

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS PRAYER

Be part of our Missions Prayer! Here are two ways you can join us:

- Send 'Mission' to +65 8533 0248 or scan the QR code now! Registered numbers will receive Missions Prayer updates via sms by 10pm from 24 to 28 Jul.
- Join our weekly Missions Prayer at BPJ, WDL and East Centres every Sun. Check out the schedule at our church website, Covenant EFC app or at the posters displayed on the notice boards.



IDMC INSTITUE INTRO SESSION

If you could give one year of your life to invest in eternity, what would you do? The one-year internship at IDMC Institute is an excellent opportunity to immerse in authentic discipleship and intentional discipling. Journey in a community as you grow deeper in the Lord and clarify God's calling in your life. Find out more at the Intro Session!

Date: 26 Jul (Wed)

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Venue: ACKCentre Live Recording Studio
Register at <http://www.cfc.org.sg/idmci>

CYAN CAMP AFTERGLOW

Let's remember the times we had at CYAN Camp and chart our way forward as a gathering of Young Adults. Everyone is welcome!

Date: 30 Jul (next Sun) **Time:** 2:30-4:30

Venue: BPJ Centre, Grace Sanctuary
Please RSVP at cfc.ch/cyanafterglow2017

NATIONAL DAY PRAYER

Come join us for an evening of passionate worship and fervent intercession for our nation and her leaders, on the eve of Singapore's 52nd National Day. Let us unite as one body in prayer, so that Singapore and the Singapore church would advance towards our divine destiny! Our invited guest Mr Richard Magnus, retired Senior District Judge and Member of the Public Service Commission, will grace the occasion and share his spiritual heartbeat for the nation.

Date: 8 Aug **Time:** 8pm – 10pm

Venue: WDL Centre

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Hope is for parents of tweens and teens. We encourage parents with children in Momentum to join. Please note that the timing and venue of the training coincides with the Momentum Service on Saturdays.

Dates: 5 – 26 Aug (four Saturdays)

Time: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Venue: WDL Centre, Joy and Love Rooms

Fee: \$90 / couple

Register at the Information Counter today.

CHURCH STAFF RECRUITMENT

We are looking for the following:

- **Manager (Media, Communications and Resources)**
- **Executive (Small Group Infrastructure)**
- **Executive (Finance)**
- **Executive (Human Resources)**

Applicants should either be a church or CG member, with a heart to answer God's call in their lives in furthering Covenant EFC's mission. For more information, visit <http://www.cfc.org.sg/index.php/about-us/recruitment> Email your resumes to hr@cfc.org.sg by 30 Jul.

COVENANT EFC

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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.30pm ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am (Pre-service prayer: 9.30am)

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AUTHENTIC
DISCIPLESHIP
& INTENTIONAL
DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

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EAST CENTRE, 23 JUL 2017

SERVICE LEADER: ELDER JOHNNY TAN ■ WORSHIP LEADER: PS LIM KENG YEOW AND KAREN

Global God, Global Disciple

ELDER JOHNNY TAN, DIRECTOR, MISSIONS

Go and make disciples of **all nations** (Matthew 28:19a)! This call for all disciples to be discipling is clear. The scope of Matthew 28 is **all nations** which means Global. Christ died on the cross and shed His blood to cleanse the sins of all mankind!

Our response thus cannot be less than the scope of this command in Matthew 28. In our 21 Jul Devotional Journal reading, John Piper in his book "Let the Nations be Glad" told a story about two ocean liners sinking at the same time.

We have limited resources and are not able to save both liners at the same time. Which ocean liner will we send the lifeboats to? From the position of fruitfulness and efficiency, one will send all the lifeboats to the nearer ocean liner. John Piper suggests that God's view may differ. God will send the lifeboats to both ocean liners! Because the Gospel is to reach **all nations!** I believe all of us can participate in missions in many ways.

The simplest way is through prayer. Do join us in prayer that Covenant EFC and Singapore churches will be sending-churches. Collected data from Singapore Centre of Global Missions shows that since 2004, the number of missionaries sent out is getting lesser and lesser from year to year.

