

MINISTRY GUIDE

29 and 30 January 2022

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

Service Leader: Lam Lup Meng (Sat) Preacher: Eugene Low

Caleb Yap (Sun)

Welcome

Call to Worship Deuteronomy 7:6,9

How has God been gracious to me in Christ this past week, especially in the face of my own weaknesses and sins?

Prayer/Songs of O God of Faithfulness and Grace Praise & Adoration Grace Greater Than All Our Sin

Offering

Speaking the Truth/Doxology

Question 5: What else did God create?

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-20

Sermon <u>Generations of Grace</u>

Song of Response <u>Every Promise of Your Word</u>

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

ENGLISH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

20 Feb (Sun) 1.30pm

Zoom

All members will receive an email with the notice, letter to members, testimonies and proxy form this weekend. The details about the submission of the proxy form are also included in the email. Do check your emails, and if you have any issues, please contact the church office at info@gracebaptistchurch.sg.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

30 Jan (Sun)

In-person

Topic: God's people trust Him (Genesis 11 and 12) Theme: God's people trust in God's good and wise plans even the future is uncertain

NURSERY

The nursery is available for babies to 3 year-olds. Parents can drop their children off at room 503. We apologise that there is a maximum capacity of 9 children on a first come, first served basis. If you have questions, contact Siew Ting (siewting@gracebaptistchurch.sg).

YOUNG ADULTS' WELCOME MEETING

29 Jan (6.30-7pm) or 30 Jan (10.30-11am) Rms 516-519 If you're between the ages of 19-25, unfamiliar with what the ministry does and are keen to find out more about what the young adults in GBC do, join us for our welcome meeting. Sign up here: http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/yaministry and see you!

For enquiries, contact Nehemiah (<u>nehemiahchong92@gmail.com</u>) or Bibianna (<u>bibianna@gracebaptistchurch.sg</u>).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Saturdays (From 5 Feb)

7.30pm

Level 5

The youths will resume their weekly meetings from 5 Feb and they will be studying the book of Mark. We hope to see you there and bring your friends too. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joshua (joshua@gracebaptistchurch.sg).

Q&A: ELDER ELECTIONS

6 Feb (Sun)

1.30pm

Zoom

Prayerfully, the ECL recommends: (1) Gerald Chua to serve as a new elder for a three-year term, and (2) Caleb Yap and Mok Chuan Xin to serve for another three-year term.

The ECL also recommends calling Mark Collins as the pastor for family ministries and a part of the ECL. Read more <u>here</u>.

Members can get to know the candidates at a Q&A session. Questions can be sent prior to info@gracebaptistchurch.sg.

Link: http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/gbcmeets
(Meeting ID: 811 3951 2831, Passcode: GBCmeets)

EQUIP

Tuesdays (8 Feb-1 Mar)

8pm-9.15pm

Zoom

This year, there will be two sessions every Tuesday night – a core and an elective session.

1. Core: Introducing Jesus

Who is Jesus? What did he do? Why should I care? In this series, we will explore these questions that are often left unanswered. If you know someone asking these questions, or perhaps are not clear on these answers yourself this is a series for you. Bring a friend, commit to all four sessions, and find out who this Jesus is.

Register here: http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/ij.

Link: http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/equip-core (Meeting ID: 819 9393 8344, Passcode: equip)

2. Elective: Side by Side – Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love

We all need help and we can help others. Life together in the church works this way. God means to grow and change us with the help of others in the church who are growing in the likeness of Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. In this series, we will learn the skills to help one another in our everyday conversations as we walk side by side with each other.

Register here: http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/sbs.

Link: http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/equip (Meeting ID: 812 6058 7002, Passcode: equip)

TRAINING GROUPS

Selected Thursdays 8pm-9.15pm Zoom As a part of GBC's efforts to make disciples of Christ, we are seeking to develop and train men and women for ministry, and the Training Groups (TG) initiative is one such platform.

Beginning 10 Feb, this group will meet to read "9 Marks of a Healthy Church" by Mark Dever. This will take place over 4 sessions, on the second Thursday of the month (10 Feb, 10 Mar, 7 Apr, 12 May). Those interested can sign up with Yanadi (yanadi@gracebaptistchurch.sg).

Link: http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/equip (Meeting ID: 812 6058 7002, Passcode: equip)

APPRECIATION

Cheow Loon and Yoke Peng and their family would like to thank the pastoral staff and church members for the encouragement during their recent bereavement. They would like to convey their deep appreciation to those who turned up at the wake to offer support during their period of grief.

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

SERVE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

As Sunday School lessons have resumed in church, we are in need of volunteers for **both** Sunday School and the nursery to meet the growth that God has blessed us with. To find out more or if you are keen to serve, contact Siew Ting (siewting@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

Throughout 2022, we will be going through the New City Catechism in our worship services. Comprising 52 questions and answers, this catechism is based on and adapted from Calvin's Geneva Catechism, the Westminster Shorter and Larger catechisms, and especially the Heidelberg Catechism.

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 5: What else did God create?

Answer: God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.

PRAY

We can pray the following for GBC this week.

- 1. Pray that we will believe in God's saving promises, which endure in spite of our failures.
- 2. As we pray for the upcoming Elders' election, we thank God for providing men who are called to serve the church. We pray for God's leading and encouragement for Gerald, Caleb, Chuan Xin and Mark. Pray for us as a church to be able to hear and discern God's voice and we steward our votes.
- 3. Pray for disciple-making efforts in the church and the upcoming Equip series, as we seek to know and share the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be trained to come alongside others for their spiritual good.
- 4. During this festive period, pray that as we visit friends and relatives, we will also be able to share the gospel and love of Jesus Christ

This week, we are also praying for other gospel-preaching churches. We pray for Shalom Reformed Baptist Church.

1. Pray for God to bring younger people and families to the church and for more younger members to step forward to serve.

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



Generations of Grace Genesis 12:1-20

Scripture Passage

Taken from the ESV

[1] Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. [2] And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. [3] I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

[4] So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. [5] And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, [6] Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. [7] Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. [8] From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. [9] And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

[10] Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. [11] When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, [12] and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. [13] Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake." [14] When Abram

entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. [15] And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. [16] And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

[17] But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. [18] So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? [19] Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go." [20] And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had. (ESV)

Sermon Outline

- 1. God's call and Abram's faith: God graciously calls us to trust and obey (vv. 1-9)
- 2. Abram's fall and God's grace: God is faithful though we are faithless (vv. 10-20)

Reflect and Respond

- 1. How am I walking in the footsteps of Abram's faith by trusting and obeying Jesus?
- 2. How do my failures encourage me to lean harder on God's grace in Christ?

Next week's sermon: Faith or Sight (Genesis 13:1-18)

(To find out more about this new sermon series, check out and read this post on our <u>website</u>.)

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