

Announcements

COVENANT ARTIST FELLOWSHIP

Calling all Covenant Artists! Let's use our creative talents to expand God's Kingdom. We would like to pool together and brainstorm how to use our gifts to support the \$40M Seed Fund. Let's get together, fellowship over a museum visit and empower each other to use art to exult the name of our Most High God!

Date: 7 Nov (Wed)

Time: 3pm

Venue: The Parkview Museum
600 North Bridge Road, Parkview Square,
Level 3 Singapore 188778

For enquiries and registration go to: <http://cefc.ch/cefcartistgather2018>

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Love is for couples who are planning or expecting their first baby.

Date: 3 and 10 Nov (Saturdays)

Time: 12pm - 5pm

Venue: BPJ Centre

Register at the Information Counter.

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Baptism Class will be held on Sun, 4 Nov, 1.00pm to 3.30pm at WDL Centre.

Membership Class will be held on Sat, 10 Nov, 9am to 4pm at ACKCentre.

Register at the Information Counter.

NOV 2018 DJ COLLECTION

The Devotional Journal (DJ) for Nov 2018 is now available at our church website and "Covenant EFC" app. Hard copies are available at the Information Counter at Level 1 while stocks last.

BOWL & BOND

Calling all fathers with 11 to 13-year-old sons, join this event and bond with your kids!

Date: 1 Dec (Sat)

Time: 3pm – 6pm

Venue: Temasek Club 131 Rifle Range Road Singapore 588406

Fee: \$30 for a father-and-son pair. \$15/pax for additional participant. This includes three games, shoe rental and finger food. Bring your own socks.

Register at Voyager. Registration ends on 18 Nov. For enquiries, email fic@cefc.org.sg

CELEBRATION OF HOPE PRAYER LEAD-UP

We praise God for the Body of Christ that gathered at PraySingapore to seek the welfare of our city and ask God for harvest in the coming Year of Proclamation.

Join us for the monthly regional Celebration of Hope prayer lead-up! This is open to all Christians in Singapore. God acts in answer to our prayers because He desires that none should perish!

Date: 7 Nov (Wed)

Time: 8.00pm – 9.30pm

Venue: BPJ Centre, Grace Sanctuary

ENCOURAGERS-IN-COVENANT SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Encouragers-in-Covenant is organising "It's Never Too Late", a spiritual retreat for Covenanters aged 50 and above.

Date: 15 – 17 Nov (Thu - Sat)

Venue: Forest City Phoenix Hotel, Johor

Speaker: Rev David Wong

Register at Voyager. Registration ends on 6 Nov. For enquiries, email encouragersadmin@cefc.org.sg



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... to Impact Our Society & Culture

... for a Growing Global IDMC Movement

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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES
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Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

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EAST, 28 OCT 2018

SERVICE LEADER: TONY KWA • WORSHIP LEADER: SIMON AND LILLIAN SEOW

Building on a Sure Foundation

TONY TAN, ELDER-DESIGNATE

REV TAN KAY KIONG AND REV TONY YEO, SENIOR PASTORS

Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw — each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it ... — 1 Cor 3:12-13a

The strength of a building lies in its foundation and the material that forms its superstructure. According to construction experts, the whole structure must not only be able to hold the building upright, but must also be able to channel the weight of the entire building's permanent and shifting loads to the ground so that it remains firmly anchored and stable.

Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, explained that the finished work of Christ on the Cross is the sure foundation that has already been laid. We are called to build His Kingdom on earth on this strong foundation. The question is, what material are we going to use? Will we build with solid, durable and precious materials? Only the strongest structure will be able to withstand the stresses and strains of spiritual warfare and the onslaught of shifting culture and societal norms. Only the best structures will be able to channel the heavy loads of broken lives to the foundation of Christ, the solid bedrock of our faith.

Vision 2028 & Beyond will be a celebrative milestone of 50 years of ministry. Covenant EFC must strengthen the spiritual

foundation of every person's life as it undergirds the foundation of the intentional discipling church (IDMC) movement. This IDMC movement seeks to grow a vibrant next generation of believers and leaders, godly families and generations, and to enlarge God's influence through the multiple-centre strategy in Singapore. We just participated in PraySingapore which will lead into 2019's Celebration of Hope because we desire to see our nation disciplined for Jesus. From this, we can bring about a Global IDMC movement to see churches revitalised for Jesus and to see the Gospel preached to the unreached peoples of the world.

In divine timeliness, the government has recently released information on designated lands for new church buildings. The Property Committee has also been looking at other potential land space for church use. Over the next six months, we will provide you with more information. For now, our response to God is to get the funds ready by giving our firstfruits to the \$40 million Seed Fund. This will allow us to act swiftly when needed to purchase a property for the East Centre. Will you join us to seek the Lord and give your firstfruits to the Seed Fund?

Let's build the Kingdom on the sure foundation of Christ with our best – gold, silver and precious stones!

Sermon Outline

The Gospel God Gave Us

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 19:1-41 • SERMON: REV BARNEY LAU

Introduction

A. A Gospel That Fills and Changes Us (vv.1-10)

B. A Gospel That Overcomes and Subdues Evil (vv.11-20)

C. A Gospel That Touches and Impacts Society (vv.21-41)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKER:

4 NOV – PS EDMUND WONG (BPJ), PS SANDRA CHI (WDL) AND REV BARNEY LAU (EAST)

Last Week's Sermon Summary

The Person God Uses

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 18:24-28 • SERMON: REV TAN KAY KIONG

Introduction

Why Apollos? A new guy Apollos came to the scene. An influential servant of God was added to God's harvest field. Truly, "Today's harvested souls will become tomorrow's harvest force!" You can be one of these persons that God uses.

How can I become the person God uses?

A. USE YOUR GIFTEDNESS FROM GOD (vv.24-25)

Five detailed descriptions about Apollos: eloquent (learned), competent in the Scriptures (mighty), instructed in the way of the Lord (catechized), fervent in spirit ("boiling"), spoke and taught accurately (he did his best with what he had learned). Wow, that's quite something isn't it? Few people in the Bible fit such a description.

Application: We are all uniquely created and gifted. Don't compare or compete. Just use your giftedness where you are.

B. STAY TEACHABLE IN GOD (v.26)

Aquila and Priscilla were awed by Apollos' teaching but they knew something was missing. It wasn't wrong or heretical, but was inadequate. What did they do?

Two observations:

1. Who did the correction? "Priscilla and Aquila". This couple was mentioned six times in the New Testament. Four times out of six, Priscilla's name was mentioned first. This shows not only Priscilla's prominence, but also Aquila's humility. They also corrected Apollos sensitively. What a picture of partnership as husband and wife.

2. How did Apollos receive it? We have no record of this but we can see the outcome. He was even more zealous after that. Apollos was not just **gifted** with outstanding abilities. He was also solidly **graced** with outstanding humility and teachability!

C. BE MISSIONAL FOR GOD (vv.27-28)

For some reason, Apollos decided to go to Archaia, where Corinth was the most prominent city. He became missional. We can learn five things about being missional:

1. Desire or Burden: Listen to your hearts' desire closely, and follow through with it.
2. Counsel and Confirmation: Let others confirm your burden or desire.
3. Help and not a Hindrance: Don't let people tiptoe around your weaknesses.
4. Anchor in the Scriptures: Revolve the ministry around the Word.
5. It's all about Jesus: You are not the centre of gravity. Jesus is!

Conclusion

Henrietta Mears. Be the person God uses as the influence is infinite and unknown.