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Enthroning the King!

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At the Combined Leaders Meeting on 4th January, I shared with the leaders the direction and thrust for 2019. As mentioned, the theme of the church is 'Living in Extraordinary Times'. We are indeed living in extraordinary times. Some words that best describe our days are 'uncertain, unstable, unsafe, unprecedented, unrest and also unknown'.

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I released a word to the church which the Lord strongly laid upon my heart and the word is Faithful. As we face an uncertain future, let us always recognise and remember that we worship a Faithful God. Through the weekly messages from the pulpit, it's my prayer that Gracians will thrive even in these extraordinary days and not just

survive. We will be starting a short series from end January onwards on the 'Reign of God'. It's so crucial to understand God's reign and that He reigns over every area of our lives. The more we know that He reigns, the more we will be strengthened as we face the challenges of life.

I also shared with the leaders what we hope to achieve through the 5 key thrusts of the church. Let me begin with the 1st one, 'Enthroning the King'.

It begins with us as individuals and a church to rise up to enthrone Jesus as King over our lives. We enthrone Him as King not just over one area but every area. In other words, the attitude of our hearts

is such that we recognise His Lordship and we demonstrate our submission by consciously placing Him at the centre of our lives. So it is more than just a time of worship where we sing, clap, lift our hands and bow in prayer. It is about a total surrender of our lives to Him and we submit wholeheartedly to His Lordship.

There are some specific areas we want to work at in 2019 under this key thrust.

- 1. Help Gracians to have a better understanding of God's Reign through the preaching and teaching of His Word
- 2. Strengthen the whole Creative Arts Ministry and coming up with a CAM 2.0.

- 3. Start a new Worship Service at Grace II on every Saturday at 5 p.m. with effect from April 2019
- 4. Transit the Cantonese Service into a bilingual Service with Mandarin and Cantonese.
- 5. Ensure the prayer movement in the church continues to grow.

I covet the prayer of every Gracian as we seek to strengthen this vital thrust for the Church this year.

Ps Calvin Lee Senior Pastor



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03. A look back at Alpha in 2018



The Sacred Work of **Toilet-Building**

2019 THEME: LIVING IN EXTRAORDINARY TIMES EPHESIANS 3:20; 5:15-16



2019 March-June Sermon Series

LIVING JOYFULLY! A Study Of The Epistle To The Philippians

SYNOPSIS:

We live in extraordinary times. We have great disruptions, increasing ecological disasters, declining morality, world-wide violence and an ageing population, and yet we also have technological advances, scientific breakthroughs, and even greater opportunities. How do we navigate the struggles and challenges of this life?

Man-centred living is always about our pursuit of personal happiness and a trouble-free life. We aim to do so through our own efforts, using every means possible. However, God-centred living is the pursuit of Christ, no matter what the circumstances and the result is true lasting joy even in difficult circumstances. Christ has to be the centre of our lives.

Paul's epistle to the Philippians points us to the way to living out His kingdom purposes so that we might really live and thrive and not just survive in the extraordinary times we live in today.

SERMON

- 1. THE MAIN THING
- 2. THRIVING IN LIFE'S STORMS
- 3. DOWNWARD TO GREATNESS
- 4. INSIDE OUT
- 5. POWER OF PARTNERSHIP
- 6. LOSE TO GAIN
- 7. EYE ON THE PRIZE
- 8. PEACE WITHIN
- 9. JOYFUL CONTENTMENT

PASSAGE

Philippians 1:1-11 Philippians 1:12-30 Philippians 2:1-11 Philippians 2:12-18 Philippians 2:19-30 Philippians 3:1-11 Philippians 3:12-3:21 Philippians 4:1-9 Philippians 4:10-23



EQUIPPING THE GRACIANS

6 February (CNY) – NO J333

13, 20 February

GI – Emmaus Hall GII – Praise Room

27 Februar Combined J333 GI – Galilee Hall

To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing. \sim Martin Luther

A LOOK BACK AT ALPHA IN 2018



2018 marked many "first"s for Alpha@Grace. We had our first ever Hokkien Alpha, Mandarin Alpha and Retreat Alpha. With new support from volunteer members and leaders of various cell groups, Alpha@Grace also welcomed new diversity and members into its team. We praise the Lord for bringing more harvesters into the field!

Set up 7 years ago, Alpha@Grace is a free 13-week course for pre-believers and new Christians to discover more about Christ. It introduces the basics of the Christian faith through fun games, videos or live talks, and discussions. Guests are encouraged to ask any questions they have and a special weekend retreat in the middle of the course gives them a chance to encounter the Holy Spirit in a guided session.

As they journey with their guests, Alpha volunteers themselves have also been blessed. Reflecting on his experience facilitating Alpha for the first time, Pak says, "Alpha is a very holistic course. It doesn't just focus on one aspect of Christianity. It's very practical for new believers. I've gained new insights myself." Eileen, who helps out with the hospitality team and Mandarin Alpha adds, "Beyond assisting the pre-believers, Alpha also allowed me to get to know my fellow volunteers and church-goers better." Indeed, throughout the 13 weeks, many volunteers formed strong bonds as they served alongside each other and witnessed the lives of their guests being transformed. Here's a snapshot of our Alpha "first"s in 2018, and what you can look forward to in 2019:

First Hokkien Alpha

In March this year, we welcomed 35 guests at our first Hokkien Alpha, held at REACH Powerhouse in G1. We witnessed powerful breakthroughs and thank God for all the logistical and manpower support that He has provided to make the sessions possible.

