



ETCAsia
EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OF ASIA

College Update and Points for Prayer

A New Year and New Faculty

Due to the generosity of a local church, we have two new lecturers with us this semester helping in two key areas: Greek and Church History (each for one day a week during semester).



Jonathan Wu

Jonathan came to know and follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour while studying English Literature in the UK at Oxford and then York University.

After serving in ministry in the UK and then at The Crossing Church, he

went on to study at Moore Theological College in Sydney before returning to Ministry in Singapore. Jonathan now teaches first year Greek with ETCAsia.

Stuart Morgan

Stuart studied history at University College London from 2000–2008, culminating in a PhD in medieval church history.

Subsequently, he trained for ministry at St Helen's Bishopsgate in London before working for The Crossing Church and studying at Moore Theological College in Sydney. He currently ministers back at The Crossing Church



and is married to Chew Chern and they have twin baby daughters.

Stuart is teaching church history for us.

Heather Reid



Heather is married to Andrew, the Principal of ETCAsia. She became a Christian when eight years old. Although trained as a physiotherapist, she eventually ended up in international student ministry with the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students at RMIT in Melbourne (while also studying theology). She is currently enrolled in a doctorate in Old Testament at Ridley College in Melbourne.

After a year or so of preparation with two months study in Israel, much thought, research and working on curriculum, she has formally started (in a voluntary capacity) looking after the teaching of Hebrew at the college. She is also the Dean of women students.

The photo above shows a student (also trained in physiotherapy!) picking up and naming in Hebrew certain familiar, biblical items.

A New Student Intake

It's been great to have started the year with a new group of students. As expected, our numbers were a little lower this year when compared with last year (6 fulltime and 4 part time this year compared to 9 fulltime and 6 part time students last year). Along with this there has been an encouraging increase in the number of churches and denominations represented.

The students are strong in the commitment to the Lord Jesus, to gospel ministry and to each other. They are a joy to teach and it's great to have a significantly larger community with the combined years. This increase in students, plus another shipment of books from Australia due in the next few months, means that we are going to have to expand our facilities

Working Towards Accreditation

One of the things that will be helpful for us as a college is to have our degree recognised by one of the standard Asian accrediting bodies (Asia Theological Association).

I therefore spent about a month or so of the break to go through our whole degree and timetable to ensure compliance with their requirements. While this is not one of the most exciting parts of being a college principal, it is essential for the college and its graduates!

Prayer Points

Please pray for...

New adjunct faculty beginning this semester:

- Heather Reid (Hebrew),
- Jonathan Wu (Greek),
- Stuart Morgan (Church History); and
- for good preparation and good interaction with students.

Give thanks for...

- The visit of **Mike Raiter** to do an intensive for all years on 'Mission'.
- The visit of **Peter Adam** to do an intensive half unit on an introduction to systematic theology.
- Another good intake of students.

Please also pray that students might grow in the knowledge of Jesus, in their understanding of Scripture, and in their ability to share what they know with both those who know and love Jesus and those yet to know him.

Yours in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ,



(Rev Dr) Andrew Reid
Principal

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College Calendar/Upcoming Events

Ministry Matters

ETCAsia is glad to join with Project Timothy in the Ministry Matters conference.

Ministry Matters is a conference for men and women considering fulltime gospel ministry. Key elements will be...

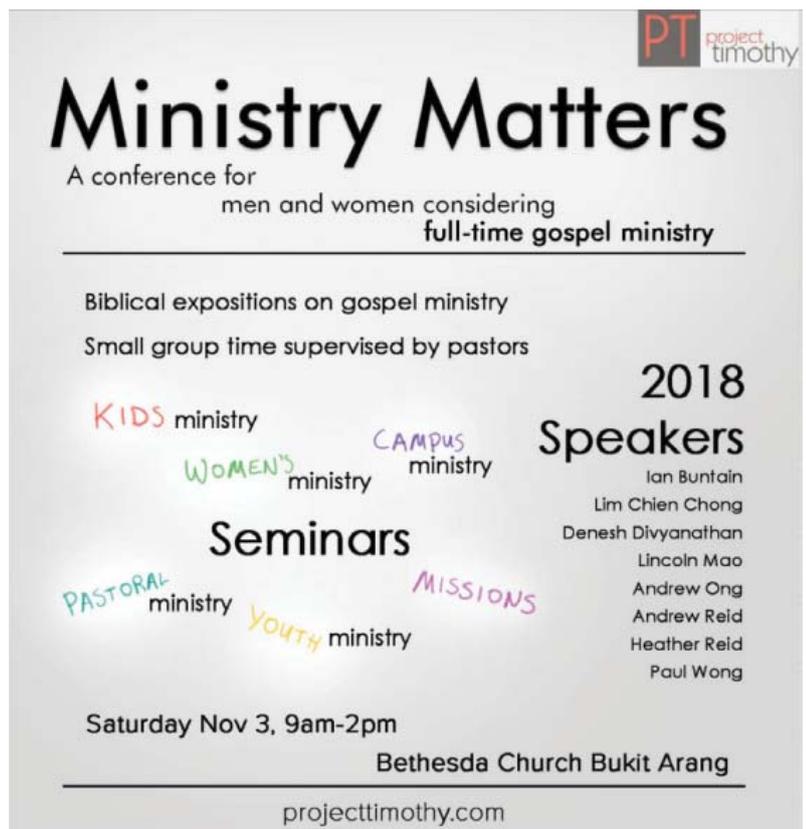
- Two main expositions on gospel ministry.
- Seminars covering pastoral ministry, kids ministry, youth ministry, campus ministry, women's ministry, & missions.
- Small group time supervised by pastors.

