

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.

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.

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

Venue: WDL Centre, Main Sanctuary

For catering purposes, please RSVP today at the respective links:

Jeremy Koh – <http://cefc.ch/jk>

Sandra Chi – <http://cefc.ch/sc>

Dr Stacey Tay – <http://cefc.ch/st>

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@bgst.edu.sg

A MANHOOD JOURNEY

What does it take for us to become the men God intended us to be? We believe it requires men to know whose they are, what they are to do, how they are to live, and that they can't do it alone.

Come discover the key aspects of our manhood with regards to our identity, responsibility, integrity and community, in an exciting journey together with other men led by four spiritual leaders.

Dates: 14 Jul, 18 Aug, 15 Sep, 13 Oct (Saturdays)

Time: 7.45–9.30am (7.15am breakfast)

Venue: Calvary Baptist Church

For admin purposes, please register online (no fees required) at <https://tinyurl.com/manhoodjourney2018>

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.

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.

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



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... to Impact Our Society & Culture

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Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

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Building for The Next Generation (2): The Future Unseen

DEACON AMOS LEONG (PROPERTY CHAIRMAN) & SENIOR PASTORS

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. (Hebrews 11:8, ESV) Faith is like that — one-part courage and nine-parts obedience!

The Covenant EFC Board has been praying in the light of the church's **domestic growth** and **infrastructural needs** for the coming years. When I (Amos) was asked to lead the Property Committee towards Vision 2028, I was surprised and unsure how I can contribute. However, I accepted this daunting task to “go out to a place” called Vision 2028 and beyond to which God is leading us, because I am inspired and encouraged by Abraham's faith and obedience!

The Lord has been exceedingly gracious to Covenant EFC. All three worship centres have grown significantly. BPJ Centre's first two adult English services are overflowing, WDL Centre's further potential growth is limited only by its insufficient ancillary rooms, and our 20-month old East Centre has grown threefold from its initial pioneer group of 250 worshippers. But there are realities we have to face: All three centres struggle with insufficient space for its weekly Sunbeam and WEB ministries; BPJ and WDL Centres' 30-year HDB **leases will run out in 2027 and 2035** respectively; and Covenant East needs a **permanent “home”**.

Yet, Covenant EFC seems poised to grow further with the new Woodlands South MRT Station,

a mere 400-metre walk from our WDL Centre scheduled to open in 2019, while the full Thomson-East Line will be completed by 2024¹; Vision 2028 also envisions **a new fourth worship centre plant** in the greater Jurong West region, which is slated to be the next major population centre in Singapore.

Any statement about the future is a statement of faith. We must see as God sees and do as He has commissioned us. Vision 2028 endeavours to build a strong local IDMC² so as to support a strong global missions arm. We must act now by stewarding our earthly resources to build for the next generation a strong IDMC with multiple centres. And ultimately, to extend the Kingdom of God in Singapore and beyond. That's why the Board and the Senior Pastors are leading Covenant EFC to start raising a **Seed Fund of \$40 million** on our 40th anniversary this year. This fund is earmarked for property acquisitions for Covenant East and West, and to supplement Covenant EFC's ongoing investment funds for BPJ and WDL Centre's lease renewals and development.

Just like Abraham, we trust God to flesh out Vision 2028 as we collectively seek Him. But our mandate is clear: To enlarge His Kingdom in Singapore through Authentic Discipleship and Intentional Disciplemaking of *A Certain Kind* – Vision 2028 is such a God-given vision. May the Lord lead us in this faith journey for His glory!

¹<https://www.lta.gov.sg/content/ltaweb/en/public-transport/projects/tel/stages.html>

²Intentional Disciple Making Church

Sermon Outline

Faithful to the End

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 6:8-7:60 • SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Introduction

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

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

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

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

15 JUL - PS KATHERINE CHAN (BPJ), PS IVAN HO (WDL), AND PS EDMUND WONG (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

A Future Unseen

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL (THE LIFE OF JOSEPH) • SERMON: PS MATTHEW LO

Introduction

On TNG Sunday, we give attention to The Next Generation (TNG) — ministries for children and youth aged 18 months to 18 years old. When we look at these children, it is a future unseen. What can we learn from the life of Joseph when there is a future unseen? We see as God sees so that we do as God says.

A. See as God Sees

1. Joseph had been stripped of his family, identity, dignity, but he could not be stripped of his destiny because God was in total control!
2. He went through an enormously tough 13-year discipleship journey that saw him progress from being sheltered and naïve, to becoming a godly wise governor in Egypt who was able to see as God sees. The key was that Joseph was developed and disciplined. He went through a gradual journey of growth.
3. In Covenant EFC we want to raise a healthy and vibrant next generation leadership who will lead the Church and impact culture as they see as God sees. We do this by building a discipleship village comprising parents, disciplemakers, their CG community, and the congregation.
4. Three steps to discipling *A Certain Kind* of next generation disciple:
 - a. Pray
 - b. Faith conversations
 - c. Burst their bubble
5. Not just to see as God sees, but also to do as God says.

B. Do as God Says

1. Joseph fled from temptation – from committing sexual sin with Potiphar's wife.
2. Doing as God says is about obeying God. How do we get the next generation to cultivate an obedient heart? Rules + Relationship = Response (Rules – Relationship = Rebellion; Relationship – Rules = Chaos)
3. As a discipleship village, we need to balance the tension in discipleship. We need to teach the rules, and also build relationship. They are intertwined.

Conclusion

In this current times which the West call post-Christian era, when moral values are declining, and in Singapore the young are growing disinterested in religious things, we are challenged to have compelling faith in God in a future unseen, and raise next generation leaders who see as God sees, and do as God says. Disciple NOW! Be part of the discipleship village!