

# Announcements

## COVENANT EAST SERVICE NEXT SUN

Next Sun, 19 Aug, Covenant East will hold its Sunday Service at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel (Grand Ballroom, Level 4, 392 Havelock Rd, Singapore 169663), as Park Avenue Convention Centre is not available for our use. There will only be one service at 10am as the ballroom is able to accommodate a larger-sized congregation. Sunbeam and WEB services will be held at various function rooms within the hotel.

## COMMUNITY BLESSINGS

### Cooking Demo and Food Sampling

Would you like to learn how to make Fried Mee Siam and Miso Clam Soup? Bring a pre-believing friend along and connect!

**Date:** 15 Aug (this Wed)

**Time:** 7.30pm – 9pm

**Venue:** WDL Centre foyer

**Fee:** \$5 (pay on that day)

To enquire on how to sign up, SMS Vincent Chia at 9842 8275.

## SOCCER OUTREACH

Is it challenging to invite pre-believing friends and loved ones to church? What about playing soccer together? Covenant EFC is starting a soccer outreach group and inviting Covenanters who are passionate about souls and soccer to join us! **We are having a briefing, prayer and kick-around session on Sun, 9 Sep.** Please email [CefcSoccerOutreach@gmail.com](mailto:CefcSoccerOutreach@gmail.com) with your name and contact number to register your interest.

## IDMC 2018 NAME TAG COLLECTION

Calling all Covenanters who have registered for IDMC 2018! Beat the queue by collecting your name tags **next Sun, 19 Aug 10am to 1pm** at BPJ and WDL Centres. **Have your ticket QR code or ticket number ready to expedite your collection.**

## COVENANT EFC'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Come and celebrate as ONE church!

**Date:** 2 Sep (Sun)

**Time:** 9.30am-12.15pm (Security check is required. Please come early at 9.15am.)

**Venue:** Singapore EXPO Hall 1

- Children will join the main service and will receive a 40th Anniversary Fun Pack! First come, first served. (No children's programme)
- Stand a chance to win prizes in our selfie contest. More details soon!
- 40th Anniversary limited edition early bird gift for the first 1,000 adults.
- Giving of firstfruits offering towards Vision 2028!

## BEFRIENDING OLDER FAMILY MEMBERS

Join this workshop and learn how to improve your relationships with older adults.

**Date:** 18 Aug (this Sat)

**Time:** 8.30am – 5.00pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre

Sign up at [engage.cefc.org.sg](http://engage.cefc.org.sg) using your Voyager login. Slots are limited! **Today is the last day of registration.**



... for a Vibrant & Healthy 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

**ACKCentre**  
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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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WOODLANDS, 12 AUG 2018

SERVICE LEADER: PS KATHERINE CHAN • WORSHIP LEADER: LOW WEI SHING AND MAVIS LOW

## A Future Worth Reaching!

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

For an entire week every year, the Senior Pastor's Office "ascend" to Kinabalu Park to intentionally and prayerfully discern the Lord's ongoing spiritual burden and directives for Covenant EFC in the light of her Mission. This is then shared with Covenant EFC's Board and Staff for their collective prayers, discernment and resonance.

Vision 2028 & Beyond, which consists of Five Faith Exploits, is the outcome of such leadership plurality and process since 2012. It serves as a 50th anniversary milestone in our Intentional Disciplemaking Church (IDMC) mission to strengthen every foundation and champion an IDMC movement.

Covenant EFC is called to **grow a Global and Local Movement of IDMC churches.** The ministries of the IDMC Global Alliance (GA) led by Leadership Mentor Rev Edmund Chan, Covenant EFC's Missions in Asia, and the IDMC SG Chapter serve this purpose. Together, these represent our modest initiative and contribution to "return the Church to its disciplemaking roots".

Covenant EFC seeks to be a microcosm of the larger IDMC movement. She must answer God's call to be "salt and light" that **impacts culture and society.** For that to happen, "authentic discipleshap and intentional disciplemaking (ADID)" must exist in godly families and generations "to

reproduce disciples of *A Certain Kind*" – the Christ-mastered kind! Without **godly families and generations**, there will not be any **vibrant and healthy next generation leadership** by 2028 and beyond. Without a thriving local ADID movement in the family and Church, there cannot be an proactive contribution to accomplish the Great Commission "to win the world for Christ".

The plan to acquire a church-home for our third worship and outreach centre in the East is a direct result of Vision 2028 & Beyond. And if the Lord wills, we seek to plant our fourth centre further West in 2021. Bukit Panjang and Woodlands centres will also undergo her capacity enlargement and lease renewal in due course as an integral part of Vision 2028 & Beyond.

Any statement of the future is a statement of faith. If that statement is **of** God and that faith is **in** God, **then** that future is a future worth reaching for!

Vision 2028 & Beyond is the statement of the future. It is a future worth pursuing and reaching because the leadership believes it is of God. Unless God is in it and we see with eyes of faith, it is a mission impossible. God who gave us Isaiah 60:22 as a promise back in 1987 will continue to unfold His work in this generation.

Join us in this faith venture of a future worth pursuing and reaching for!

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# Sermon Outline

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## Enlarging Our Borders

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 11:19-30 • SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

### Introduction

#### A. Partner with the Hand of God (vv.19–24a)

#### B. Centre on the Word of God (vv.24b-30)

### Conclusion

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**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:**

19 AUG – REV TAN KAY KIONG (BPJ), REV TONY YEO (WDL) AND REV BARNEY LAU (EAST)

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# Last Week's Sermon Summary

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## Breaking Barriers

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 9:32–11:18 • SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

### Introduction

This passage is an inflexion point in the book of Acts. God was breaking barriers for His servants as He gets them to bring the Gospel beyond Jerusalem (geographical) and beyond their own culture.

#### A. BREAKING OUT of our COMFORTABLE PLACES (Acts 9:32 – 43)

1. God moved Peter beyond Jerusalem in steps from Lydda to Joppa (and later to Caesarea.) Everywhere he went, the Lord used him to demonstrate the Gospel through signs and wonders and the spreading of the Gospel.
2. It is not easy moving out of our comfort zones. God led 17 people to move out of their comfortable situation to plant a church in Ghim Moh 40 years ago. From there they kept moving because they outgrew the place (people came to know Christ and joined the church) until today where we have two worship centres, one office/training/production centre and one church-plant.
3. Beyond people coming to know the Lord, it is also about growing personally beyond our comfort zones to be all that the Lord has destined us to be.

#### B. BREAKING OUT of our CULTURAL PREJUDICES (Acts 10:1 – 11:18)

1. The Jews saw everyone as we-vs-them. They were God's chosen people and their practices (e.g. food laws, keeping sabbath, circumcision etc.) reminded them that they were such.
2. God had to give a heavenly vision to Peter three times before he understood that the Gospel was meant not just for the Jews but also for the Gentiles (i.e. everyone else.) The Lord confirmed it for Peter and the rest of the Christian Jews by pouring out His Spirit also on the Gentiles and letting them speak in tongues, thus demonstrating their inclusion into the Kingdom.
3. We also have our own prejudices – which God has to break, both for our own good and for the sake of the Gospel reaching those who have yet to know Christ.

### Conclusion

While Peter and Cornelius were very different in terms of their culture and vocation, they were bonded together by one thing – both were men of prayer. And God used that to bring the breaking of barriers for the growth of His Church!