First Mandarin Alpha

Many Alpha guests in the past have also requested for Mandarin sessions in order that they may share the gospel with their non-English-speaking, prebelieving loved ones. At our first Mandarin Alpha, held at G2, we had a lively attendance of 44 guests, including 20 pre-believers. Many actively asked questions and enjoyed the special Mandarin talks created for them based on Nicky Gumbel's videos.



First Retreat Alpha The idea behind

Alpha@Retreat is to support pre-believing guests who are accompanying their family or friends on the annual church retreat. Last year, we had an exciting first run at Sunway Pyramid Hotel in Kuala Lumpur. In our small but cosy group of 7 guests and 8 volunteers, we felt the Lord's presence with 3 salvations/re-dedications and numerous healings.

Don't miss the upcoming Alpha at GI

Join us for the next combined Mandarin-and-English Alpha run at G1. Starting on 22 February, the sessions will take place every Friday, from 7–10pm, over 13 weeks. Dinner is provided too! For more information, and to sign up as a guest or volunteer, please visit http://alpha.graceaog.org/ or email alpha@graceaog.org

FEBRUARY Prayer Pointers

As the first of the 5 key thrusts of our church, let's pray for the Enthroning of the King this month.

ENTHRONE THE KING

Focus: Appreciating God for His love, dominion & power. Gen 1:25-31

As Gracians enthrone the King, pray,

- 1. For every Gracian to experience God's great love & transformation to be more & more like Him.
- 2. For Gracians to take hold of the keys of dominion & authority from the throne of God to face the challenges of 2019!
- 3. For God's grace & anointing upon our leaders to submit to our King for His glory & purpose.
- 4. For power the King gives us to live above the corruption of sin & the world and for victories to be gained over incurable sicknesses, oppression & sorrow.
- 5. For a greater experience of God's Presence & Power in our church as Gracians seek to enthrone the King!



INTRODUCING GRACE MISSIONAL COLLEGE MODULE IN MARCH 2019

DPRM317: FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIAN COUNSELING 28-30 March 2019

DESCRIPTION

This course provides a biblical perspective of Christian counselling and equips believers with basic counselling skills to be an effective people helper in the context of a church community.

- 1. Understand the goal, the heart and the requirements of an effective people helper from a biblical perspective.
- 2. Learn to build healthy helping relationship by understanding the roles, the helping process and the usage of spiritual resources effectively.
- 3. Learn to employ basic counselling microskills of active listening, asking questions, reframing, confrontation and influencing to access feelings, thoughts and bring changes effectively to the person needing helped.

Pastor Benjamin Wong

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REGISTRATION

Fee for non-credit or audit students: \$15 Fee for 3-credit module: \$130

Register at http://www.graceaog.org/missional-college Or, at Grace Bookstores located in 2nd level Koinonia, Grace@Tanglin, and at Church Reception, 3rd level, Grace@BukitBatok.

Closing Date: 25 March 2019

For further enquiry, please email to gmcollege@graceaog.org

UPCOMING MODULES – 1ST HALF OF 2019

BIBT321: Christology, 11-13 April 2019, Professor: Dr Jerry Horner Closing date for registration: 8 April

DBIB110: Old Testament Survey, 30 May – 1 June, Rev Wendy Ching Closing date for registration: 27 May



Pastor Benjamin Wong



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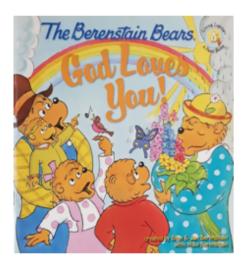
The Berenstain Bear series helps children learn how God wants them to live every day. When the Bear family practices going to church, praying, being kind, and remembering how much God loves them, their lives are much more joyful.

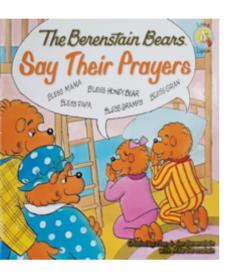
God Loves You!

In God Loves You! Brother and Sister Bear discover that God loves them, not because they're successful, but because he made them.

This book helps children appreciate the many ways God shows his love to them.

God is love. ~ 1 John 4:16





Say Their Prayers

In Say Their Prayers, Brother Bear discovers that God answers every prayer - in his own way and time. Children will learn, along with Brother Bear, that praying isn't just for bedtime.

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ~Matthew 7:7

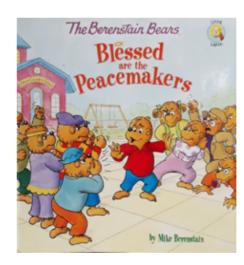


Blessed Are The Peacemakers

In Blessed are the Peacemakers, Brother and Sister Bear have a wide circle of friends at school and get along with pretty much everyone.

But not all their friends get along with each other! As their friends clash during the school play, Brother and Sister Bear have to decide whether they should "mind their own business" or get involved as peacemakers to try and calm the troubled waters.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ~ Matthew 5:9





Grace Family Library @ GI is open on every 1st Sunday of the month

Grace Family Library @ GII is open on every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month



Pastor Benjamin Wong (HP: 9066 2994)

All counselling sessions are strictly private and confidential.

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THE PRAYER OF A DESPERATE PARENT SERIES

by Uma Rudd Chia

THE GOOD FIGHT

For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. Gal. 5:17

"Mum, I'm feeling stressed. I feel like I'm being pressured to do well." My son Daniel kept echoing many times. I used to think to myself, "We give him so much freedom to play and room to express himself. We're not the kind of parents who force academic excellence on our kids. We are parents who believe in helping the whole child develop - to help our kids find their destiny."

