

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.

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 cefdance@gmail.com Registration closes on 11 Feb.



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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 EDMUND WONG

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 IVAN HO

Introduction

Five Ms of Covenant EFC's Mission Statement: Mandate, Maturity, Multiplication, Ministry and Mission.

Maturity is about growing our Spiritual ABCs:

A. Spiritual Appetite (v.11)

1. “dull of hearing” means dull of hearing authoritative teachings, sluggish to take in spiritual truths. In other words, the Christians have lost their spiritual appetite for God's truths. Spiritual lethargy and unresponsiveness lead to spiritual stagnation. In contrast, spiritual enthusiasm, responsiveness and receptiveness lead to spiritual growth. We need to have spiritual hunger.
2. Spiritual appetite and receptiveness are fundamental to growth and maturity. Maturity is having both the desire and ability to hear from God. Are you dull of hearing?
3. Some ways to increase our appetite for the Word of God and the things of God: (a) fasting and prayer (b) silence and solitude (c) Bible reading and devotional journaling (d) prayer pauses throughout the day. When we have spiritual appetite, it affects our entire life and worship of God.

B. Spiritual Basics (vv.12-13)

1. The first hearers of this letter were not new believers, yet they were unable to pass on to others the basics of the Christian faith, because they remained unestablished in the basics. We grasp the basics (fundamental truths of the Christian faith), by knowing and living according to the Word of God.
2. What are the basics? See Hebrews 6:1-2. (a) Repentance from dead works (NIV “acts that lead to death”; NLT “evil deeds”); (b) Faith toward (or in) God; (c) Instruction about washings (baptisms), the laying of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgement. Many people who profess to be Christians are still confused regarding the basics. Don't settle for just the basics; go on to maturity.
3. What are the Christians to go on to? See Hebrews 6:7-12. (a) Fruitfulness for God (in faithfulness towards God); (b) Loving service to the saints (out of love for God); (c) earnestness, faith and patience to finish well (with hope in God).

C. Spiritual Choices (v.14)

1. Mature Christians are those who, through the constant practice of righteousness in their lives, are able to discern what is good and what is evil in every situation, and to consistently choose the good and reject the evil. God has already revealed His will and righteous standards to us in His Word. Non-obedience to God's will and non-practice of His righteousness will result in a continuing state of spiritual immaturity.
2. A portrait of maturity: Isaiah 50:4-6 (a) An instructed tongue: Wisdom from above (b) An awakened ear: Hearing daily from God (c) An obedient heart: Listening to obey God (d) A crucified life: Surrendered to God's will.
3. Not how much you know, but how much you grow. And you grow by application — by obedience. Make wise choices to obey God. Illustration: Stories of ordinary Covenanters who took steps to obey God as He led them, e.g. in vocation, evangelism, family discipleship, ministry and service.

Closing Story: John Sung, the great Chinese evangelist and revivalist.

John Stott: “But we should be making a sad mistake if we supposed that power for effective service was available only for a few giants like [John Sung and Billy Graham]. God's transforming power is at the disposal of all who will pay the price and by faith embrace it.”

Conclusion

In 2018, let us grow in maturity. Repent from immaturity. Pray and take action for a spiritual growth spurt!