

Announcements

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!

FOOD DELIVERY FOR ELDERLY DURING CHINESE NEW YEAR

There are elderly residing alone who need lunch and dinner on the first three days of Chinese New Year: 14 in Teck Whye and Bukit Panjang, and 16 in Bedok South. Those who are keen to bless and deliver home-cooked meals for **all** or selected number of elderly, on **all** or selected days, please email vincent.chia@cefc.org.sg

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Membership Class will be held on Sat, 10 Feb, 9am to 4pm at ACKCentre. Register at the Information Counter.

FEB 2018 DJ COLLECTION

Hard copies of the Devotional Journal (DJ) for Feb 2018 are available at the Information Counter at Level 1 while stocks last. The digital copy is available at our church website and "Covenant EFC" app.

SUNBEAM PRIMARY SERVICE

There will no longer be Sunbeam Primary Service during the third service (12:30pm – 2pm) at BPJ Centre, with effect from 11 February 2018. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to attend the earlier two services instead.

CAMP COVENANT 2018

Camp Covenant 2018 is coming!
Dates: 5 – 8 Jun (Tue – Fri)
Venue: IOI Marriot at Putrajaya
Speaker: Rev Dr Gordon Wong
Registrations starts in Mar. More details are coming in Feb. For enquiries, email campcovenant@cefc.org.sg

BREAKTHROUGH WEEKENDS

Registration for Breakthrough Weekends is still ongoing at regular rates.

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) To register or enquire, email cefcdance@gmail.com Registration closes on 11 Feb.



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BUKIT PANJANG, 28 JANUARY 2018
SERVICE LEADER: PS YAM KENG MUN • WORSHIP LEADER: JONATHAN CHI

Multiplication Through Intentional Disciplemaking

PS SHARON FONG, DISTRICT MENTOR AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

Intentionality is defined as an act of being purposeful. But if we don't understand the purpose of being a Christian, we will find it difficult to be an Intentional Disciple Making Church.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. – 1 Peter 2:9. As God has chosen us to be His royal priesthood and a people who belongs to Him, we must not forget the purpose of being a Christian — to proclaim the praise of Jesus Christ. Since our purpose to make Jesus known is clearly stated, it's time to be intentional.

So where do we start? I suggest not to look far but to consider where God has already placed us — your home, community, workplace, school, National Service unit and neighbourhood. In the sphere of influence that God has assigned us, it is important for us to understand the needs of the people around. These may be a

a lonely friend, a broken marriage, a wayward child, a disheartened colleague or a neighbour who needs help.

Let's commit Year 2018 to be an intentional year of loving them, praying for them, lending a listening ear, serving and encouraging them. In other words, let's be intentional to B.L.E.S.S.

Begin by praying for them
Listen to them
Eat with them
Serve them
Share your story with them

When we consistently reach out to meet their needs and B.L.E.S.S. them, we will gradually earn the right to share our testimonies of God's faithfulness in our lives. Eventually, we will earn their trust such that we can share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them.

In Rick Warren's words, **"Your church will never grow beyond your capacity to meet needs."** Let's roll up our sleeves and be ready to serve the needs of the people in our community. B.L.E.S.S. them and love them in Christ.

Sermon Outline

Multiplication Through Intentional Disciplemaking

SCRIPTURE: 2 TIMOTHY 2:2 • SERMON: PS LEE DA-WIN

Introduction:

Spiritual multiplication is possible for every disciple when we:

A. APPLY What We Hear

“the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses.”

B. ENTRUST What We Hear

“entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

4 FEB - REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), PS SHARON FONG (WDL) AND PS MATTHEW LO (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Maturity Through Authentic Discipleship

SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 5:11-14 • SERMON: PS LIM KENG YEOW

Introduction

Hebrews 5:11-14 tells us a number of things about growing toward adulthood and maturity. We are reminded to give attention to our Spiritual ABCs: Spiritual Appetite, Spiritual Basics and Spiritual Choices.

A. Our Spiritual Appetite (v.11)

The author tells the readers that they “have become dull of hearing”, and so it was hard to convey to them certain things. Three things should be noted: a) The “dullness” meant sluggishness. They were not necessarily so in other aspects of their lives. They could be enthusiastic over their work or even their ministry tasks. But when it came to hearing God and spiritual truth, they were not so. b) They “became” that way. That wasn’t how they started off. c) Their lack of spiritual appetite came at a cost to them. They were hindered in their ability to learn and grow. No spiritual appetite, no intake. No intake, 0% chance of growth and 100% certainty of death.

B. Our Spiritual Basics (vv.12–13)

Although they ought to be teachers already, the Hebrews needed to be taught all over again the spiritual basics. Like them, we need to return to the basics. These are foundational truths, essentially the truths on the basis of which we first came to Christ: that God loves us, that He is God and we are not, that He is good, and so on. These are critical: the most severe tests and crises we’ve gone through would have been a test of how solid these basics are in our lives. We need to both learn them, and be led by them. We need to be grounded in them, and be governed by them.

C. Our Spiritual Choices (v.14)

The mature learn through constant practice to discern between good and evil. The opposite is to be like spiritual children, tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine (Eph 4:14). How do we grow to increasingly make such good spiritual choices? The Bereans in Acts 17:11 demonstrated this. They received the Word with eagerness (not dull of hearing) and also took personal responsibility to examine if what they heard were true. They were neither resistant nor cynical, nor were they gullible or undiscerning — that’s maturity!

Conclusion

We know we have to pay a price for growth. What we’re less aware of is this: we also have to pay a price for not growing. We pay a price for stagnating, when we could have grown in greater victory over temptations, found greater peace and restedness over what caused us anxiety and intimidation, grown to be someone easier for others to live with! Which price would we rather pay: the price of growth or the price of stagnation?