

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Calling all registered members of Covenant EFC! Come and join our Annual General Meeting next Sun, 26 Mar, 2:30pm at BPJ Centre Grace Sanctuary.

Get your copy of the Annual Report and Financial Report from the booth at the foyer today. The Financial Report and Church Constitution are available to registered members only.

### DISCIPLESHIP AT WORK

Is the workplace a challenging place for you as a disciple of Christ? Gain biblical perspectives and be inspired by testimonies on how to practice biblical truths at work.

Dates: 8 Apr, 13 May, 10 Jun, 8 Jul, 5 Aug and 23 Sep (Saturdays) Time: 9am – 1pm  
Venue: ACKCentre Course Fee: \$100  
Speakers: Ps Lim Keng Yeow, Ps Sebastian Quek, Matthew Kok, Dieu Eng Seng

Register at <http://cefc.ch/discipleship-at-work> Visit [www.cefc.org.sg/idmci](http://www.cefc.org.sg/idmci) for more information. Registration ends on 22 Mar.

### NEW LIFE CHILDREN'S FEST

#### Last Call for Volunteers

Children's Fest is happening in two weeks' time! You can still sign up to serve. About 30 volunteers are still needed for Bukit Panjang and 90 volunteers for Woodlands. To sign up, email [c.f@newlife.org.sg](mailto:c.f@newlife.org.sg) For more details, call 6760 0533 / 6892 7191.

#### Volunteer Briefing Today

**Woodlands** Time: 12.45pm – 2pm  
Venue: WDL Centre foyer

**Bukit Panjang** Time: 2.45pm – 4pm  
Venue: New Life Student Care Centre, Block 507 Jelapang Road (opposite BPJ Centre)

### REVIVAL PRAYER MEETING

Come and be blessed by four nights of extended worship and prayer during the Passion Week, before our Good Friday outreach. As God revives us, He will empower us to proclaim the Gospel boldly and live lives of Personal Revival, Divine Appointment and Active Obedience that glorify Him!

Dates: 10-13 Apr (Mon-Thu)

Time: 8pm – 10pm

Venue: BPJ Centre

Speaker: Ps Paul Jeyachandran (Senior Pastor of Life Church Castle Hill in Sydney, Australia)

### DOMESTIC HELPERS' APPRECIATION TEA

Let's share God's gift of love to our domestic helpers through the Domestic Helpers' Appreciation Tea.

Here are ways to bless them:

- Sponsor them
- Serve them during the event
- Send them a message of encouragement at [giftofloveathb@gmail.com](mailto:giftofloveathb@gmail.com) or at the booth

Date: 9 Apr (Sun) Time: 2pm – 5pm

Venue: Furama RiverFront Hotel

Speakers: Rev Tan Kay Kiong and Ps Sharon Fong

Ticket Price: \$30/pax; \$300/table

*Visit the booth at the foyer to bless them!*

## VISION

AUTHENTIC  
DISCIPLESHIP  
& INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLEMAKING  
OF A CERTAIN KIND

### VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



### UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

## COVENANT EFC

BUKIT PANJANG CENTRE, 19 MARCH 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS LEE DA WIN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: ALLISON LIM

### Vision 2028: Faith Exploit 5

### Disciple Now for a Growing Global IDMC Movement

ELDER JOHNNY TAN, DIRECTOR, MISSIONS

**W**e learn in Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT) that we train to be disciples. After becoming disciples, we reproduce after our kind through intentional discipling. If it takes a disciple to reproduce a disciple who will go on to make other disciples, what does an Intentional Disciple Making Church (IDMC) reproduce?

May I suggest that an IDMC reproduces a Disciplemaking Church Plant (DCP) that will go on to plant more Disciplemaking Churches or DCPs. Imagine several IDMCs reproducing DCPs which reproduce more DCPs, we essentially witness a perpetuating movement of IDMCs.

Overlay this concept of thinking on the world map, where it just takes each nation to have an IDMC that is reproducing herself, and influencing other churches to be an IDMC, we will see a Global IDMC Movement!

