

MINISTRY GUIDE

17 and 18 September 2022

To all who are weary, struggling and burdened, we welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship Ephesians 2:4-7

Prayer/Songs <u>His Mercy is More</u>

(Praise & Adoration) Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Prayer (Confession)

Song (Thanksgiving) <u>Every Promise of Your Word</u>

Offering

Speaking the *Question 38: What is prayer?*

Truth/Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Sermon <u>Keep in Step with the Gospel</u>

(Galatians 2:11-21)

Song of Response And Can It Be

Benediction

WELCOME

If you are new with us, we'd love to get to know you.

Connect with us by filling up this form at gracebaptistchurch.sg/welcome or through this QR code.



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

WORSHIP SERVICES

From 2 Oct

From 2 October, we will be merging our worship services and gathering as one assembly for corporate worship on Sundays at 9am. The final Saturday service will be held on 24 September.

Our elders have written more about this and the importance of gathering together in this pastoral note, which can be found <u>here</u>.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

18 Sept (Sun)

In-person

We have a Sunday School for children aged 3-12 years, from 9.30 am to 10.30 am. If you have questions, or if it is your first time here, please visit the welcome table outside the sanctuary.

Our children are using a new curriculum, the Gospel Project! You can read more about the materials, and why the ministry decided to use it.

Today's lesson is "God Keeps his Promises" from Isaiah 9:1-7. The Christ connection that they will learn about is: God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world as a baby. Jesus saves sinners.

NURSERY

Sundays

Room 503

The nursery is now available for babies to 3 year-old. Parents can leave their children in the care of our volunteers during the service. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Siew Ting (siewting@gracebaptistchurch.sg)!

EQUIP

From 25 Sept (Sun) 11am-12pm Room 310CD This next series led by Pastor Thian Chye and Bryan Tan is titled, "Living the Truth". Knowing the truth of the Bible, how do we live it out both in our personal lives and in our community life? Join us for the weekly sessions, which will be until 23 October.

PRAYER MEETING

30 Sept (Fri) 8-9.30pm Room 310 We look forward to a time of gathering together in person to thank God for His provisions and lift our needs to Him. Feel free to send prayer requests to the church office too (info@gracebaptistchurch.sg). See you there!

If you are unable to make it in person, there is still a Zoom option.

Link: http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/gbcprays. (Meeting ID: 890 9907 9298, Passcode: GBCprays)

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

2 Oct (Sun) 11am-12.30pm We will gather to hear of updates in the life of the church and in our community. Join us at this last QCM of the year.

This QCM will be conducted in person, with a lunch together after. Sign up for lunch at gracebaptistchurch.sg/qcmlunch or at the table in the Fellowship Hall (on Sundays).

For catering purposes, do help us out by signing up by 25 September. Note that we are collecting \$5/person to cover the cost of lunch.

More info on events can be found at https://english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/calendar- or sign up for weekly updates via Grace enews at gracebaptistchurch.sg/enews.

SERVE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Thank God for blessing us in many ways for the past two years. We need more volunteers to continue supporting the ministry and to meet the growing needs.

We need help in the following areas:

- 1. 10 Nursery helpers
- 2.10 Teachers
- 3. Ad hoc childcare support for church events
- 4. Manning the registration table on Sunday mornings

All volunteers will need to be church members. If you're interested in serving, please contact us at kidsmin@gracebaptistchurch.sg.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Do you remember when you were a youth? If you do, you will know how tricky it was to navigate life as a teenager. Our youth need people at church to help disciple them to understand what it means to be a Christian. If you have a heart for the youth at GBC and would like to find out more about Youth ministry, please get in touch with Joshua (joshua@gracebaptistchurch.sg).

GIVE -

Giving is a way we worship God. You can now also give to the two funds via PayNow.

General Fund
Supports the
ministry of the
church



Missions Fund Supports the work of our missionaries



SPEAKING THE TRUTH

For 2022, we will be going through the New City Catechism in our worship services. It is our prayer that we will grow in our knowledge of the truth and unity as we speak God's truth to one another as a part of our corporate worship.

Question 38: What is prayer?

Answer: Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.

PRAY

We can pray for our church in the following ways:

- 1. That we keep in step with the gospel by living according to its truth;
- 2. For our welcome team:
 - a. We give thanks for their faithfulness.
 - b. Pray for God's sustaining grace as they continue to welcome others as Jesus welcomes us.

We also seek to pray for churches in Singapore:

- 1. For Singapore Churches to keep the gospel the main thing, in the face of cultural challenges, and the debates in parliament over S377A.
- 2. That we will be faithful and winsome in our gospel witness to non-believers.

Pray for the world:

1. Pray for Pakistan, where there is catastrophic flooding.

- a. Pray for the rescue and relief efforts, and also against outbreaks of water-borne diseases.
- b. Pray for God's comfort for those who are suffering, and that the gospel would still go out in this nation.

2. Pray for Taiwan:

- a. As tensions between Taiwan and China are still ongoing, pray for wisdom for the leaders involved, and for good relations for the long term. Pray that violence would be averted, and that peace would prevail.
- b. Taiwan remains a stronghold of Buddhism and Taiwanese folk religion. Pray for gospel witness and for the gospel to take root.

If you have any prayer needs, please drop the pastoral staff a note via <u>gracebaptistchurch.sg/pastoralprayer</u> or through this QR code.



Keep in Step with the Gospel Galatians 2:11-21

Scripture Reading and Sermon Passage

Taken from the ESV

[11] But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. [12] For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. [13] And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. [14] But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

[15] We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; [16] yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

[17] But if, in our endeavour to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! [18] For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. [19] For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. [20] I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. [21] I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Sermon Outline

- 1. How are we out of step with the gospel? (vv. 11-14)
- 2. What is the gospel? (vv. 15-16)
- 3. How are we to keep in step with the gospel? (vv. 17-21)

Reflect and Respond

- 1. In which areas of my life am I not living consistently with the truth of the gospel?
- 2. How will I apply the truth of justification by faith alone in Christ alone to my life this week?

Next week's sermon: What do you rely on? (Galatians 3:1-14)

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