As I lay in bed beside him that night to chat with him, as he fell asleep, he said the same thing. I closed my eyes and prayed, "Holy Spirit, how can I help this child." And then the revelation hit me, unmistakable and clear.

What Daniel thinks is pressure, is the battle that is raging between his need for convenience and God's seed of destiny in his heart. Within our children, their spirit man is pushing them towards excellence. Their spirit man knows what God has called them to do. God has put destiny in their hearts. And achieving that destiny requires giving up some things, training and equipping themselves in the gifts given to them and growing in their talent, wisdom and faith. It requires developing their inner man, their emotions, intellect, physical bodies and exercising their will to choose God's purpose over and over again.



But it's not easy when their human nature is pushing for convenience. Urging them to take the easy way out. It questions the necessity to change, improve or learn something new. It's the inertia brought on by our sinful nature - the desire to always take the easy, lazy way out.

How do we teach our kids not to give in to convenience but to yield to God's destiny?

1. Explain to your kids about the war that is raging inside them between their spirit and their flesh. How their destiny is worth the inconvenience. Paul explained it to the Galatian church so they'd become aware. And so they'd know that not compromising or giving in is worth it. When they go against the tide of "ease", they're building muscles that will carry them closer to their destinies. I explained this to Daniel. Being the little thinker that he is, he took a day to digest what I said and then texted me at work the next day, "Mum you're right. I do want the easy way out. But now I know this feeling is normal and each time I don't give in, I'm getting closer to my destiny."

- 2. Pray for your kids to understand and know their destinies from a young age. Psalm 138:8 says, "God will fulfil his destiny for me." Too many people waste their lives unfocused and losing their purpose. As Christians we are called to live purpose-driven lives. To live as if each day were our last. To give every second our best shot. To use up every arrow in our quiver, to aim it far and trust the wind of the Spirit to push it further to hit its mark. I pray daily that my children would live like that, unweighted down by any distractions or obligations the world may send but gravitate towards God's plans and purposes for their lives. Pray for your kids that His angels would cause circumstance and situation to align themselves to make it easy for them to enter their destinies.
- 3. **Cultivate their person and their talents.** Psalm 139 is one of my favourite chapters in the Bible. I grew up hyperactive. Later on in life I realised I had clinical ADHD. I am easily distracted. My passion to change, disrupt and improve a situation overwhelms me to the point that I have sleepless nights trying to make things better. I love standing on stage and talking to a crowd but feel naked and afraid when I am standing in a small group and being asked to share something.

I used to think it was a disorder of sorts. But it's my personality and how God made me. My father encouraged the person I was and spoke life and God's Word over me. It helped me do well in life.

My children are unique in their own ways. Sarah is incredibly chatty and brilliant with family, but she's unbelievably shy around strangers. She hates performing. She'd rather write a story and dress someone else for a role than play the role. She's also responsible without fault and never forgets anything.

Daniel walks into any group with his disarming smile and makes friends easily. And thanks to his carefree nature, he's left his wallet, his shoes, even his school bag behind numerous times. I've learnt to accept who they are and thank God for their strengths and weaknesses, and cultivate their person. Your children are made a certain way by God. They are designed to bless your family, their friends and their community. More than that, they are designed in a very specific way to bring God pleasure. So don't try and change them. Help them become all they can be.

4. Don't make them win battles they weren't meant to fight. As parents, we love to live our lives through our kids. I wanted Sarah to be in the school choir and for Daniel to be debater. I wanted them to be really good in their English writing. But they're both better at maths and visual story telling. As an author, a creative writer and presenter, it breaks my heart that they didn't take after me in my linguistic abilities. I think my husband feels that way to about some of his gifts not being passed on too. But I've learnt to accept that these aren't their journeys to take nor battles to fight. And even if they should fight and win them, while I may find joy in the victory, they wouldn't. Instead I would have taken them away from the battles that God intended for them to fight.

Encourage your kids to fight the good fight that God intended for them to fight. And trust God to give them the victory. But remember, they may not always manifest themselves in a form you are accustomed to or expect. That's because God's ways and plans for our children are way higher and better than ours.

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Cassie Carstens, the founder of "THE WORLD NEEDS A FATHER MOVEMENT" said: "If the family unit is a fundamental building block of society, the nucleus of that unit is the father, and when he causes damage, the ripples affect everyone." In our fatherless generation, we are challenging all fathers to raise up to the challenge to be the Father God wants him to be. Gordon MacDonald, renowed author, pastor and president of a seminary commeted about making your child's growth as your priority: "If I am an effective father, it is because I have deliberately set as one of my life's highest priorities the creation of conditions in my home that will stimulate my children to grow to their full human potential." We encourage you to invest your next 12 weeks (fortnightly 2 hours sessions) to journey with us by understanding these Godly principles and live them our in our lives as Fathers:

- A Father Confers Identity: Moving from identity confusion to clarity
- A Father Provides Security: Walking the Journey from fear to love
- A Father Affirms Potential: Learning the language of building them

So come on board in this movement and be empowered to bring Godly alignment and life changing transformation into your family.

