

Announcements

SP/CO DIALOGUE ON VISION 2028 DOMESTIC AGENDA AND FUNDRAISING

Come dialogue with our SPs/COs on the Vision 2028 domestic agenda and fundraising, and why these are so crucial and imperative towards building for the next generation.

East Centre: 22 Jul, Sun, 1pm–3pm at Park Avenue Convention Centre

BPJ Centre: 29 Jul, Sun, 2:30pm–4.30pm at BPJ Chapel

WDL Centre: Sun, 29 Jul, 1pm–3pm at WDL Main Sanctuary

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Baptism Class is on Sun, 5 Aug, 1.00pm to 3.30pm at BPJ Centre.

Membership Class is on Sat, 11 Aug, 9am to 4pm at ACKCentre.

Register at the Information Counter.

PARENTING TRAINING

We'd love to journey with you towards an Intentional Disciple Making Family (IDMF)! We strongly encourage parents of teenagers, particularly those in Momentum, to join us in this coming run of **Parenting with Hope**. This is for **parents of tweens and teens, to be held on 28 Jul to 25 Aug (four Saturday sessions), from 3.30pm to 5.30pm at WDL Centre, Joy and Love Rooms**. The venue and time coincide with the Momentum Service. **Registration fee is \$90 per couple**. Register today at the Information Counter.

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 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@bgst.edu.sg

OVERNIGHT PRAYER

Get ready to climax our 40-day prayer season with overnight prayer! We will hear senior civil servants share about our nation so that we can pray for our government. We will learn about the societal issues happening so that we can repent of on behalf of the land. We will do a prayer walk in the community and bring blessing over it. Let's pray and repent together for our nation!

Dates and Time: 8 Aug, 11pm to 9 Aug, 6am

Venues: BPJ Centre, WDL Centre, ACKCentre (for Covenant East)

DISCOVERY WEEKEND

A full-day workshop for courting couples on 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

SERVE IN NEW LIFE

Steady Readers Programme

New Life needs 10 more volunteers in BPJ Centre and 10 more volunteers in WDL Centre. A total of 100 are children are waiting to be mentored in reading literacy for the next run in Jul to Nov. To find more about the programme, go to tinyurl.com/SteadyReaders **Training will be held on 16 Jul, Mon, 7.30pm at Fajar Youth Hub**. To sign up, contact Jason at 9635 1135 or email volunteer@newlife.org.sg

NEW LIFE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Charity Golf is happening on **Thu, 13 Sep at Singapore Island Country Club**. The Guest of Honour is Dr Vivian Balakrishnan. Sign up as golfers or donate (in cash or in kind). Visit tinyurl.com/newlifegolf

Charity Run will be held on **Sat, 20 Oct at CSC Run by the Bay** (www.cscrunchbythebay.com)

To register or to find out more, email fundraising@newlife.org.sg, call Trevor at 9827 8803, or drop by our booth after the service.



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... 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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Building for The Next Generation (3): The Future Unseen

ELDER DESIGNATE TONY TAN (FUNDRAISING CHAIRMAN) & SENIOR PASTORS

Deep calls to deep (Psa 42:7), God is taking me (Tony Tan) deeper into the mysteries and adventures of faith in Him, to step out of my comfortable shore and plunge into the blue ocean of God's purpose for Covenant EFC and my life — to me, this is what Vision2028 and Beyond is about.

God is calling Covenant EFC to the **deep** – deeper love, deeper passion, and deeper faith to follow Jesus and help others follow Him too. Thus, our mission is to expand the Kingdom of God through both a local and a global Intentional Disciple Making Church (IDMC) movement. There will not be a global movement without a strong supportive and complementary local movement. The \$40M Seed Fund is about growing a vibrant IDMC movement for the next generation beyond 2028!

