

Announcements

MEMBERSHIP AFFIRMATION

Our biennial membership affirmation starts today! All Covenant EFC constitutional members are required to affirm their membership by 28 Feb to remain as a constitutional member.

- Affirm your membership at the booth at the foyer or at www.cefc.org.sg by clicking "My Account".
- Select whether you would like to receive the notice of AGM by email or by postal mail.
- Add a profile photo and update your personal particulars after your affirmation to receive the appropriate information and letters for the upcoming AGM.
- If you need assistance with your Voyager account, email sgi.admin@cefc.org.sg

If you are not able to affirm, submission of new membership application form is required to be a member again. Application forms are available at the Information Counter.

i12PRAY

Participate in *i12pray* by committing to pray for Covenant EFC leaders and for Singapore at least once a month, on a day of your choice. Sign up and access the daily prayer guide through the "Covenant EFC" mobile app! Together, we can cover our nation and church in prayer every day of the year!

BREAKTHROUGH WEEKENDS

Have you signed up for Breakthrough Weekends? Early bird registration ends next Sun. Don't miss it!

YOUTH DANCE WORKSHOP

Covenant Dance Ministry will conduct Youth Dance Workshops (Contemporary, Hip Hop and Ballet) during the March and June 2018 school holidays! Youths should have at least two years of dance experience from regular dance classes as this is not an introductory dance workshop.

For youths aged 10 to 12 years old. This workshop will introduce them on how to use their gifts and talents in dance to serve God. Dates: 17 and 18 Mar Venues: ACKCentre and WDL

For youths aged 13 to 15 years old. This workshop will invite them to consider what it means to be a Christian dancer and how to be set apart to use their gifts for God's Kingdom. Dates: 9 and 10 Jun Venues: ACKCentre and WDL

Cost: \$15 per participant (payment by cheque)
Registration closes on 11 Feb To register or enquire, email cefdance@gmail.com

AGM NOMINATIONS

Nomination of office bearers for the Church Board 2018-2019 term is now open. Please get the nominations forms at the Information Counter and submit by 28 Jan 2018 to The Honorary Secretary, Covenant Evangelical Free Church, 2 Kallang Avenue, #10-26, CT HUB, Singapore 339407. Candidates will be considered by the nominations committee and subject to Board approval. For enquiries, contact Sandy Siak, Honorary Secretary at honsec@cefc.org.sg

Nomination Committee

Nomination Chairman: Chang Li Lin
Senior Pastors: Rev Tony Yeo and Rev Tan Kay Kiong
Board Chairman: Elder Louis Tan
Board Honorary Secretary: Sandy Siak
Board Members: Roger Loh and Patrick Lim
Lay Members: Tham Sau Ling and Paul Ong

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Faith. For parents with kids below 12 years old. **Dates:** Eight sessions from 27 Jan to 14 Apr. **Time:** 2pm- 4pm **Venue:** ACKCentre **Fee:** \$100/couple Register at the Information Counter today!

STM TRIPS

All CG members, plan your STM trips for 2018 now! **Mongolia (Provinces outside Ulanbaatar) in March (10 to 14 days)** Teach basic Biblical disciplines. Team size: 4 to 6 people only

Mongolia (Ulanbaatar) in March or April (10 to 14 days) Campus outreach to conduct English lessons Team size: 6 to 12 people (18 to 35 years old)

Nepal on 23 Mar to 5 Apr (8 to 10 days) Teachers' training and children's programme

Thailand (Chiang Mai) on 23 Apr to 5 May (6 to 7 days) Youth/children's camp (spiritual development)

Registration ends on 4 Feb. Trippers must be members of a CG and attending CG regularly. They must be committed to attending STM training and team meetings. For more information or to indicate your interest email missions@cefc.org.sg

DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Courting couples, would you like to further develop your relationship for God's glory? Choose one Saturday (8.30am-5pm) from this year's Discovery Weekend dates: **27 Jan, 14 Apr, 21 Jul and 20 Oct.** Register at the Information Counter.



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A Season of Prayer and Repentance

REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI, DIRECTOR, INTEGRATED EQUIPPING

We have heard from our senior pastors that the burden God has laid upon their hearts for 2018 is prayer and repentance. Prayer comes from a vision of Exodus 17:1-8. The Church is under attack. Victory required both the ground battle (led by Joshua and the army) and the prayer battle (Moses with Aaron and Hur up in the hill). Significantly, it was Moses' arms that were held up, signifying prayer, that ultimately led to victory. The call to repentance comes from Joel 1:13-14. We see this in our *Whole Life Inventory* done in 2016. We are grateful that Covenant EFC is doing well in many areas such as our spiritual disciplines, family relationship, etc. Nonetheless, there is sin in our midst. Certainly we will not be perfect until the Lord returns. Yet we do need to repent of that which we are aware of and can do something about. Habitual and intention sin, resulting in lifeless and defeated Christianity is *not* the normal Christian life that Jesus intends for us. Hence the call for repentance.

