



ETCAsia
 EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OF ASIA

College Update and Points For Prayer (February 2018)

Points for Praise

As we reflect back on the past year and the past few months, there is so much for which we can praise God.

Approvals

In the last six months, we have had strings of approvals that we needed to get in order to either proceed at all or function to full potential. In response to your prayers, many have now happened, such as...

- Ministry Of Education approval
- Approval to take international students
- Informal notice of acceptance into membership by an Asian accrediting body that we were keen to work with.

New Faculty Member: Marty Foord



The appointment of Marty Foord as our theology faculty members was a a great answer to prayer.

He and his wife Jenny will be a great asset to the college and the broader Christian community. Both have many years of experience in Christian ministry.

We are also hoping that they will come with the support of an Australian missionary organisation and are in the process of negotiating this.

Great Students



We are so grateful to God for the students at ETCAsia.

Most importantly, they are godly, caring, keen to learn, and devoted to the Lord Jesus and ministry of the word.

However, at the same time they have proved to be diligent and intelligent students. Marks on average have been a half-grade above what might have been expected in a similar context in Australia.

New Part-Time Faculty Appointment



Mike Raiter is the Director of the Centre for Biblical Preaching in Australia and Andrew and he have shared in the training of preachers in a variety of contexts. ETCAsia has come to an agreement with CBP that Mike joins us for a month

each year as adjunct faculty to teach missions and preaching. Mike, who is well-known in SE Asia will be a great addition to the faculty and a great help in training up the next generation of preachers.

A Second Semester

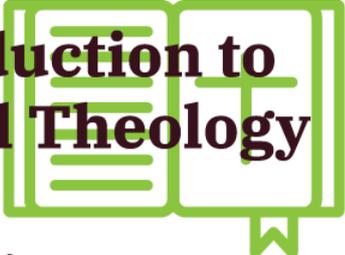
The beginning of the year brings the college to the beginning of the second semester of our first year. So far it has been a good start with some additional

students. It is also the time for some key events for us as well as our normal range of subjects.

Because of the location of Singapore and some key strategic relationships with other organisations, we can often have access to some gifted individuals and/or groups passing through. For example, this coming semester shall see the following events and people involved in them.



Introduction to Biblical Theology



With Prof D. A. Carson
CO-ORGANISED WITH PROJECT TIMOTHY



One of the members of the college Board of Reference is Donald Carson. We are so glad that he has agreed to launch the college on 10 March.

Not only that, but he has also agreed to teach our intensive unit on Biblical Theology (which will be open to the public as well).

Ministry and Mission

Every year, students not only have to complete units on biblical studies but also subjects related to ministry of the word and also ministry and mission. This is part of our preparing our graduates to not only be biblically grounded but also committed to and equipped for gospel ministry in general.

This year, in co-operation with another ministry partner: Project Timothy, we were able to have our students do an intensive with Philip Percival and his colleagues from Emu Music.

Our goal for this unit is to help our students think through the biblical basis for worship and also how best to use music biblically in church.



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Next Semester's Special Events

Next semester, Peter Adam (previous principal of Ridley College in Melbourne) will be visiting the college and taking our 'Introduction to Systematic Theology' unit.

Mike Raiter (again in partnership with Project Timothy), will not only give lectures to our students on Mission but will also speak in the evenings on 'The Mission of God from Creation to New Creation' and 'Mobilising Your Church for Mission.' For more information on the PT public talks see <http://projecttimothy.com/events/2018-events>.

Other Matters of Interest

Website and Email Changes

Please note that we have changed most of our website and email addresses in the light of our MOE approval. For example...

<https://etcasia.com.sg> has changed to...

<https://etcasia.edu.sg>

info@etcasia.com.sg has changed to...

info@etcasia.edu.sg

All the old website and email addresses will still forward to the right places. However, please make the changes to any of the old addresses.

Open Days

This year we will have three 'Open Days'. The first two will enable students to come to the college and experience a normal day in the life of the college. The third will be on a Saturday to enable those who cannot attend on a weekday. This also will include a sample lecture.

Details are as follows:

Tuesday 27 March and Tuesday 10 April (9am-1pm)

Saturday 14 April (9am-12 noon)

To signup, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/etca-opend>

Thanks!

Finally, we are grateful to God for your partnership in the gospel and support in so many ways. Please do continue to pray for this ministry and for our students as they prepare for ministry of the word in a variety of contexts.

Yours in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ,



(Rev Dr) Andrew Reid
Principal

Financial Update

	July 2017 to June 2018	July 2018 to June 2019	July 2019 to June 2020
Expenses based on current average monthly spending	446,810	468,600	491,280
Renovation and Rental of new unit	-	38,250	31,800
New faculty/staff	-	-	48,000
Total budgeted expenditure	446,810	506,850	571,080

Our estimated financial needs for the next two financial year amount to \$506,850 for July 2018 to June 2019 and \$571,080 for July 2019 to June 2020.

On top of our current operational expenses, the increase in our financial needs is mainly due to the following:

- Rental and renovation of a third unit at Parklane Shopping Mall for a new classroom and an administrative office.
- The addition of a new full time faculty staff member (hopefully half-funded from an external missionary organisation).

Based on the current giving pattern of our donors, we need to raise an additional amount of S\$156,000 in order not to run into a negative cash flow.

In order to meet the budget, we are trusting the Lord to raise 100 new donors who would be willing to give \$130 per month for a year.

College Calendar/Upcoming Events (2018)

An Introduction to Biblical Theology (Don Carson with ETCAsia)

Thursday 8 and Friday 9 March: Intensive introduction to Biblical Theology
[Morning and evening lectures over two days; Primarily for ETCAsia students but open to public]

Expositions on Romans (Don Carson with ETCAsia and Project Timothy)

Evenings on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 March (unfortunately, bookings for these are already full)

Formal Launch of ETCAsia (Don Carson speaking)

Morning on Saturday 10 March.

College Open Days

Tuesday 27 March and Tuesday 10 April (9am–1pm) and Saturday 14 April (9am–12 noon)

The best place for information/booking for all events is <https://etcasia.edu.sg/upcoming-events-2/>

Important College Dates

Thursday 8 and Friday 9 March	Don Carson: Intensive on Biblical Theology (during the day) Don Carson: Expositions on Romans
Saturday 10 March	Formal launch of ETCAsia
Monday 12 March	Study Break week for students
Monday 02 April	Study Break week for students
Monday 07 May	Study Break week for students
Monday 14 May	Exam Week
Monday 25 June	Greek and Hebrew intensives begin for students
Monday 16 July	Week 1 or first semester for 2018/19

College Banking Details

Bank account name:	Evangelical Theological College of Asia Ltd
Bank Name:	OCBC Bank
Bank Address:	65 Chulia Street, #01-00 OCBC Centre, Singapore 049513
Swift Code:	OCBCSGSG
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Bank Account:	6956-7606-4001

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