Event date:	Mar 9&23 / Apr 13&27 / May 11&25
	(6 sessions fortnightly)
Venue:	GII Hope room
Time:	830 - 1130am (Breakfast included)
Cost:	\$40 (book & breakfast)
For registra	ation please visit the church website

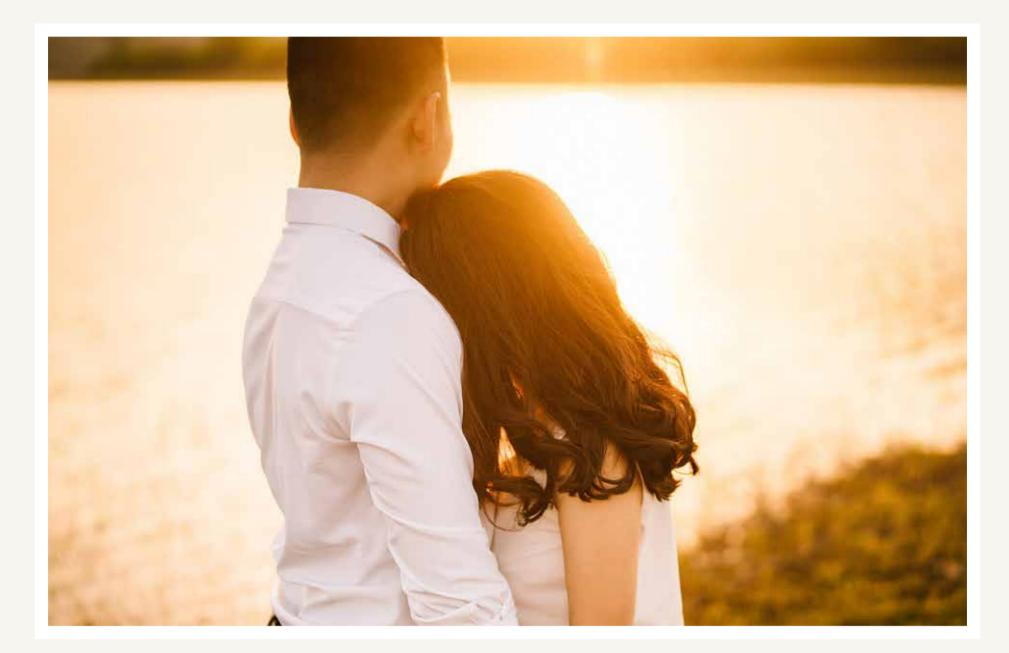
For registration, please visit the church website at https://event.graceaog.org

Venue for Payment: Church Reception – GI @ L5 & GII @ L3 Mode of Payment: Cheque or exact cash amount

"He will bless those who fear the Lord small and great alike. May the Lord cause you to flourish, both you and your children. May you be blessed by the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." **PSLAM 115:13-15**



Understanding Love Languages



'Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loves is born of God, and knows God.' – 1 John 4:7 (KJV)

'For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.' – 1 John 3:11 (KJV)

With 14 February as Valentine's Day, there is no surprise that February is commonly known as the month of love and romance. It is the month where couples make conscious effort to express and celebrate their love by pampering each other. It is also the month where many would express their affections for a special someone, start a relationship with them, or deepen their commitment to each other.

A relationship is a lifelong process where both partners will continuously learn about each other. Apart from the usual flaws, strengths, likes and dislikes, you will also learn about your partner's love language.

There are five love languages: words of affirmation, physical touch, receiving gifts, quality time and acts of service. Out of these five, you have a primary love language which speaks more deeply to you than all the others. Discovering each other's love language and speaking it regularly is the best way to keep love alive in a marriage.

A person's love language gives them and those around them an insight to what's important to the person and what makes them feel loved. For example, if your partner's top three love languages are quality time, words of affirmation and receiving gifts, activities like taking a short walk around the neighbourhood together or giving your partner a box of chocolates will make him or her feel loved and appreciated. There are infinite ways to express love. However, if you are not expressing it in his/her language, your partner might not be able to feel loved. This is why it is important to express love in a way that appeals to your partner's love language, not yours.

However, do keep in mind that a person's love language will not always remain constant. Various changes and stages in life may also affect one's love language. Similar to how a person will change as they grow, their needs, emotions and love language will morph as well. For example, before you welcome a child, your wife's primary love language could be words of affirmation. However, with a new addition to the family, acts of service may take the top spot instead as she will probably appreciate your initiative to help more.

Though it may be hard to keep track of these changes, it is definitely worthwhile for a healthy marriage. By understanding and acting on the knowledge of your partner's love language, you can build, grow and strengthen your relationship.

In this month of love, let us take the opportunity to understand the primary love language of our significant other so that we can express our love more effectively.

REACH Counselling Service aims to build enduring marriages through marital counselling and marital work. Please visit www.reach.org.sg/ services/ for more information.

Region C GMG Christmas Outreach Bringing Christmas Joy to the Elderly at Wellington Circle

By Winnie Law





On 7 December 2018, members of Immanuel II and Teban Garden GMGs from Region C co-organised a special Christmas event for the elderly at Wellington Circle's Senior Activity Centre, as part of our Christmas outreach.

It's truly always a greater blessing to be able to bless others rather than to be blessed by others. In the short span of 3 hours spent at the centre, we had the privilege of interacting with more than 30 elderly residents (aged 60 to 80) who live in the vicinity! Through our interactions, we realised we had so much to learn from them and their many varied life experiences and stories, as well as the multiple languages and dialects they were so wellversed in.

Seeing the simple and pure joy on their faces, we led them through interactive games including dancing to the famous 'Baby Shark' song, and traditional games such as pass-the-parcel together with a Christmas quiz that had questions ranging from the colour of Santa Claus' shoes to where Santa Claus lives. In line with the Christmas spirit, this was then followed by a sing-along session with traditional Christmas carols such as 'Jingle Bells,' 'Silent Night' and 'Oh Come All Ye Faithful.' All too soon, the day drew to a close with a craft session, where we had the opportunity to create our own Christmas present – a decorative Christmas Tree, afternoon tea and more singing!