Interestingly, Covenant EFC is not alone. Several key Church leaders in Singapore have also come to that conviction that 2018 is to be a year of consecrated prayer and repentance. Then just this week, we saw close to 700 Singaporean pastors, lay leaders and parachurch leaders come together for prayer at the Prayer Summit in Malacca, the largest in its 23-year history. We deeply believe God's Spirit is stirring His Church towards such a season. So, how can you participate along with us? Here are some possible ways:

- Set aside a time to pray first thing each morning. As you lie in bed, commit yourself to the Lordship of Jesus again (e.g. Dear Lord Jesus, I commit myself to you again this day. Be the Lord of my life. Protect me from the evil one. Guide me by your Spirit to all that You would have me do. Empower me by Your Spirit to obey. In Jesus' name, amen).
- Set a side one day a week to fast. Fasting is to deny yourself physical sustenance and pleasure in order to let God know you are serious in seeking Him. It is a means of humbling yourself and being aware of the things that bind us to this world. You may skip a meal, and you can also consider fasting from social media. Spend this time instead reading God's Word and praying it back to Him.
- Set aside one day a month to purposefully fast and pray. Pray for yourself, your family, Covenant EFC, her leaders and our nation. We encourage you to join us as a church by registering through "Covenant EFC" app under *i12pray*. We are looking to cover 365 days of 2018 with such dedicated prayer. As of last Tuesday, over 900 Covenanters have joined us.

I believe God wants to bless His Church in Singapore with spiritual awakening. That's why He's leading us to this season of prayer and repentance. Join us — do whatever is possible to intensify prayer and believe that our Heavenly Father will hear us, and pour His Spirit afresh over our nation and His Church! May 2018 be that spiritual turning point for you, our church and Singapore!

Sermon Outline

MANDATE: Returning the Church to Her Disciplemaking Roots

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL • SERMON: PS BARNEY LAU

Introduction:

A. Return to the Great COMMANDMENT (Matt 22:36-40)

B. Return to the Great COMMISSION (Matt 28:18-20)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

21 JAN - PS LIM KENG YEOW (BPJ), PS KATHERINE CHAN (WDL) AND JEREMY KOH (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

We Are Church: Pray and Repent!

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL • SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

How did you enter into 2018 personally and with the Church? Start strong. Try doing something uncomfortable for God like a full-day fast. Together as a Church, let's engage in humble prayer and repentance during our 40th year anniversary. Let's go back to our core purpose and identity as God's Church.

Prayer: Lord, as we begin a new year, teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Our time is short and our God is great. May we make much of You, leaning into Your sufficiency, rejoicing in Your goodness, resting in Your unfailing grace and mercies that are new every morning. May Your beauty, Lord, be upon us!

A. We Are Church: PRAY! (Exo 17:8-13)

1. We are not **the** Church but **a** Church committed to be the true bride of Christ. We must revisit our **mission** of authentic discipleship and intentional disciplemaking, and stay true to it. Prayer is the gateway to becoming God's Church.
2. Exodus 17:8 "The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim." It was a surprise attack. Moses must have sensed the crisis and moved into action — to ascend the hill to intercede for the battle. As long as his hands were held up, they won. What a picture of intercession. Lift up your hands!
3. Application: Whole Life Inventory showed we have a crisis: sexual bondage and sin, marital unhappiness, parenting woes. Disparity between what we know in the Word and what we do about it. *i12Pray* movement: Pray at least once a month.
4. Summary: What if fundamentally, prayer is not to get God's answer but to secure His presence? Dr Billy Graham's words: "Get down on your knees and pray till God and you are on the most intimate terms."

B. We Are Church: Pray and REPENT! (Joel 1-3)

1. There is no true prayer without repentance. John the Baptist declared: "Bring forth fruits in keeping with repentance" (Lk 3:8).
2. Joel 1:13-14 calls us to put on sackcloth and mourn. Declare a holy fast. Call a sacred assembly. Cry out to the Lord. Joel 2:13-14 calls us to "rend your heart and not your garments". Message: "Change your life, not just your clothes." NLT version: "Don't tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead." My paraphrase: "Don't just put up a show and go through the motion; get real with God!" Why?
 - a. "For he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love." He loves us and waits for us to run into His loving arms!
 - b. "For he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love and he relents from sending calamity." He wants to set us free from the clutches of the evil one, from the consequences of our sins and bondages.
3. Application: Repentance in the Old Testament – "Turn **from** evil and turn **to** God." Repentance in the New Testament – Change of mind. We cannot become what we want by remaining what we are. (Max Depree)

Conclusion

A prayer movement in 2018 in order to reap a harvest in 2019.

Celebration of Hope: One Name One Place

1978 Dr Billy Graham crusade video