

Grace Baptist Church

3 September 2017

Preacher

Rev Ian Buntain

Worship Leaders

Pastor Eugene Low Samuel Beh Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Praise & Adoration

(Dismissal of Children for Children's Church)

Tithes & Offerings / Doxology Song of Preparation Scripture Reading

Sermon

Lord's Supper

Song of Response

Benediction



"When We Speak" (Acts 14:1-28)



The gospel exploded across the Mediterranean Sea. In our series of messages in Acts so far, we saw the gospel on its expansion to end of the earth as promised in Acts 1:8. We saw Paul and Barnabas starting on their First Missionary Journey when the church in Antioch sent them out as directed by the Holy Spirit. Along the way, we learnt what the gospel is and saw its mighty power to save.

In our coming messages in September, we will see the conclusion of Paul's first Missionary Journey. We will also see questions being raised because of Paul's ministry to the Gentiles. How can one be saved? How is the relationship between Christians of Jewish and Gentile background going to look like? This is resolved by the Council at Jerusalem where the question of how one can be saved is clarified, and the Council recognising that God has included both Jew and Gentile in his salvation plan. The church received the decision with joy. Paul, with gospel resolve, then started on his Second Missionary Journey to take the gospel further afield to the Gentiles.

On Sunday 17 September 2017, we will take a break from our series in Acts. Together with our Chinese congregation, we will gather on this day to celebrate God's grace in providing us a new building and facilities with a Thanksgiving and Dedication Service. So, let's come together as a church to give thanks to our glorious God.

As a church, let us ask that the Holy Spirit be our teacher and guide as we hear God's Word preached. For those who would like to read up and pray for our pastors and speakers as they prepare their sermons, here is the sermon schedule for September 2017:

| Date | Sermon Title | Sermon Text | | |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 3 Sep | "When We Speak" | Acts 14:1-28 | | |
| 10 Sep | "The Unadjusted Gospel" | Acts 15:1-35 | | |
| 17 Sep | Thanksgiving and Dedication Service | | | |
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| 24 Sep | "Singing in the Dark" | Acts 16:11-40 | | |

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

DISCIPLESHIP SEMINARS (DS) In today's DS we will cover: "Living By Faith. Today's session will be led by David Koh. Next week: No class. DS will resume on 10 Sep for the final session on Hebrews.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY | 3 SEP TODAY | 9.30 AM

JUNIOR: **DELIVERER** - God saves His people from His wrath.

Key Verse: 1 Timothy 1:15a "It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"

SENIOR: COMING KING: Jesus' Kingship and His Kingdom are forever.

Key Verse: Hebrews 1:8 "But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom."

MEET GOD MID-WEEK | TUE 5 SEP | 8.00 PM There will be <u>no class</u> on the 5 September. From 12 September onwards, classes will be held at GBC, Room 310B.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 2017

| Attendance | August 2017 |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Adult Worship | 422 |
| Children's Ministry | 31 |
| Total | 453 |

COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 2017

| Collection | Aug (Actual) | Aug Budgeted Expenditure | Year-to-Date (Actual) | YTD Budgeted Expenditure |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| General Offering | \$73,708 | \$84,309 | \$670,484 | \$674,,472 |
| Missions Offering | \$38,858 | \$43,699 | \$287,893 | \$349,592 |

THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION SERVICE | **17 SEP** | **10.00 AM** This is a combined service with the Chinese Congregation. Let's come together as a church to give thanks to God for His grace and provision as we dedicate ourselves and the church to God. Lunch will be served after the service.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CAMP | VENUE: 17 MATTAR ROAD | 19 NOV – 21 NOV The children's camp is here! This annual camp is an outreach organized by our Chinese Congregation and as a church, we want to support this missional effort. We strongly encourage our EC children and their friends between 7 and 12 years old, to join this exciting camp for a time of learning spiritual truths, fun and play. Registration starts today (3 Sep) at Fellowship Hall, Level 3, immediately after the service. If you need more information on the camp, please contact the camp commandant, Kai En at 81803920 or the church office.

SUNDAY FOOD SERVICE We are looking for a caterer to provide food to worshippers on Sundays. If you are interested, please submit the menu and price list to Kok Pui at kpkuan@gracebaptistchurch.sg before 24 Sep.

MPS ANNUAL LOVE GIFT COLLECTION TODAY (3 SEP) Today is the final collection for the needy students of MPS. For cash/cheques, please use the brown envelope provided at the welcome table located near the entrance of the sanctuary and mark "MPS" on the envelope, and drop them into the red offering bags.

