

# **MINISTRY GUIDE**

# 23 April 2023

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

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Welcome

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# WELCOME -

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

Connect with us by filling up this form at <a href="mailto:gracebaptistchurch.sg/welcome">gracebaptistchurch.sg/welcome</a> or through this QR code.



## **OUR LIFE TOGETHER -**

# CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

23 April (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 the <u>Gospel Project</u> curriculum. Today's lesson is "God Made a Covenant with David" from 2 Samuel 6–7. The Christ connection that they will learn about is: God promised that future kings of Israel would come from David's family. God kept His promise. God sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus will be King over God's people forever..

#### **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**

23 Apr 11am - 12pm Room 310CD This series is titled "Knowing the Truth" and runs weekly until 21 May. This class is part of the Foundations track, and will be taught by Yanadi and Rolland. Find out more on our EQUIP webpage.

# CHURCH CAMP 2023 REGISTRATION

Registration for GBC's church camp has been extended to 30 April. If you've still not signed up, here's your chance! More details about the camp can be found on the website (gracebaptistchurch.sg/campregistration), or at the booth in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays, from

10:30-11.30am. You can also pay for the camp then, either in cash or cheque.

#### PRECEPTS CLASS

Saturdays 3.15-5pm Room 310AB The ladies will be finishing the study of Zechariah soon and will embark on the study of 1-2-3 John in May to July, with a break during the school holidays in June.

In the study in 1 to 3 John, we will be taking a look back at the fundamentals of Christian beliefs. In 7 lessons we will deal with questions like "What does it mean to be holy?", "What does it mean to love God?" and "How do you know you have eternal life?"

For this series, we will be meeting back in-person in GBC beginning on 6 May. Please register with Yoke Meng (9730 1670) so a workbook will be prepared for you. All ladies and enquiries are welcome!

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

## **SERVE**

#### **AV MINISTRY**

Every service, a team of committed volunteers makes sure that slides, video and sound run smoothly for worshipers both in the sanctuary and at home. The ministry is looking for volunteers for three roles: slides, camera and video mixing and sound mixing.

No experience required and if you are keen to serve or find out more, contact Eugene (eugene.low.wa@gmail.com) or Dikaios (dikaios.pang@gmail.com).

#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

The church is looking for a new Company Secretary. Anyone can apply and those with Corporate Secretary, Accounting or Legal backgrounds are preferred. You can contact the church Administrator (gideon@gracebaptistchurch.sg) if you are interested.

# **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



## **PRAY**

We can pray for our church in the following ways:

- 1. That we will grow in our knowledge of the LORD and make Him known
- 2. For parents to be faithful in teaching their children about God

As we keep other churches in prayer, we will pray specifically for Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor Kok Chuan and First Baptist Church Bandung with Pastor Ardi.

This week, we will pray for Israel:

- 1. For the Christians in the land to be bold in witness, and perseverance in faith despite the opposition.
- 2. For the growth of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to Jews and Gentiles

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



# Know the LORD Exodus 18:1-27

# Scripture Reading (Taken from the ESV): Romans 15:8-21

[8] For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, [9] and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

[10] And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

[11] And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

[12] And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

[13] May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

[14] I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. [15] But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God [16] to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. [17] In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. [18] For I will not

venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, [19] by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; [20] and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, [21] but as it is written,

"Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand."

# Sermon Passage (Taken from the ESV): Exodus 18:1-27

[1] Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people, how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt. [2] Now Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, had taken Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her home, [3] along with her two sons. The name of the one was Gershom (for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land"), [4] and the name of the other, Eliezer (for he said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh"). [5] Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness where he was encamped at the mountain of God. [6] And when he sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her," [7] Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. And they asked each other of their welfare and went into the tent. [8] Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them in the way, and how the LORD had delivered them. [9] And Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the LORD had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

[10] Jethro said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. [11] Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods, because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people." [12] And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

[13] The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. [14] When Moses' father-in-law saw all that

he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?" [15] And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God; [16] when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws." [17] Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. [18] You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. [19] Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, [20] and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. [21] Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. [22] And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. [23] If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace."

[24] So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. [25] Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. [26] And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves. [27] Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went away to his own country.

#### Sermon Outline

Big idea: The LORD is known through His works and word.

- 1. The LORD makes Himself known through His works (vv. 1-12)
- 2. The LORD organises His people to hear His word (vv. 13-27)

# Reflect and Respond

- 1. Do I know the LORD? How am I growing to know Him more?
- 2. How am I making the LORD known?

Next week's sermon: A Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation (Exodus 19:1-25)

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