All of us left the centre that day with a heart full of gratitude to have had the opportunity to share the Christmas joy with others, and in return, be so richly blessed by the experience ourselves. In the future, both the Immanuel II and Teban Gardens GMGs hope to continue to extend our outreach to the elderly in the communities and bring some cheer to all who need it.











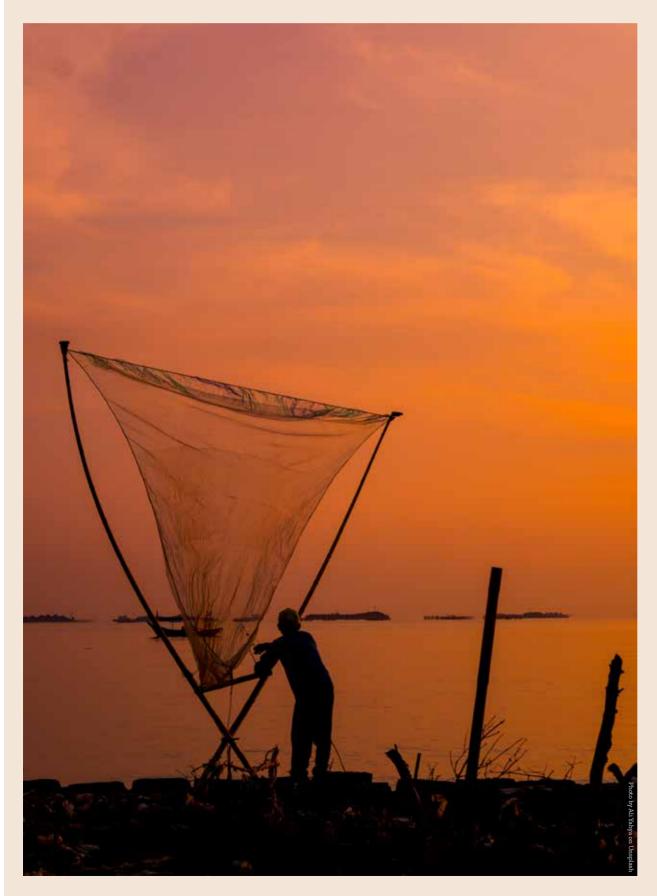
REUNION. LET'S 'LO HEI'!

By Christy Lim

As the Lunar New Year draws near, we declutter and spring clean. We get ready to meet family and relatives whom we may not see often. This time of the year, the world's largest migration takes place as millions of mainland Chinese return to China for a reunion after a long separation from loved ones.

The second largest migration happens annually with the holy trip to Mecca where millions of Muslims make their pilgrimage in the hopes of attaining holiness and forgiveness. Then, there is another large group of people who will move. But they are forced to move – the internally displaced, and refugees of wars and climate change.

How might the Father look at these massive migrations? With the breaking of His heart and in wanting to protect mankind from living eternally in our fallen state without Him, He sent Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden. Yet, He provided them with a covering of animal skin – His first hint given to mankind for the sacrifice of blood for the



atonement of sin. He called Abram out to a land he did not know – setting him as a pilgrim who would set up altars of worship wherever he went, in demonstration of his faith in God. He made him a father to the nations, bringing the blessing of faith in God credited as righteousness. When He rescued the Israelites from Egypt, He set them on a 40-year journey in the wilderness so that they may learn to follow Him and trust Him.

The Father's plan has always been a plan to move His people. So that His kingdom may extend to wherever His people go.

God has always been a God of movement. But we prefer to stay put and seek the welfare of the city. Jeremiah 29:7 says, 'But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.' God was urging His people to seek the welfare of the city where they were living as strangers in exile. God's plan has always been to bless those around us as we move – even to places we do not call our own.

In the safe laurels of Singapore, missions risk becoming only about short-term mission trips and giving financially so that others may do the hard work. Let us declutter and spring clean our hearts and minds. Let us 'Lo Hei' with the LORD as fishers of men. Let us dirty our hands, if needed, one toilet at a time.

THE SACRED WORK OF TOILET-BUILDING

By Jasmin Low, Missions Awareness

In 'Letters to the Church,' Francis Chan wrote about how, in modern times, our attempt to encourage people to come to Church by making Christianity 'more palatable, more popular, and less offensive' might cause us to 'create a whip for our own backs.' He added that 'either people will be awed by the sacred or they will not. If the sacred is not enough, then it is clear that the Spirit has not done a work in their lives. If the sheep don't hear His voice, let them walk away. Don't call out with your own voice.' In short: the holiness and sacredness of Jesus will draw His sheep to Himself.

I could not help but ask the Lord to search my heart. Have I been serving with my own ideas and my own strength? Forgive me, Lord! In my sinfulness and brokenness, surely, I have strayed away from what Jesus has called me to do at some point. But in His love and grace, He calls me back to Him and to refocus my eyes on the beauty of the simple Gospel. What about you, dear brethren? Do you also find yourself sometimes adding unnecessary frills and fancy things to the Gospel and what the Lord has called you to do?

James 2:14-17

What good is it, my brothers, if someone claims to have faith, but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you tells him, "Go in peace; stay warm and well fed," but does not provide for his physical needs, what good is that? So too, faith by itself, if it is not complemented by action, is dead.