MINISTRY

GRACEHAVEN OUTREACH | SAT 16 SEP| 8:45 AM — 12:30 PM | HORT PARK / MT FABER SAFRA George Yeo's CG will bring the Gracehaven children to Hort Park for a walk, finishing at Mt Faber SAFRA for bowling. The story of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15:11-32 will be shared along the way, as part of Gracehaven's 'Reconciliation and Reunification' theme. Please pray for all who come, and for good opportunities to connect and communicate God's unending love. If you would like to join us or find out more about this outreach, please Whatsapp Helen Yeo on 91511450 or email Sandy Tung at tunglcs@yahoo.com.sg. To facilitate planning, registration for this outreach will close on 9 Sep.

LADIES MINISTRY:

- **1. TEA FELLOWSHIP** | **15 SEP** | **10.00 AM** | **ROOM 302** Kick Off for 1st Peter Bible Study for all women. Bring a friend and join us every Friday morning as we reflect on Peter's encouragement to us to stand firm in the Grace of God. Contact Jena (9798-8630) or Belinda (9843-5290) for more information.
- **2. GALATIANS | EVERY SAT | 4.00 PM (BEGINNING 16 SEP) | ROOM 512 515** Who has bewitched you? Why and How? A guided Bible study by Precept Ministries International with a warm group of GBC women who love the Word and are joined together for prayer and encouragement. Contact Yoke Meng (9730-1670) for more information.

- **3. WIVES EVERY 4TH SUN** | **11.00 AM** | **ROOM 509 511** "What do you really want?" What do you pursue? What do you desire? Have you ever been in a situation where you suspected that your plans and desires for your life might not be God's will for you? Join us for 5 sessions as we hear real life stories of women wrestling with their desires. Together let's strengthen and reinforce our call to commit our desires to the Lord. Contact Claire (8383-6976) if you would be willing to help with childcare.
- **3. MOM'S CONNECT | EVERY 1ST WED | 9:30 AM 11.00 AM (BEGINNING 6 SEP) ROOM 502** Moms connecting with each other and Jesus. Spend time focusing on your personal journey with God through prayer and spiritually meaningful conversations. Bring your children and join us in the pre-school room (502). Contact Sherri (8398-0504) or Jena (9798-8630) for more information.

YA TRAINING: DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE The 2 upcoming training sessions will help us understand the canon of the OT and NT (and how we got the books within) in order to strengthen or confidence in the Bible. We will also study important characteristics of inerrant Scripture in order to read and respond to it. Upcoming dates are 24 Sept and 22 Oct from 12.30 -2.30 pm. Contact Bibianna (81395908) if you'd like to attend or need more information!

YOUTH CAMP | 21 – 24 DEC Please note that Youth Camp 2017 will be held from 21 - 24 December. More details to follow. Primary 6s are invited!

CHURCH CALENDAR

| 3 Sep – 9 Sep | Pua Mission Trip (1 – 4 Sep) |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 10 Sep – 16 Sep | Gracehaven Outreach (16 Sep) |
| 17 Sep – 23 Sep | Thanksgiving Service (17 Sep) |
| 24 Sep – 30 Sep | 29 Sep (Monthly Prayer Meeting) |



Next Week's Sermon:

Title: "The Unadjusted Gospel" (Acts 15:1-35)

Speaker: Rev Ian Buntain

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Sunday Meetings

| EC Worship Service | 9.00 am | Chinese Worship Service | 11.00 am |
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| EC Christian Education | <u>ı:</u> | CC Christian Education: | |
| Children's Church | 9.30 am | Children's Sunday School (KFC) | 1.15 pm |
| Discipleship Seminars | 11.00 am | Youth Fellowship | 1.30 pm |
| Filipino Fellowship | 10.30 am | Young Adult Fellowship | 1.30 pm |
| Mynamar Fellowship | 2.00 pm | Big Group Fellowship (1 st Sunday) | 1.00 pm |
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Giving:

The collection at GBC can be directed to one of two specific funds — general offering and missions fund. If you are making an offering by cheque, please write the cheque payable to: "Grace Baptist Church Ltd".

For electronic giving, here are the internet banking details for English Congregation:

| Account | Bank | Account Number |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| General Fund | Standard Chartered Bank | 0100263291 |
| Missions Fund | Standard Chartered Bank | 0100263283 |