

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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Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

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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: PS MATTHEW LO

Introduction

A. Intentionally Disciple Someone in the Gospel of Christ

B. Check That Power Encounters Point to the Gospel of Christ

C. Impact Society with the Gospel of Christ

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 DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Introduction

Acts 18:24 – 28 introduces us to Apollos, a man used mightily by God to advance His Gospel and Kingdom. What kind of person does God use? We see the following qualities in Apollos:

A. THEY USE THEIR GIFTEDNESS FROM GOD (vv.24–25)

1. Apollos was a man who was learned, mighty in the Scriptures, well-trained and spoke powerfully by God's Spirit and taught about Jesus accurately. The point is not that God only uses such gifts and training, but that Apollos was willing to use the gifts he received from God, for God.
2. All born-again believers are likewise gifted by God. Would we use our gifts for the Kingdom as Apollos did? It would be a fair statement to say that Covenanters who faithfully attend the Sunday messages over the course of two to three years, and if they follow along in their devotions with God, would certainly have grown in some measure to know God through His Word. That being the case, it would be wonderful to pass on that learning. We can begin with our families or by helping younger believers grow.

B. THEY STAY TEACHABLE IN GOD (v.26)

1. Apollos taught accurately about Jesus but it was not adequate. Priscilla and Aquilla invited Apollos home and helped him in this area in the privacy of their home, rather than correct him publicly. This demonstrated their sensitivity.
2. Apollos in turn chose to learn from simple folks, including Priscilla who was leading in the partnership. I believe Apollos was mighty not just because he was gifted and strong in the Scriptures. He was mighty mostly because of his humility and teachability. Both character and gifting are needed, but character needs to be the foundation of all giftings.

C. THEY ARE MISSIONAL FOR GOD (vv.27–28)

1. Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, where Corinth was. This was probably because he saw that Ephesus already had able disciples to grow the church. He was missional by considering how best to grow the Lord's Kingdom.
2. Likewise Jesus calls us to seek first God's Kingdom and righteousness (Matt 6:33). When we consider how to bring about God's Kingdom in our homes, society, offices, schools, army camps, living as salt and light in these places, we are being missional for the Lord.

Conclusion

Henrietta Mears' story. God can use our one life for His glory! May we live in a way that we are useful for our Lord!