Sharing the Gospel is the mission that all children of God are to fulfil, and the Gospel that Jesus brings to mankind is good news that holistically

"Do we want to see the earth that God created turn into an open sewer?"

meets the needs of our entire being – spiritual, physical and emotional. We might sometimes stumble into thinking about how to attract lost souls with the "next best thing" and neglect what is necessary and called for by the Gospel. Instead of looking at the physical, mental and spiritual needs of the people around us, we strive for greater relevance and novelty in ministry, which shortchanges

the power of the Gospel in our outreach. Despite this struggle, I am very encouraged to share with you that our partners in South Asia constantly think about the needs of the community, and they have displayed Gospelcentred love through a simple act: building toilets!

Since 2018, we have collaborated with our partners to facilitate community penetration projects – building toilets and water pumps being two of them. According to a study done by the United Nations, there are about 4.5 billion people living without a toilet and '892 million people still practise open defecation.' A community not having easy access to toilets exposes itself to devastating health risks through water and soil contamination. Do we want to see the earth that God created turn into an open sewer? Should God's beloved ones be deprived of dignity and not even having basic health and hygiene facilities? Surely not! The Lord cares for us, even our most mundane needs like latrine hygiene as seen in the meticulous laws given in Deuteronomy!



A partner in South Asia, Pastor Sheeba (not her real name) shares, "The purpose of these works is by no means to "entice" people to the Christian faith. It is a good work for the community that we have been commanded to do! We want the community to trust Christians for caring and doing things for their good, regardless of their gender, social status or religion." Of course, Pastor Sheeba yearns for more to come to experience the saving grace and unfailing love of our Lord Jesus Christ, but obeying the call of the Gospel to love others by meeting their immediate physical needs is but the first important step to reaching out to her community in South Asia.

Sometimes, we might get the impression that we have to always do 'spiritual things' for people to experience the sacred – preaching, deliverance, healing, evangelising, etc. But Jesus is not limited to spiritual rituals, nor is He just sitting in the high places of heaven. He is living in our midst with 'the least of these' in our society (Matthew 25:40). He is able to use the work of our hands for the salvation of souls and the glory of His name. So, if Jesus calls us to build toilets and water pumps, then doing these things means doing His sacred work as well. Let us praise the Lord for the work that is being done for the sake of the Gospel and may we ourselves centre more upon the simple Gospel as we continue to live with our missions-focus in mind!

SHORT STAY, GREAT GOD

By Cindy Soh

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the LORD Almighty.' – Zechariah 4:6

It is amazing to see the power of the Holy Spirit move when we take ourselves off the throne of our lives and place the Lord there. On 7 December 2018, 3 trippers stepped onto Indonesian soil, excited for the life-changing experience that lay ahead.

This was our first mission trip as a couple and we had absolutely no idea what to expect except for the preplanned itinerary focusing on blessing a kindergarten and the Christmas church services for children and adults respectively. On hindsight, we can say that the overarching burning expectation was the desire to be used as a couple by God in whatever way possible utilizing our talents accorded by Him. Therefore, we decided to use my physiotherapy skills to teach the kindergarten mothers simple de-stressing exercises while my husband, Raymond, sang and gave a testimony.

Looking back at the pictures and videos from our time there, we were reminded of how much the Lord had taught us. We were exposed to something bigger than ourselves, to the world beyond Singapore. We were also exposed to another group of people made in the image of God. God surprised us by showing us His awesome presence during the exuberant praise and complete surrender during worship by the children. During the Adults' Christmas service, although the sound system and microphone failed intermittently, my husband sang 'How Great is our God' with all his heart. It gave both of us great joy to remember that it is the heart of worship rather than the technicalities that truly matters.



Throughout the trip, I was also totally amazed at what God did in my husband's heart and life. I could see his faith grow and the ever-ready commitment to participate in all areas. I thank God for that seed of missions planted in him, culminating in a desire to return to Pekanbaru this year.

After this trip, I realised God is present regardless of how we praise or worship. From the worship time, fellowship with the extended family of God, and ultimately the privilege of serving in the missions field, God revealed a new way of being and living in servanthood to others and loving the least, the lost and the last. As long as we are willing to step into the harvest field, He will use us beyond our understanding. All praise to our God to be able to serve Him as a couple! "God revealed a new way of being and living in servanthood to others and loving the least, the lost and the last."





FEBRUARY 2019 **13**

ENCOUNTERING GOD IN MY HUMBLE OFFERING

By Joyce Vera Lim



Since 2016, I've always wanted to go for a missions trip to find out why my heart stirred whenever I saw videos about overseas missions. However, there were no opportunities in my previous church. Thank God for a dear friend, Hui Hui, who shared with me about the many mission opportunities at Grace AOG. As a first-time tripper to Indonesia, I would say that my trip was memorable, faith-filling, fear-provoking and God-encountering.

I didn't know how I could be used as a vessel for God, but wanted to step out in faith and obedience to do the tasks I was assigned to. There were moments of self-doubt as I was preparing to share my personal testimony about the best gift I've received in my life – my salvation. My heart was filled with thanksgiving unto God, for reminding me of my identity in Christ and His goodness in my life. I've always had a fear of public speaking as a little girl, as being slow in speech, I could identify with Moses. However, God showed me what it was like to trust in Him and see that His grace is sufficient for me; His strength made perfect in my weakness.

When I was sharing my testimony with the congregation, I was reminded of how God has been working in my life all these years. Thank God for journeying with me through my lowest valleys. Truly, I am more than my past and weaknesses for I am a child of God! Thank God for not jumping in to rescue me immediately during trials and moulding me to be more like Him.

I am thankful to encounter God and see his heart for people of another culture. I witnessed how the spirit moved during praise and worship as they sought God earnestly and sung praises unto Him. God then revealed the answer to a burning question I had – 'How do I live a radical life for God when I'm 60 or 70?' The answer was, 'To have a childlike faith and a heart of worship.'

