

# Announcements

## VOCATION, MINISTRY AND WORK 1

IDMC Institute is hosting a module by Biblical Graduate School of Theology on Vocation, Work and Ministry. Learn about the theology of work and discover what God is doing in the world, what He is calling us to do and how we, as working people, can serve Him in church and in the marketplace. Register today for the first of a two-part module!

**Dates:** 16, 23, 30 Jul and 6, 13, 27 Aug (Mondays)

**Time:** 7.15pm – 10.00pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre, Live Recording Studio (#10-10)

**Fee:** \$225 (Credit), \$90 (Audit) Covenanters are entitled to 20% discount on credit courses only. To register, email [registration@bgs.edu.sg](mailto:registration@bgs.edu.sg)

## LIFE CROSSROADS FORUM

Are you at life's crossroads (midlife career switch, retrenchment or retirement) and struggling to move forward? Come and hear fellow Covenanters share their journeys. Register today as seats are limited!

**Date:** 14 Jul (Sat)

**Time:** 8.30am – 12pm (breakfast will be served from 7.30am to 8.30am)

**Venue:** ACKCentre, #10-03

To register, email [encouragersadmin@cefc.org.sg](mailto:encouragersadmin@cefc.org.sg) and indicate your name and contact number.

## JUL 2018 DJ COLLECTION

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

## PASTORS' INSTALLATION

Come and join the celebration as we witness Jeremy Koh and Sandra Chi of the Covenant EFC Staff Team installed as pastors, and Dr Stacey Tay installed as a lay pastor. A pastor is a salaried staff of the church while a non-salaried lay pastor serves firstly in the marketplace, and secondly in the church in a pastoral capacity.

**Date:** 15 Jul (Sun) **Time:** 2:30pm – 5pm

**Venue:** WDL Centre, Main Sanctuary

**For catering purposes, please RSVP by 5 Jul at the respective links:**

Jeremy Koh – <http://cefc.ch/jk>

Sandra Chi – <http://cefc.ch/sc>

Dr Stacey Tay – <http://cefc.ch/st>

## UNIVERSITY BEFRIENDER PROGRAMME

B.L.E.S.S. the international students who come to Singapore to study each year. Show God's love by extending your hospitality, introduce them to Singapore, and invite them for meals.

**Find out more at the booth at the foyer today! Sign up at <http://cefc.ch/UniBefriender201819>**

Registration ends today.

For more information, email [missions@cefc.org.sg](mailto:missions@cefc.org.sg)



## DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Discovery Weekend is a full-day workshop for courting couples to discover how to build a strong foundation in their relationship based on honest interaction, biblical principles and purity.

**Date:** 21 Jul (Sat) **Time:** 8.30am – 5pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre, Performing Arts Studio (#10-03)

Register at the Information Counter. For enquiries, email [fic@cefc.org.sg](mailto:fic@cefc.org.sg)

## SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Partner with us to invest in the lives of children. Be a volunteer-mentor!

**Kids Champ Club.** A character-building

programme to inculcate values such as trustworthiness and respect in P1 to P4 students. **Dates:** 14 Jul – 15 Dec (fortnightly, Saturdays) **Time:** 2pm – 6pm (includes pre and post-briefing)

**Venue:** BPJ Centre, Chapel

**Training:** 4 Jul, 7.30pm–9.00 pm at Fajar Youth Hub

**Steady Readers.** Programme for K2 to P4 students to improve their literacy skills and instil a love of reading.

**Dates:** 23 Jul – 15 Nov (weekly, Mon/Wed for BPJ, Tue/Thu for WDL)

**Time:** 8.00pm – 9.30pm

**Training:** 7, 8, 14 or 15 Jul (choose one day only), 1pm – 5pm at Fajar Youth Hub

## PARENTING TRAINING

**Parenting with Faith** is for parents with kids below 12 years old.

**Dates:** Eight sessions from 7 July to 25 Aug.

**Time:** 2pm – 4pm **Venue:** ACKCentre

**Fee:** \$100 / couple

Register at the Information Counter today!