I remember a song we sing in my youth, "It only takes a spark to get the fire going". For a Growing Global IDMC

Movement to start, it only takes an IDMC to be true to her calling.

In Matthew 28:18–20, Jesus commanded the 11 disciples in Galilee to go and make disciples — the very same command has been given to us. We as His followers are called to go and make disciples (not converts) of all nations (not only our nation)!

It starts with you and me first being a disciple practicing *Authentic Discipleship* and *Intentional Disciplemaking*. We do our part to follow hard after our Lord Jesus and encourage fellow believers to do the same. Collectively as a church, we faithfully reproduce ourselves through DCPs and encourage and influence other partner churches to do likewise.

Matthew 28 reminds us that the scope of our calling is to make disciples cross-culturally in Singapore and in other nations. Let us all do our part and work together to return the Church to its discipling roots, and in the process perpetuate a Global IDMC Movement.

## COVENANT EFC

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

ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30am ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am

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## SERMON OUTLINE

### A FRESH START WITH GOD

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 3:1-6 ■ SERMON: REV EDMUND CHAN

#### Introduction

1. Ezra chapter 3 is all about a fresh start with God!
2. Starting Afresh – 3 Vital Principles as seen in Ezra 3:1-6

#### A. STARTING AFRESH WITH A DEEP SENSE OF CALLING

“...the people gathered as one man to Jerusalem” (v.1)

#### B. STARTING AFRESH WITH A BOLD SENSE OF FAITH

“... fear was on them ...” (v.3)

#### C. STARTING AFRESH WITH A CLEAR SENSE OF PRIORITY

“... the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid...” (v.6)

#### Conclusion. A Fresh Start with God!

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

26 MAR – REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), PS IVAN HO (WDL) AND REV TONY YEO (EAST)

## LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

### Starting Over

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 2:68-70 ■ SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

#### Introduction

Starting over can be defined as doing something in a different way. It sounds like having a second chance to redo something. That's why people love the idea of starting over because it gives a sense of new beginning, new hope and a new journey.

The two principles of starting over would be on the areas of giving and living. It is important to look at these because how we give reveals our heart's condition and where we live shapes our life's calling.

#### A. How We Give Reveals Our Heart's Condition (vv.68-69)

When the exiled Jews returned to the land, the temple of God was already burnt down by the Babylonians when they invaded the land. Basically, they returned to a desolated piece of land where the temple used to be. Thus, they gave not because they saw the glorious temple of God. Quite the opposite, it was in view of a ruined temple standing on a desolated piece of land that they gave to the House of the Lord. Essentially, they gave because they trusted in God's promises. Therefore, their giving tells us a lot about their hearts' conditions. They gave because their hearts simply trusted God.

What is God asking you to give to Him in this season of your life? Is God prompting you to give your life, broken dreams, regrets or future to Him? Are you holding back because you are struggling to trust God and His promises? Are you facing difficulties to give your life to God because He seems so far away and so quiet in answering your prayers? He may be quiet, but He is doing a deep work in our lives. When we can't see the fruits on the tree, God may be working on our roots. When we can't see the rainbow in the sky, God may be working in the rain. Trust God and give Him whatever He has been prompting you to give.

#### B. Where We Live Shapes Our Life's Calling (v.70)

The long list of people did not just return to their towns and cities, they were returning to their calling and destiny. Where the Jews lived was crucial because it determined their calling as a nation that they would be blessed and be a blessing to others. They chose to live there because they chose to live in the centre of God's will and calling for them as a nation. They believed that where they live would definitely shape and influence their calling.

Where do you live? Are you living in the “world” or living in God's Kingdom? If we are living for this world, for the here and now, we will struggle to rise up to our calling, to be a light and blessing to the people around us. The values in the world will influence and distract us. This is because where we live will ultimately shape our calling. We live not just to make a grade or a name for ourselves. We are made to live in His Kingdom and lift up the name of Jesus.

Today, you need to make a choice where you should live. Don't live for world and for the here and now. Live in His Kingdom and lift up the name of Jesus. Where you live will eventually shape your calling.

#### Conclusion

Own testimony of answering the call to be a pastor