

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 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 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 giftofloveathh@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!

IMPACT MAGAZINE

IMPACT Magazine is available today at the foyer: \$4/copy or subscribe at \$24/year or \$44/two years. Many third world pastors are requesting for IMPACT. You can help them by sponsoring their subscriptions at \$32/year. The theme for Feb/Mar 2017 issue is "Christian and Social Media".

VISION

AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

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WOODLANDS CENTRE, 19 MARCH 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS EDMUND WONG ■ WORSHIP LEADER: PS LIM KENG YEOW & KAREN LIM

Vision 2028: Faith Exploit 5

Disciple Now for a Growing Global IDMC Movement

ELDER JOHNNY TAN, DIRECTOR, MISSIONS

We 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

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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 ANDY LEW

Introduction

Starting over is a necessary journey.

A remnant of Jews returned to the promised land after 70 years.

Two principles of starting over:

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

1. Verse 68 to 70 is a picture of two homes.

2. Verse 68 – “when they arrived at the house of the Lord” the people were moved when they saw the remains of the burnt temple (2 Kin 25:8-9) and “offered willingly”.

3. Illustration: Ruins of World Trade Centre and burned churches in Indonesia and Europe

4. Two responses:

a. They gave from their hearts (cf. Exo 25:1-7 and 35:4-9; 1 Chron 29:6-9). When the heart is moved, the wallet is moved as well.

b. They gave beyond their means. The heads of the families may have given up to six years' worth of salary!

5. Testimony: Own journey of investing in stock market

6. Testimony: Domestic helpers in WDL Centre raising \$1K for ACKCentre

7. Summary: Invest in God's Kingdom, in whatever area God has placed in your heart

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

1. They intentionally went back to their individual towns (cf Ezr 2:1).

a. The land is not just freehold property but represented their Covenant relationship with God (cf. Gen 15:18; Exo 6:7-8; Josh 21:43).

b. The land is their spiritual home and identity.

2. Illustration: The Singapore identity and inheritance of HDB

3. Today, we do not live in the “land” but we live in Christ (Jn 4:22-24).

4. Testimony: Returning to my father's homeland. Don't make God wait and miss His calling upon your life.

5. Summary: Live in God's kingdom

Conclusion

Testimony: Samuel Keong-Soon

I don't want to worship from afar, I want to be where you are!