Second is to support the missionaries by giving financially, praying for them, helping to look after their parents, and encouraging them with letters and visits.

Third is to go to the harvest field!

Learn about the four roles a Global Disciple can take on; go to the foyer and find out more!

This year's Missions week serves to highlight Business As Missions (BAM). Do come to the BAM workshops on 27 Jul and 2 Aug to learn and be inspired!

As the Lord leads you, respond in obedience and faith.

SERMON OUTLINE

How to Best Help the Poor

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL ■ SERMON: DR LAVAL YAU

Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9 and John 12:1-8

These passages will be looked at from the point of view of how to best help the poor.

1. Incident takes place in Simon the Leper's home.

2. Apostles (Judas mainly) wanted to feed the poor.

3. Jesus replied that the poor will always be with us.

What we can learn about helping the poor from these passages:

1. Check how much we really care about the poor (Lk 14:12-14)

How close have you been to the poor lately?

2. Deuteronomy 15:4-11 gives us the ways we should care for the poor. Rate yourself on each one of them, 1 being lowest and 10 being highest:

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| a. Do not be hard-hearted | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| b. Do not be tight-fisted | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| c. Rather be open-handed | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| d. Freely lend what is needed | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| e. Harbour no wicked (scheming) thought | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| f. Give generously | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| g. Without a grudging heart | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

3. Once you have given and given, how do you combat compassion fatigue, disillusion and disappointment with helping the poor?

4. The anointing of Jesus prepares him for His death. We preach Christ crucified (1 Cor 1:22-23). Christ Crucified comes first.

5. Come and rest at the feet of Jesus (Matt 11:28) then see Him in the poor.

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

30 JULY – DR LAVAL YAU (BPJ), PS LEE DA WIN (WDL) AND PS GLEN WESTWOOD (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

What It Takes to Finish Well

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 6:13 –15 ■ SERMON: PS KATHERINE CHAN

Introduction

The Temple is completed!

Finishing well is a journey. God leads us to finish well.

Three divine acts of God in leading us to finish well.

A. God Opens the Door (v.13)

“... according to the word sent by Darius the king...”

God used King Darius as His instrument to open the door for the Jews to complete the rebuilding of the Temple, just as He used King Cyrus to begin the rebuilding (Ezr 1).

When God opens the door, we walk through it in faith and in boldness. Even when the doors are closed, we learn to wait on Him. Because God loves us, He knows when to open the door. Trust that His appointed time is the best timing for us. God's appointed door is the best door for us to walk through.

B. God Inspires the Heart (v.14)

“... through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo ...”

The rebuilding began with the Word of God (Ezr 1:1), stopped but resumed through the prophecy of Haggai and Zechariah (Ezr 5:1-2), and now completed by the Word of God. The words of Haggai that encouraged the Jews: Set priorities right (Hag 1:8); take courage, God is with them (Hag 2:4-5). The words of Zechariah: God's compassion (Zech 1:12-13); God's promise to inhabit His house (Zech 2:10); the outpouring of God's Spirit to overcome obstacles (Zech 4:6); the fulfillment of Zechariah's prediction (Zech 4:7-9).

God inspires our hearts with His Word. His Word is true and unchanging. Hold on to the promises of God as we journey in our discipleship pilgrimage.

C. God Sets the Clock (v.15)

“... in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king

The Temple was completed in the sixth year of King Darius' reign (515 or 516 B.C.), roughly seventy years since the destruction of Solomon's Temple in 586 B.C (2 Kings 25:8-10). The year 515 or 516 B.C. would be a significant date to the Jews returning from exile. It is a mark of the end of the seventy-year exile as God had promised (Jer 25:8-10; 29:10). God fulfilled His promises for the return and for the rebuilding of the temple in His timing.

God sets the clock to fulfill His promises, to unfold His plans. Learn to trust in God's sovereignty. Learn to walk in step with God. Learn to wait on God. Let God unfold His plans to us and for us, in His way, in His time.

Conclusion

Believe that God who began a good work in us is faithful to complete it in us. He leads us to finish well.