

# MINISTRY GUIDE

## 6 and 7 August 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

Prayer/Songs (Praise & Adoration)

Prayer (Confession)

Song (Thanksgiving)

Offering

Speaking the Truth/Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

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Sermon

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Song of Response

Benediction

Lamentations 3:22-26

O Worship the King Here is Love

**Blessed Assurance** 

Question 32: What do justification and sanctification mean?

Finishing Well to the Glory of God (Genesis 48:1-22)

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

### WELCOME

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

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



### OUR LIFE TOGETHER

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 7 August (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. Today's lesson from Genesis 48 is, "Faithful to All His Promises". Our children will see how God's people can trust in His never-failing faithfulness.
<b>NURSERY</b> 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)!
<b>EQUIP</b> 7 Aug (Sun) 11am-12pm Room 310CD	We begin a new series today called "Knowing the Truth: Christian Doctrines". This first session by Yanadi and Rolland will be on "Doctrine of Scripture: How can I know the Truth?" See you there!
<b>CHURCH PICNIC</b> 9 Aug (Tues) 8.30-11.30am	We will be gathering again for another church picnic on National Day. It will be held at Fort Canning Park, in front of the Old Married Soldiers' Quarters. More details can be found <u>here</u> .

<b>TRAINING GROUPS</b> 11 Aug (Thurs) 8pm-9.15pm Zoom	<ul> <li>Beginning 11 August, this group will meet to discuss <u>"Elders" by Jeramie Rinne</u> over 4 sessions. The other dates are 8 Sep, 13 Oct and 10 Nov.</li> <li>All are invited. If you are interested, register with Yanadi (yanadi@gracebaptistchurch.sg).</li> <li>Link: <u>http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/equip</u> (Meeting ID: 812 6058 7002, Passcode: equip)</li> </ul>			
EQUIP 3 and 10 Sept (Sat) 9-11.30am Room 310	This series titled, "The Art of Parenting" will be taught by Pastor Mark over two Saturday mornings. The class will cover God's purpose for the family, corrective & formative discipline, family worship, boys and girls, and technology and social media. Childcare is available. Registration for the series is also required for all who are interested and you can do so here: http://gracebaptistchurch.sg/equip-parenting.			
GBC REFORMATION CONCERT 29 Oct (Sat) 8pm	We are delighted to announce GBC's fourth Reformation Concert – we commemorate the Protestant Reformation by joining our voices to lead in congregational praise to God! Folks interested to join the choir, orchestra or			
	help in any way should register at tinyurl.com/gbcrefcon2022. Our rehearsal dates/times will be on Sundays, from 1.30 to 3.30pm (4/9, 18/9, 2/10, 16/10, 23/10). More info to follow. If you have questions, write to refcon@gracebaptistchurch.sg.			
CHURCH CAMP 2023	Lord willing, we will be having our Church Camp next year! This camp will take place over 4 days, 3 nights, and the details are as follows:			

Date: 28-31 May 2023 Venue: Forest City Golf Hotel (JB).

Sign up details will be out soon, but in the meantime, save this date!

CANTEEN VENDOROur neighbour, St Margaret's Primary School isAT ST MARGARET'SIooking for a canteen operator to run a ChinesePRIMARY SCHOOLfood stall. If you or someone you know is<br/>interested, contact the school at 6339 4247 to find<br/>out more.

COLLECTION	General: \$135,995.24 (YTD: \$833,008.71)
(JULY 2022)	Missions: \$47,080.54 (YTD: \$352,901.98)

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

### SERVE

YOUTH MINISTRY	Do yo	ou reme	mber w	hen you	i were a	youth?	If	
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	you have a heart for the youth at GBC and wo like to find out more about Youth ministry, ple							
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	(joshu	a@grace	baptistc	hurch.sg	).	Ū		
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**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).

### 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 32: What do justification and sanctification mean?

Answer: Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

### PRAY

We can pray for our church in the following ways:

- 1. We have a faithful and gracious God. Pray that we will continue to put our faith in Him to keep his promises.
- 2. Pray that GBC will look to Jesus Christ as our pioneer and perfected in our faith, and to desire to finish our faith journeys well.

Pray for Singapore as we celebrate our 57th National Day this coming week:

- 1. Give thanks to God for the security, progress and prosperity of Singapore and also the freedom of religion in this nation.
- 2. We also thank God for the government's leadership and response to the COVID-19 pandemic and financial challenges.
- 3. We continue to pray that God will give our government leaders wisdom to lead and govern the country well and also for the leadership transition.
- 4. Pray that churches and Christians will continue to have religious liberty to practise our faith. Pray that our churches would be faithful to the word, and hold fast to and proclaim the gospel.
- 5. Amid the blessings of material comforts and full lives, pray that God the Spirit will cause many Singaporeans to desire Jesus Christ, the One who can give the greater salvation blessings and true eternal life. Pray that God will draw many Singaporeans to repent from our worldly ways and to turn in faith to Jesus Christ.

Pray for the nation of Acts Baptist Church:

- 1. Pray for the preaching team from GBC that will be preaching at Acts Baptist Church, that they will be faithful to Scripture and proclaim Christ crucified.
- 2. Pray for fruit and for Acts Baptist Church to be built up in the faith.

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



# Finishing Well to the Glory of God Genesis 48:1-22

#### Scripture Reading and Sermon Passage

#### Taken from the ESV

#### Genesis 48:1-22

[1] After this, Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is ill." So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. [2] And it was told to Jacob, "Your son Joseph has come to you." Then Israel summoned his strength and sat up in bed. [3] And Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, [4] and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples and will give this land to your offspring after you for an everlasting possession.<sup>2</sup> [5] And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are. [6] And the children that you fathered after them shall be yours. They shall be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance. [7] As for me, when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan on the way, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath, and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)."

[8] When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?" [9] Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." And he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them." [10] Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. So Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. [11] And Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face; and behold, God has let me see your offspring also." [12] Then Joseph removed them from his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. [13] And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's

right hand, and brought them near him. [14] And Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands (for Manasseh was the firstborn). [15] And he blessed Joseph and said,

"The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this

day,

[16] the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys;

and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac;

and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

[17] When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he took his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. [18] And Joseph said to his father, "Not this way, my father; since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head." [19] But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations." [20] So he blessed them that day, saying,

"By you Israel will pronounce blessings, saying, 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh."

Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh. [21] Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your fathers. [22] Moreover, I have given to you rather than to your brothers one mountain slope that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow."

#### Sermon Outline

Big Idea: Trust in the faithful God who graciously sanctifies us, and finish well for His glory!

- 1. Trust in the faithful God who graciously sanctifies us
  - a. A man of faith who trusts and clings to God's promises (vv 3-4, 21)
  - b. A man who acknowledges God's grace and faithfulness (v 11; 15-16)
  - c. A man who understands and submits to God's sovereign ways (vv 8-20)
- 2. Finish well for His glory

#### **Reflect and Respond**

1. What areas of my life do I need to surrender to God to finish well?

Next week's sermon: The Scepter Will Not Depart from Judah (Genesis 49:1-28)

### **CONTACT US**

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