

MINISTRY GUIDE

5 and 6 March 2022

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

Service Leader: Oliver Chia Preacher: Eugene Low

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 25:8-10

How does God's faithfulness across the generations encourage me to trust and

obey Him?

Prayer/Songs
Our Song from Age to Age
(Praise & Adoration)
Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Prayer (Confession)/ How Great Thou Art

Song (Thanksgiving)

Offering

Speaking the Question 10: What does God require in the

Truth/Doxology <u>fourth and fifth commandments?</u>

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Genesis 17:1-27

Sermon <u>God's Covenant Confirmed</u>

Lord's Supper

Song of Response Whate'er My God Ordains is Right

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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Topic: Covenants of Scripture (Genesis 17)

SCHOOL

Theme: God's people can praise God for seeing how all His wonderful promises are fulfilled in

6 Mar (Sun)

the person and work of Jesus Christ

In-person

NURSERY

Room 503

The nursery is available for babies to 3 year-old, with a current maximum capacity of 9 children on a first come, first served basis. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Siew Ting (siewting@gracebaptistchurch.sg).

EQUIP

From 15 Mar (Tues)

8-9.10pm

Zoom

The next series, "Seeing Jesus in All of Scripture", will run from 15 March to 5 April. This series aims to help us to read the Bible, understand what it is saying in light of who Jesus is and what He does, and apply it to our hearts. This will help us for our personal Bible reading, as well as reading the Bible one-to-one and in small groups.

Link: http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/equip-core

(ID: 819 9393 8344, Passcode: equip)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

19 Mar (Sat)

1.30pm

Zoom

Members would have received the notice of meeting, proxy form and instructions, either via mail or email. Printed copies can also be picked up outside the Sanctuary after the worship services. Contact the church office at info@gracebaptistchurch.sg if you have any issues.

Do remember to submit your proxy forms to the office by 1.30pm, 17 Mar (Thurs).

BAPTISMS

20 Mar (Sun)

If you wish to take a step of obedience to be baptised or find out more about joining us as a member, please drop a note to Pastor Eugene (eugenelow@gracebaptistchurch.sg).

COLLECTION

(FEB 2022)

General: \$106,120.64 (YTD: \$219,163.60) Missions: \$45,195.38 (YTD: \$95,922.46)

APPRECIATION

Grace, Patrick and their family would like to thank the pastoral staff and church members for the encouragement during their recent bereavement. They convey their deep appreciation to all who turned up at the wake to offer support during their period of grief.

SERVE

HOST OR JOIN A NEW CARE GROUP

As the church grows there is a need for new Care Groups for more to connect and grow. Seeking: (i) hosts of new CGs who open their homes, (ii) new leaders and co-leaders, and (iii) members willing to step out into new groups to befriend others. Or if you're not in a CG and want to join one to study Genesis 12-50, write to cg@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. 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 10: What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments? Answer: Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in public and private worship of God, rest from routine employment, serve the Lord and others, and so anticipate the eternal Sabbath. Fifth, that we love and honour our father and our mother, submitting to their godly discipline and direction.

PRAY

We can pray for GBC in the following areas:

- 1. At the recent English Congregational Meeting, we decided in favour of calling Mark Collins to serve as the Pastor for Family Ministries. We have applied for a work pass for Mark. Do pray for the application process, as we trust in our Lord's purposes and provision.
- 2. Pray for the upcoming election of new directors at the Annual General Meeting Chong Chee Leong from the English Congregation and Jeffrey Teong from the Chinese Congregation.
- 3. Pray for various families with different needs in our church
 - a. Lison, Grace and their newborn baby boy
 - b. Ronson, Regina and their month-old son
 - c. George Yeo and family
- 4. As we continue to read Genesis, pray that we will trust in God's promises, and turn to God in faith and obedience from the heart. Pray for us in this season of Lent which began on 2 March, as we consider the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that the cross of Christ shapes our thoughts, affections and lives.

We continue to pray for our world, especially for the <u>situation in</u> <u>Ukraine</u>.

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



God's Covenant Confirmed Genesis 17:1-27

Scripture Passage

Taken from the ESV

[1] When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, [2] that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." [3] Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, [4] "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. [5] No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. [6] I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. [7] And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. [8] And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

[9] And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. [10] This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. [11] You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. [12] He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, [13] both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. [14] Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the

flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

[15] And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. [16] I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." [17] Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" [18] And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" [19] God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. [20] As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. [21] But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year."

[22] When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. [23] Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him. [24] Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. [25] And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. [26] That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. [27] And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

Sermon Outline

- 1. God guarantees his covenant promises (vv. 1-8, 15-22)
- 2. God calls us to trust and obey him (vv. 9-14, 23-27)

Reflect and Respond

- 1. How does God's faithfulness across the generations encourage me to trust and obey Him?
- 2. Has God circumcised my heart? How am I living as a new creation in Christ?

Next week's sermon: The Mercy and Justice of God (Genesis 18:1-19:38)

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