

Announcements

COVENANT EFC'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY COFFEE TABLE BOOK

As part of Covenant EFC's 40th Anniversary celebration, we are producing a commemorative coffee table book titled *This Is Us: 40 Years of God's Faithfulness* so we can look back at our journey as a church family, remember God's faithfulness, and catch a glimpse of what lies ahead towards Vision 2028 & Beyond. This beautifully designed, high-quality book filled with photos will be launched at our 40th Anniversary Service on 2 Sep. Be sure to get your copy then! Price will be announced soon.

HOKKIEN MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL OUTREACH

Share God's love with your Hokkien-speaking family and friends by inviting them to our Hokkien Mid-Autumn Festival Outreach. Belinda Lee will share her testimony and Ps Gilbert Sng will give a special message.

Date: 22 Sep (Sat)

Time: 7pm - 9pm (free buffet starts at 5.45pm on a first-come, first-served basis)

Venue: BPJ Centre, Main Sanctuary (Level 2)

IDMC 2018 PRE-CONFERENCE CHECK-IN

Calling all Covenanters who have registered for IDMC 2018! Beat the queue by collecting your name tags today, from 10am to 1pm at BPJ and WDL Centres.

To expedite your collection, please have your ticket QR code or ticket number ready.

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 & Beyond!

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 with your name and contact number to register your interest.



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EAST, 19 AUG 2018

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A Journey Worth Taking!

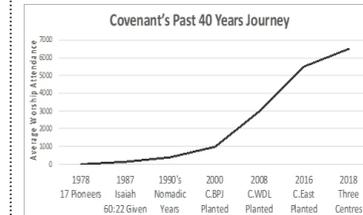
REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

Any statement of the future is a statement of faith. If that statement of the future is of God and that faith is in God, then that future is worth reaching and the journey towards it is worth taking! Vision 2028 & Beyond is such a future because it is a return to Kingdom discipleship and Kingdom outreach. It is a journey worth taking because we believe God is in it!

Covenant EFC's calling is to grow an intentional discipling church (IDMC) movement and not be a monument. The IDMC movement is anchored in the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20). Vision 2028 & Beyond is a **milestone** vision to **strengthen our foundations** for an IDMC **movement**. For a local and global IDMC movement to thrive, Covenant EFC must grow as a pioneer, model and microcosm of the IDMC movement. The litmus test of an IDMC is spiritual maturity and multiplication. The outcome is to win souls, change lives and send mentors!

We believe that God has called us to be One Church with multiple worship and outreach centres. This was envisioned in our Long-Term Planning Taskforce since 2003. It is therefore an integral part of Vision 2028 & Beyond. It is a confirmation of an unfolding promise God gave Covenant EFC in Isaiah 60:22 back in 1987. The \$40M Seed Fund launched in our 40th anniversary year and to be raised over the next few years is an integral part of our church-planting vision and spiritual multiplication.

Our mission statement is an expression of our obedience to join God's grand plan of world evangelisation! We cannot hope to participate in this grand mission without having a vision to share and without saturating Singapore with the Gospel. In Joshua 21:43, God gave Israel all the land promised, but Israel still had to possess and live in it. Today, we must exercise our faith to see Singapore embrace Jesus as Saviour and Lord. We must trust that God will bring His mission and vision to pass. That includes trusting God for the \$40M Seed Fund! May you bring your best gift to the Lord this anniversary.



The past 40 years has been a tremendously blessed, God-filled and adventurous journey. Vision 2028 & Beyond will be the same because God is in it! The Lord has blessed and is blessing Covenant EFC. What shall we do about it — choose to live in status quo or believe in God for greater things (Matt 25:14-30)? Let's faith up! Just as how Jabez prayed, let's ask the Lord to enlarge Covenant EFC's tent and that His hand be upon us (1 Chron. 4:9-10)!

Come on Covenanters! Let's take this journey worth taking, to reach a future worth reaching, to grow a movement worth growing!

Sermon Outline

More than Conquerors!

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 12:1-24 • SERMON: REV BARNEY LAU

Introduction

A. Trusting When We Don't Understand It

“... Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church.” (v.1)

B. Believing When We Don't See It

“So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.” (v.5)

C. Persisting When We Don't Feel Like It

“But the word of God increased and multiplied.” (v.24)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

26 AUG – PS MATTHEW LO (BPJ), PS EDMUND WONG (WDL) AND PROF FREDDY BOEY (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Enlarging Our Borders

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 11:19-30 • SERMON: PS ANN CHAN

Introduction

1. The church does not exist for itself! It exists for a greater purpose of reaching a lost world. From Acts 11:19-30, we see the hand of God enlarging the tent: from Jerusalem to Antioch to the rest of the world.

2. There are Three Important Concerns we are to focus on -

A. THE MISSION OF GOD (vv.19-21)

1. The Mission: What is the Mission of God?

- The persecuted Church as the scattered Church (vv.19-20)
- The Great Commission as the core mission of the Church.

2. The Threats: What is the real challenge?

- The scattering and preaching bore much fruit (v.21)
- Yet, the greater the fruit, the greater the opposition!
- Even so, it's not the external threats that we should be frightened of. Rather, it's the internal fault lines that we should watch out for!

B. THE MAN OF GOD (vv.22-26)

1. The Stature: What kind of man does God use?

Barnabas – a good, Spirit-filled man who's full of faith!

2. The Assignment: What is his real work?

- “He exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose” (v.23)
- He encouraged Saul in the early days and “brought him to Antioch to co-labour together, nurturing the new believers in the faith.”
- Application – Do it as a team! CGLs need to raise a Core Team for shared responsibility and discipling of the rest of the CG members.

C. THE MOVE OF GOD (vv.27-30)

1. From Jerusalem: Why the shift of focus?

The extension of the mission base. The expansion of the church. The leading of the Holy Spirit.

2. To Antioch: What is the significance?

- The inclusion of the Gentile
- The Mission Base from Antioch
- The new Identity as “Christians” - Jews and Gentiles (2 Cor 5:17).

3. To the Rest of the World: How is this possible?

- Barnabas and Saul (Paul) were sent.
- A global vision and mission (Matt 24:14)!

Conclusion

“The gospel is not an old old story freshly told, It is a FIRE in the spirit, fed by the flame of immortal love. And woe to us, if through our negligence to stir up the gift of God, which is within us – that the fire burns low!” – Leonard Ravenhill

We are redeemed by God — to enlarge the borders!
Spirit, Touch Your Church!!