As I saw how His people stepped out in obedience to give their offerings unto God, it reminded me of the widow's offering from Mark 12:41-44. God sees our hearts more than what we can offer to Him, be it a failing sound system or stuffy environment for worship. I was inspired to live a life with a heart like that of the widow's, presenting myself to God with all that I have and all that I am. All praise and glory unto Jesus!

CHURCHWIDE

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5 Feb	Chinese New Year's Thanksgiving Service	GI Bethel, 9.30am
9 & 23 Feb	WOG SBS	GI Eden, 10am
15 Feb – 15 Mar	Alpha Parenting for Teenagers	GI Emmaus Hall, 7.30pm
15 Feb	GDP 102	GI Zion, 7.30pm
12 Feb	Healing Room @ GII	GII Agape, 7.30pm
13 – 27 Feb	WOG DBS	GI Gethsemane / GII Agape, 10am
22 Feb	GDP 103 – Water Baptism	
21 – 23 Feb	Restored to Wholeness Seminar	GII Praise Room, 7pm & 9am (Sat)
23 Feb	MBS	GI Zion, 10am
23 Feb – 13 Apr (Except 30 Mar)	Karios	9 am – 12pm
23 Feb – 15 Jun	MPDP	GI Cry Room, 10am
27 Feb	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee, 7.30pm
MARCH 2019	(Month of Ministry Recruitment)	
1 Mar	GDP 105 – Building Faith At Home	GI Zion, 7.30pm
2 & 16 Mar	MBS	GI Zion, 10am
6 Mar	Lunch-time Prayer & Fasting	GI Emmaus Hall
6 Mar	Healing Room @ GI	GI Emmaus Hall, 7.30pm
6 & 27 Mar	WOG DBS	GI Gethsemane / GII Agape, 10am
8 Mar	GDP 106 – Centred Missional Identity	GI Zion, 7.30pm
9 – 23 Mar	WOG SBS	GI Eden, 10am
9 Mar – 25 May	Fathers' Mentoring Group	GII Hope Room, 8.30am
12 Mar	Healing Room @ GII	GII Agape, 7.30pm
15 Mar	GDP 107 – Be My Witnesses	GI Zion, 7.30pm
22 Mar	58th ABM	GI Bethel
27 Mar	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined) GDP 108 – Missions for All Believer	GI Galilee, 7.30pm
29 Mar 28 – 30 Mar	GMC: Foundation of Christian Counseling	GI Zion, 7.30pm GI Emmaus Hall
30 Mar – 4 Apr	Festival of Thought	Gi Emmaus Han
APRIL 2019	-	
2 Apr	Healing Room @ GI	GI Emmaus Hall, 7.30pm
3 Apr	Lunch-time Prayer & Fasting	GI Emmaus Hall
3 – 24 Apr	WOG DBS	GI Gethsemane / GII Agape, 10am
5 Apr	GDP 104 – Church membership	GI Zion, 7.30pm
6 – 20 Apr	Alpha Marriage	GI Power Hub, 9am
6 & 20 Apr	MBS	GI Zion, 10am
9 Apr	Healing Room @ GII	GII Agape, 7.30pm
11 – 13 Apr	GMC: Christology	GI Emmaus Hall
11 – 25 Apr	201 Emotionally Health Spirituality	GI Zion
13 & 27 Apr	WOG SBS	GI Eden, 10am
19 Apr	Easter Service (English) Easter Service (Chinese)	GI Bethel, 11.30am / GII Sanctuary, 9.30 GI Bethel, 9.30am / GII Sanctuary, 11.30
19 Apr	Water Baptism	
24 Apr	J333 Prayer Meeting (Combined)	GI Galilee, 7.30pm

Acceptance of membership on 15 January 2019

BAPTISED ON 18 NOVEMBER 2018

Cristy Dullano Cutamora Gauden Marie Santos Culla Geralyn Dacquel Sambo Jineluz Lopez Nualla Jobelle Salvador Valdez Jonalyn Oler Julie P Navalta Julieta I De Leon Junalyn Baybay Duras Karl Angela Pagtalunan Cruz Lorena Gargasin Orpilla Lourder Toledo Surbida Magie Santiago Estimada Margie Lumbo Mercely Custodio Sison Meshyl G Ducay Michel Telan Alingaan Zamantha Camille Morales Roma

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP IN NOVEMBER 2018

Myer Vladimir Rumbaoa Noble

BAPTISED ON 23 DECEMBER 2018

Cheng Chek Hie Cheng Ze Xuan Steven Chua Kheng Guan Janet Fong Deborah Amanda Goh Goh HuiFen Kate Susanna Han Juat Ngoh Lam Ah Yeen Leong Wai Fong Patrick Loke Foo Keong Patricia Low Jee-Ming Luah Seh Kiong Steven Quek Bek Thiam Jolene Seah Tan Thean Chye Caroline Tan Woon Meng Margaret Teo Beng Choo Lucas Randall Teo Shao Yi Joseph Yeo Soon Yong Tan-Yeong Lye Chun Flora

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP IN DECEMBER 2018

Cham Aie Wah Nelly Chern Kimberly Ryan Michael Chin Jeannie Ada Mei-Yin Paul Lim Pang Bing Victor Peter Lim Siak Yong Vivien Ng Liew Yin Linda Ong Sim Poh Hiok Jeffrey Tan Tan Johnson Mabel Tan Jason Teo Elisabeth Jeana Wong Yee Fee Yin Ellen