# COVENANT EFC 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY Disciple Now!

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Next Generation

... for Godly Families  
and Generations

... for a Growing IDMC  
Movement in Singapore

... to Impact Our Society  
& Culture

... for a Growing Global  
IDMC Movement

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**ONE CHURCH  
MULTIPLE CENTRES**

**BPJ Centre:**

Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

**WDL Centre:**

Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

**East Centre:**

Sun 9am & 11am

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**BUKIT PANJANG, 1 JUL 2018**

SERVICE LEADER: PS KATHERINE CHAN • WORSHIP LEADER: EZRA LEE AND FAITH WANG

## Building for The Next Generation (1): The Future Unseen

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

**T**oday is our annual The Next Generation (TNG) Sunday and the theme is "The Future Unseen"!

Today, we remind ourselves that unless we disciple the young now, we will not see any vibrant and healthy next generation in the future, much less a vibrant and healthy next generation leadership.

On 21 Mar 2016, the article "Youth in Singapore Shunning Religion" was published in *The Straits Times* stating: "The trend of non-religious affiliation is in tandem with an increasingly educated populace, some of whom might move away from religion if it does not connect with their lives and needs."

This is a rising challenge for the Church – to engage the hearts of the children, youths and young adults. In this Information Age wherein we are overloaded with knowledge and in an era where the young thinks with their feelings, the next generation needs to experience the reality of God so that they not only know Him, but also love, serve and follow Him wholeheartedly. Parents will have to prioritise this sacred and challenging task of discipling them at home, and the Church will have to mobilise other mentors to come alongside and maximize the platforms we have to let the Holy Spirit change their hearts.

This is indeed an unseen future! It is not just accomplished by better platforms, but committed mentors who will sacrifice their

time to impart their lives and imprint God's Word in the hearts of the next generation. Many of us are where we are today because someone took time to journey with us.

As we look towards Vision 2028, we see not just the internal needs of the young within the Church, but also the Church's impact to the young in the community and beyond. It has been proven that it's easier for the 4 to 14-year-olds to come to know Jesus; it gets harder as they grow beyond this age group.

God has now given us three church centres in our respective communities. We are thankful for the work that New Life has done. We must also poise the Church for greater outreach work in the community. They must go hand in hand. There has to be authentic discipleship (AD) and intentional discipling (ID) of *A Certain Kind* so as to bring about an Intentional Disciple Making Church (IDMC) movement in Singapore and beyond.

I can never forget the day I saw a visually impaired 11-year-old boy entering BPJ with his father. He loves to attend the WEB service. I was so proud of our leaders and young people who quickly reached out to him. That's what IDMC is all about. That's what the Gospel is all about. That's what we must continue to do faithfully in our three worship centres — to follow Jesus (AD) and reproduce followers of Jesus (ID)!

# Sermon Outline

## A Future Unseen

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL (THE LIFE OF JOSEPH) • SERMON: SARAH CHAN

### Introduction

#### A. See as God Sees

#### B. Do as God Says

### Conclusion

**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:**

8 JUL - PS LEE DA-WIN (BPJ), REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI (WDL), AND REV BARNEY LAU (EAST)

# Last Week's Sermon Summary

## Growing Pains

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 6:1-7 • SERMON: PS LEE DA-WIN

### Introduction

A growing church with multiple worship centres, Covenant EFC – turning 40 in 2018 – is no longer a small church. As the church grows, it inevitably experiences growing pains, just as the Early Church in Acts 6 did.

#### A. We Cannot Just Remain the Same; We Must Change

So what must change, as we experience growing pains?

1. Processes (vv.1,3) – the way we do things. We must be willing to change the way that we do things, without compromising why we do them in the first place.
2. Roles and Responsibilities (v.2) – who does what. We must be willing to relinquish roles that we have held on to in the past, and to take on new ones, if so directed by the Lord. We serve in our area of calling, not because some roles are superior to others.

#### B. We Cannot Just Change; We Must Remain the Same

So what must remain the same, even as we experience growing pains? The fundamentals of our faith must remain firmly grounded and unchanged.

1. The Word of God (vv.2,4,7)  
God's Word is central to the life of the church and the life of every individual. This must remain unchanged as the church grows. So too for every disciple of Christ.
2. Prayer (vv.4,6)  
Prayer was fundamental in the life of the Early Church and so it must be for Covenant EFC. In this season of the 40 Days of Prayer, the Church in Singapore is called to heightened prayer. This is totally aligned with Covenant EFC's theme of Pray and Repent for 2018.

### Conclusion

There is no growth without pain. As a church, we inevitably have to go through growing pains. As disciples of Christ desiring to grow in our relationship with God, we will also experience growing pains. What is God saying to you that you must change in your life?