVENANT FACILITATORS' WORKSHOP

Learn how to facilitate small groups in a more meaningful and impactful way.

**Date:** 13 Oct (Sat) **Time:** 8.30am – 4.30pm  
**Venue:** ACKCentre #10-03 **Trainer:** Alice Tok

Slots are limited. To register, email your name and handphone number to [encouragersadmin@cefc.org.sg](mailto:encouragersadmin@cefc.org.sg) Registration closes on 5 Oct.

## WOMEN4WOMEN

"Beautiful in His Eyes" is a discipleship seminar organised by Women-In-Covenant (WiC) Ministry for all the ladies in Covenant. Embark with WiC on a journey to discover your Significance in God in your growth towards becoming *A Certain Kind of Woman!*

**Date:** 13 Oct (Sat) **Time:** 9am - 1pm  
**Speaker:** Ps Ann Chan  
**Venue:** BPJ Centre, Main Sanctuary

Registration is required. Sign up at <http://cefc.ch/W4W2> by 8 Oct. For enquiries, email [wic@cefc.org.sg](mailto:wic@cefc.org.sg)

## PRAYSINGAPORE

When there is human intercession, there is heaven's intervention. **Let's join the Body of Christ for PraySingapore on Sun, 7 Oct, 4pm at the National Stadium.** We believe that in answer to prayer, the harvest will come as the Gospel is preached.

Please note that admission is by tickets only. As tickets have been fully redeemed, please go to the Information Counter to be placed on the waiting list. Children aged three years old and above are required to have tickets.



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EAST, 16 SEP 2018

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## Step Up Today!

ELDER LIU HOCK CHOY, DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS

Not long ago, I patronised the English section of a bookstore in an Asian city. The bookstore is part of a well-known international chain. Not knowing that bookstores in the chain were independent of each other, I asked the cashier whether I could use the membership card which I obtained in Singapore. After politely explaining that I could not and that a separate card was needed for that city, the cashier then surprised me by thanking me for patronising the store in Singapore! "Wow," I thought. Even though the stores were unrelated, she had an affinity and cared for the Singapore store because they shared the same brand name.

We in Covenant EFC share the same name too, as "child of God" and "Covenanter". Even more, therefore, we should care for one another. There are many ways we can do that, one of which is to serve one another in and through our ministries across the church. You can do that **today**, our third annual Step-Up Sunday! We seek to keep Step-Up Sunday going in order to maintain the momentum and move the church into a regular rhythm wherein everyone knows that once a year, typically two weeks after Anniversary Sunday, we will have an opportunity to review how we have been making use of our Spirit-given gifts to serve the Lord, be made aware of opportunities open for us to serve in, find out more by having face-to-face interactions with Ministry staff and servers (volunteers), and step up to serve. You will find in this week's bulletin (both hardcopy and on the Covenant EFC app) an insert listing 82 roles across 12 ministries for your careful consideration. For each role listed, you can find details of Description, Criteria and Commitment on the Step-Up website (<https://step-up.cefcapps.com>). Only for today, after the first and second services, you can find out more about the ministries and roles you are interested in from the staff and servers themselves at the booths in the foyer. I heartily encourage you to make use of this once-a-year opportunity. Then when you are ready, apply for the specific role(s) at the website, which is handphone-friendly. Ministry personnel will be automatically notified by the system of your application, so that they can follow up with you.

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# Sermon Outline

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## Standing Firm

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 15:1-35 • SERMON: REV BARNEY LAU

### Introduction

The Church always face heresies (vv.1-5)

We Stand Firm because of:

#### A. The Work of God Which Works in Us and Changes Us (vv.6-12, 22-29)

“But we believe that we will be saved **through the grace of the Lord Jesus.**” (v.11)

#### B. The Word of God Which Holds on to Us and Convicts Us (vv.13-21, 30-35)

“But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the **word of the Lord.**” (v. 35)

### Conclusion

Stand Firm to Pass it On!

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NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:

23 SEP - REV EDMUND CHAN (BPJ, WDL AND EAST)

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# Last Week's Sermon Summary

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## Staying True

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 14:1-28 • SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

### Introduction

As we enter our 41st year as spiritual family, God is calling us to stay true to our calling as Church. To stay true as Church, we need to stay true individually as a father, mother, employee, child, young adult. To stay true, there are three perspectives we must have:

#### A. Staying True Is About God's Glory, Not Our Giftings! (vv.8-18)

Seeing the healing of the lame man, the people immediately concluded that Paul and Barnabas were their Greek gods, Hermes and Zeus, disguising as men. They rushed to worship them. Without hesitation, Paul and Barnabas rushed out to the crowd, tore their clothing to stop them and to express their deep sense of “grief and horror.” They did not want anyone to worship them or their giftings of healing because they knew that they were mere human beings. They did not want people to only see their gifting of healing, but they wanted them to acknowledge God's glory. Therefore, they took a risk to clarify. If Paul and Barnabas were not gods, that would mean they were imposters and they could be killed for that. They were risking their lives all for the glory of God. They would rather be rejected by men than snatch God's glory. Today, if you desire to stay true to God's calling for your life, His glory must be your focus.

One factor that may distract us from glorifying God and finishing well in the race is the presence of gifting. In the presence of our giftings, thank Him for His grace and ask Him to help you steward your gift well. Another factor that may distract us from glorifying God and finishing well is the absence of giftings. In the absence of gifting, lean on God and serve Him. We must know that staying true to God's calling as a church is all about God's glory and not about the presence or absence of gifting.

#### B. Staying True Is About the Cross, Not Our Conveniences! (vv.1-7, 19-22)

Paul preached in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. At the same time, there was also great opposition. Yet, the opposition did not stop Paul and Barnabas. The greater the opposition, the bolder they became. When the people realized that Paul and Barnabas were not their Greek gods, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of their city. Yet, Paul stood up again and continued serving God. Throughout Paul's missionary trips, Paul constantly faced life-threatening situations but he stayed true to the calling that God had given to him. We believe that the reason why Paul stayed true to his calling was that he was focusing on the Cross of Jesus, no matter how inconvenient. To stay true to the calling that God has given to us and our church, we must know that it's all about the Cross and not our conveniences. You must deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow Jesus.

#### C. Staying True Is About God's Grace and Not Our Works! (vv.23-28)

Paul and Barnabas reported all that God had done and the door of faith that God had opened for the Gentiles. Do you realise that Paul and Barnabas didn't tell people about the miracles that they have performed? They were attributing the success of their ministry to the grace of God instead of their own works. They stayed true to their assignment and finished well due to the grace of God that helped them to fulfill their work.

It was the grace of God that He used Covenant EFC. We are humbled that God would use us, such a small church, an imperfect church to be a blessing.

### Conclusion

We must stay true because Jesus stayed true to His calling by dying on the cross for us. We must focus on God's glory, carry our cross and understand that His grace will carry us through.