Date: Saturday 3 November

Time: 9am to 2pm.

Location: Bethesda Church Bukit Arang

Register: projecttimothy.com/register



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Ministry Matters

A conference for men and women considering full-time gospel ministry

Biblical expositions on gospel ministry
Small group time supervised by pastors

2018 Speakers

Ian Buntain
Lim Chien Chong
Denesh Divyanathan
Lincoln Mao
Andrew Ong
Andrew Reid
Heather Reid
Paul Wong

Seminars

KIDS ministry
WOMEN'S ministry
CAMPUS ministry
PASTORAL ministry
YOUTH ministry
MISSIONS

Saturday Nov 3, 9am-2pm
Bethesda Church Bukit Arang

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Singapore Expository Preaching Course

For the past two years, ETCAsia has strengthened its involvement in the Singapore Expository Preaching Course ('SEPC') through the involvement of Andrew and Heather Reid, Ro Mody and Mike Raiter. The college is glad to have this association and help develop new preachers through SEPC.

If you would like to get equipped for Word ministry (or if you know anybody who you would like to get equipped) please get in touch (or encourage them along). Starts 10 September 2018. More information can be found on the brochure.

Please contact Marc Wang (9759 6305) or email sepcourse@gmail.com for more details or application form. Places are limited to 12 men and 6 women (on the women's ministry stream). Closing Date for applications is 5 September 2018.

More information and brochure:
<https://etcasia.edu.sg/sepc2018>



ETCAsia Evening Course

The Garden, The Cross, and the Crown is designed to give you an overview of the Bible in eleven short readings. Not only will it be helpful personally but it is designed to be used in mentoring and discipling new Christians so that they might be aware of key themes in the Bible and how the Bible hangs together.

Date: Thursdays 13, 20, 27 September 2018

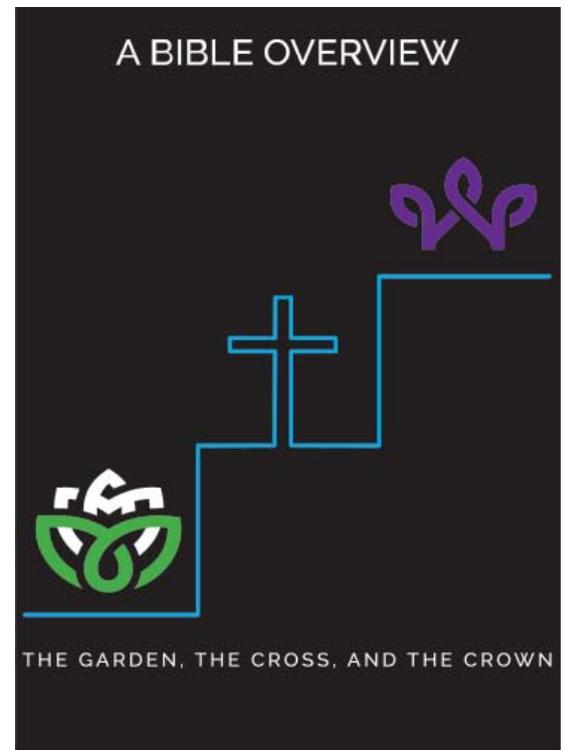
Time: 7-9pm

Cost: Early bird \$60 (till 30 Aug 2018),
Standard \$80 (closing date 10 Sep 2018)

Venue: ETCAsia, 5 Selegie Road,
#09-28 Parklane Shopping Mall, S188307.
Nearest MRT - Dhoby Ghaut.

Speaker: Andrew Reid

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/etca-ec7>



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Financial Situation

In the coming months, we will write more fully about our current finances. It will suffice to say that by the grace of God and your generosity, the college recorded a surplus over expenses at the close of our second financial year. Because of our need for more space and the addition of another faculty member, our financial needs will change next year as outlined below.

	Actual (Jul 2017-Jun 2018)	Budgeted (Jul 2018-Jun 2019)
Expenses based on current average monthly spend	413,500	430,000
Planned renovation and rental of new unit	-	30,000
New faculty/staff	-	48,000
Total budgeted expenditure	413,500	508,000