Covenant EFC's 40 years of journey in properties and building has been nothing short of miraculous! 17 pioneers met in a humble Ghim Moh HDB apartment in 1978. This grew to about 400 worshippers by the 1980s in 721 Bukit Timah Road. Sale of the Bukit Timah property helped fund the \$14M BPJ Centre which opened in 2000. The WDL Centre was launched in 2008 at a cost of \$27M. In 2015, ACKCentre, which houses the staff office, IDMC Institute, and media and performing arts facilities, was birthed at a cost of \$25M. Led by the Lord, all three properties, costing \$66M in total were fully funded without any debt! BPJ Centre has now grown to an average worship attendance (AWA) of over 2,200 adults, and WDL

Centre to over 1,500 adults. In just 20 months, East Centre has grown threefold to an AWA of over 600 adults. Covenant EFC's total AWA now stands at over 6,200 including children and youths. What a testament to God's amazing grace, relentless faithfulness and bountiful blessings through the sacrificial and generous giving of Covenanters through the years! Praise the Lord!

Looking ahead, East Centre will soon need a permanent home. Both BPJ and WDL Centres' HDB lease renewals are due in 2027 and 2035 respectively. As the Lord leads, we plan to plant a fourth centre in the greater Jurong region, a major growing population centre, in 2021. Beyond mere property needs, the \$40M Seed Fund undergirds our calling towards a vibrant IDMC movement in Singapore and beyond.

Our leadership has endorsed Vision 2028 and Beyond since 2015. In May this year, the Board and Staff indicated a first-fruit gift of \$1M. This year's June camp saw 231 campers indicating a gift of another \$2M, totalling over \$3M in the first-fruit indication to the Vision 2028 and Beyond Seed Fund to date. Praise the Lord!

Will you prayerfully consider how you may own the Vision 2028 and Beyond journey? Will you prayerfully seek the Lord as to what and how you may contribute to the Seed Fund? And as the Lord leads you, join the Board, Staff and the 231 Covenanters to actualise the first-fruit giving to the Seed Fund starting at Covenant EFC's 40th Anniversary Service on 2 Sep 2018 till 28 Feb 2019. Let's go to the **deep!**

Sermon Outline

Three Pitfalls In Discipleship Today

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 8:1-24 • SERMON: PS KATHERINE CHAN

Introduction

A. Seeing Life with the Wrong _____ (vv.1-3)

B. Putting Faith in the Wrong _____ (vv.4-13)

C. Seeking Blessings for the Wrong _____ (vv.14-24)

Conclusion

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NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:
22 JUL – REV COLIN SMITH (BP), WDL AND EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

Faithful to the End

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 6:8-7:60 • SERMON: PS LEE DA-WIN

Introduction

The Early Church dealt with one of their growing pains by delegating the responsibility of waiting on tables to seven godly men. One of them was Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit. What does a man “full of faith” look like? How can disciples of Christ learn to be like him – to be faithful to the end?

A. Living Out Our Faith (Acts 6:8-15)

The life that Stephen lived shows us how to be faithful to the end by living out our faith. Even though he had been appointed earlier to serve tables, his role expanded so that he was doing great wonders and signs (v.8), and speaking with wisdom and the Spirit (v.10). This was because his life was one that was full of grace and power, and he lived it out in his ministry. He was just so full of the Holy Spirit that his job description could not contain him!

B. Speaking Out Our Faith (Acts 7:1-53)

The message that Stephen spoke reminds us how to be faithful to the end by speaking out our faith. Stephen spoke engagingly by identifying himself with the Jews (“brothers and fathers”, 7:2a), and by connecting with them at a level that was meaningful to them. When they accused him of failing to honour the Temple and the Mosaic Law, he reasoned that the Presence of God was more important than the physical building, and that obeying God, more important than venerating the Mosaic Law. He also spoke courageously, not holding back from confronting his listeners with the hard truth of their stubbornness and disobedience.

C. Holding Out for Our Faith (Acts 7:54-60)

The death that Stephen died inspires us to be faithful to the end by holding out for our faith. What enabled Stephen to do so? The reason that many of us give up is because we don't see the finish line. But Stephen saw Jesus (vv.55, 56) and fixed his gaze on him. Stephen's faithfulness to the end is further evidenced by his last words (vv.59, 60). Stephen, so full of the Holy Spirit and transformed to be so much like Jesus, now in the same circumstances as Jesus, responds so much like how his Master did.

Conclusion

But even more than us being faithful to God is how He is faithful to us! When we sinned against Him, He nevertheless remained faithful to us! He sent Jesus that we may be redeemed from our unfaithfulness. We can never be as faithful to Him as He is to us, but we can fix our eyes on Jesus, the One who is truly faithful. He will enable us to remain faithful to the end.