

# 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:** TODAY, 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

## KIDZBLAST

Invite pre-believing kids aged 7 to 12 years old to **KidzBlast outreach on 29 Jul**. Admission is free, but registration is required. Forms are available at the Information Counter or register at <http://cefc.ch/kbjul2018>

We need Covenanters to serve with us. Please sign up at <http://cefc.ch/kbserve>

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 societal issues which are happening so that we can repent 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!

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

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

## BEFRIENDING OLDER FAMILY MEMBERS

Would you like to improve relationships with older adults in the family, neighbourhood or workplace? Join this workshop and learn how to have a pleasant conversation to better rapport, and have meaningful dialogues to help older adults deal with their frustrations and concerns. This is will be held on **Sat, 18 Aug, 8.30am to 5.00pm at ACKCentre**. Sign up at Voyager. Slots are limited! Registration ends on 12 Aug.



## 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). 16 more flights are available. Visit [tinyurl.com/newlifegolf](http://tinyurl.com/newlifegolf) for FAQs and registration form.

**Charity Run** will be held on **Sat, 20 Oct at CSC Run by the Bay** 6KM category ([www.cscrunchbythebay.com](http://www.cscrunchbythebay.com)). Contact us for registration and further details.

Email [fundraising@newlife.org.sg](mailto:fundraising@newlife.org.sg) or call Trevor at 9827 8803 for any enquiries.

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Vision 2028 : Faith Exploit 5  
Disciple Now for a Growing Global  
Intentional Disciplemaking Church (IDMC) Movement (1)

ELDER JOHNNY TAN, DIRECTOR, MISSIONS

Covenant EFC's mission statement is: Returning the Church to its discipling roots, through Authentic Discipleship and Intentional Disciplemaking so as to reproduce disciples of *A Certain Kind* and to multiply them to win the world for Christ!

The scope of this mission statement is global — we are to win the world for Christ. This is based on the call in Matthew 28:19 to make disciples of all nations. Vision 2028 serves as a milestone for Covenant EFC to grow a global IDMC movement. God sent Jesus His Son to die for **all** — Christ died on the cross for all mankind and shed His blood to cleanse the sins of all mankind! This means Every Tribe, Every Nation has to hear the Gospel. It is thus Covenant EFC's mission to see Disciplemaking Church Plants (DCP) planted globally.

When super Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines in 2013, together with our missions partners Reach Global and the Emmanuel Free Churches of Philippines, we enter the disaster zone to help the locals return to normalcy. Arising from this partnership, four churches were planted in

Tacloban and Samur Region. When an earthquake hit Nepal in 2015, the local church pastor and leaders in Keraghari partnered with us to rebuild more than a hundred homes. After this, the church in Keraghari outgrew their church seating capacity of 100 people, such that they had to acquire land for a church building that can house 300 people. Steady Readers (an English Literacy programme) has gone overseas too. Together with pastors in Manila, we help to develop and train the local church members to conduct Steady Readers in the marginalized communities. In God's timing, we pray that DCPs may arise in these communities.

These are our small beginnings. Covenant EFC is to be a local church with global perspectives. Our mission statement started with returning the Church (note that church is spelled with a capital "C" to refer to the Body of Christ at large) to its discipling roots and ends with winning the world for Christ!

Let every Covenanter rise to first be a disciple and to partake in the call to win Singapore and the nations for Christ!

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# Sermon Outline

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## Running with the Gospel

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 8:26-40 • SERMON: REV COLIN SMITH

### Introduction

#### A. God Takes the Initiative (v.26)

#### B. We Proclaim the Gospel (v.35)

### Conclusion

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**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:**  
29 JUL – REV COLIN SMITH (BPJ, WDL AND EAST)

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# Last Week's Sermon Summary

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## Three Pitfalls in Discipleship Today

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

### Introduction

Illustration: 'Danger' sign mistaken as 'Welcome' sign

The events that unfolded in Acts 8:1-24 warn of the pitfalls we face in our discipleship today. Watch out for these pitfalls.

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

An intensive and extensive persecution arose, and the disciples were all scattered (v.1). Yet, in this 'hopeless' circumstance, God's providence is there. Acts 8:1 is God's fulfillment of Acts 1:8. The persecution did not stop the spread of the Gospel but contributed to it (v.4). When life is faced with challenges, beware of seeing life with the wrong lens, seeing the bad and negative of situations. Learn to see through God's lens. Trust in His sovereignty. Walk in faith and obedience. And persevere to the end to see God fulfilling His plan and purpose.

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

The Samaritans put their faith in the wrong person – Simon the Magician (vv.9-11). But when they heard Jesus Christ being preached by Philip (v.5), they paid attention (v.6), believed and were baptised (v.12). They chose to put their faith in Jesus, the Giver of true hope and salvation.

Beware of putting faith in the wrong person. Guard how we feel or think about people who are extremely gifted and influential, so that we do not idolize them. Put our faith in the right person – Jesus Christ, who is revealed in the Word of God. Let Christ be our inspiration to follow and to abide in.

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

Simon the Magician wanted to buy the power to lay hands and confer the Holy Spirit (vv.18, 19). Peter saw through Simon's hidden agenda of wanting the gift of God for his personal gain of power and prestige (v.20). Simon's root problem was the issue of his heart (vv.21, 22). His heart was not proper, honest and right before God. Simon has sought God's blessings for the wrong reasons.

Ask God to guard our hearts, to search our reason and motive in seeking God's blessings and the way we seek God for His blessings. Seek God's blessings with the right heart. Be faithful stewards of the gifting and blessings God has given.

### Conclusion

Have a spiritual health-check. Let's ask ourselves honestly: Have I fallen into any of the three pitfalls of discipleship? Knowing that these pitfalls are warning signs God has given to us, let's ask Him to help us watch out for them, and not fall into them.