BAPTISM – 25 DECEMBER 2010 Ee Kai Jun Simon

BAPTISM – 05 DECEMBER 2015 Caleb Wong Zheng Li

BAPTISM - 15 APRIL 2017

Chew Jun Wei Asher David Lee Claudia Lim Mofopefolu Adeyeye

Event details are subject to changes, please scan this QR code or go to Grace App for latest information & undates



Recruitment

AV EXECUTIVE

Grace Media is looking for a dynamic and dependable individual, with a minimum of 1-2 years' experience as an audio visual technician, to join the Grace Media family as a full-time AV Executive. Candidates must be able to work independently, have knowledge in handling professional sound, lights, video and/or other production tools commonly used in the industry. If you have a passion for digital media technologies, a heart to serve God and His people, and enjoy working in a team of dedicated and fun professionals, this is your opportunity.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Min. NITEC in Broadcast Media, Broadcast Technology, Electrical, Electronics Engineering or Computer Networking skills.
- Strong customer service with good interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to manage various tasks in a fast-paced environment and meet deadlines.
- Proficient in both English and Mandarin.
- MMust possess a Class 3 Driving Licence.
- Motivated team player with a positive attitude, desire to learn and ability to deliver high-quality work.
- Preferably able to start immediately.

If you are the one, please send your details to christopher.soh@graceaog.org. Only shortlisted candidates will be informed within 4 weeks from the date of submission.

AV SPECIALIST

technical teams to greater heights? We are seeking keen candidates to join the Grace Media family as a full-time AV Specialist. You must have strong knowledge in handling professional sound, lights, video and/ or other production tools commonly used in the industry as well as AVL design and implementation. If you have a passion for digital media technologies, a heart to serve God and His people, and enjoy working in a team of dedicated and fun professionals, this is your opportunity.

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POST-PRODUCTION EXECUTIVE

Grace Media is looking for an independent yet flexible Post Production Executive who can excel under stress. He/she must be a motivated team player with a positive attitude and ability to work in an unstructured environment where change is a constant. The successful candidate will be working in a team responsible for the entire post-production process from editing to coloring, motion graphics production, audio post and delivery.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Fresh grads are welcome.
- Must possess a Diploma in Film, Sound & Video, mass comm or related discipline.
- Must be fluent in English and Mandarin (spoken and written).
- Knowledge in Adobe Creative Cloud; basic knowledge of 3D is a plus.

If you are the one, please send your details to robin.wong@graceaog.org. Only shortlisted candidates will be informed within 4 weeks from the date of submission.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER

Grace Assembly is seeking a suitable candidate to fill the position of Human Resource Manager whose responsibilities include managing human resource policies and procedures, handling employee-related issues, and conducting human resource activities such as compensation and benefits, payroll administration, claims, recruitment, employee relations, performance management, training and development.

QUALIFICATION & REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum Degree in Human Resources
- At least 5 years of relevant experience
- Possess good knowledge of the Singapore Employment Act and HR best practices
- Able to build and effectively manage interpersonal relationships at all levels
- Demonstrate team management skills

Interested candidates are invited to submit a comprehensive resume stating qualification, experience, expected salary and contact numbers to hr@graceaog.org by 28 February 2019. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified for the interview.

Staff Updates

NEW STAFF

Sim Soo Wei, part-time ministry staff in charge of NEXUS-Children Church John Lin, NEXUS-Assistant YAYP Pastor Rebecca Yong, NEXUS Campus Pastor Jasmin Low, Missions Support Executive Samantha Lim, Ministry Staff (CAM)

RESIGNATIONS

Matthew Tan, moved from full-time employment to be the lay pastor of Grace Missions

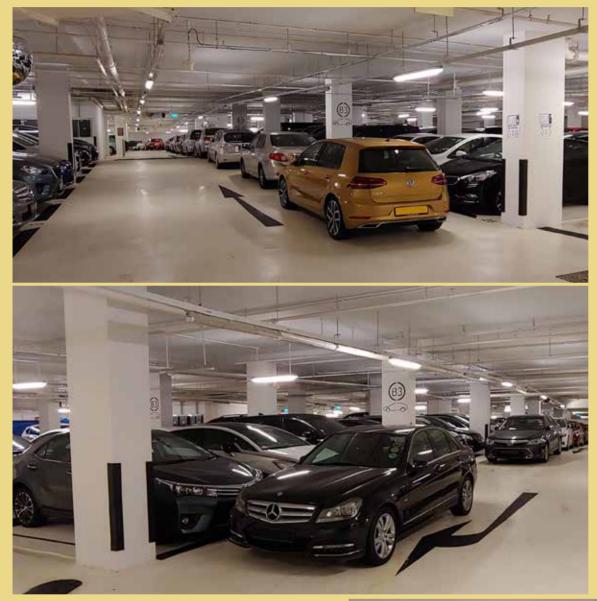
Kenneth Yeo, NEXUS – R-AGE

Brian Seah, Media-Technical Specialist / Corporate Communications Specialist

Double Parking at GI on Sunday

Drivers who double park at B3 or B2

- Please leave your contact number on the car dashboard or windscreen.
- Kindly drive off your car immediately after the service has ended.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.





中文圣诞布道聚会

感谢主,当天共有1126人出席此聚会,大家在欢快的气氛下听道, 当晚共有32个人接受耶稣成为个人救主。一切荣耀都归给耶稣!



CHINESE MINISTRY



閩南語堂同工合照



閩南語堂祷告会



恩典一加利利堂,星期六下午1点30分 恩典二四楼礼堂,星期日上午11点15分

一个充满温馨的家庭聚会,我们装备信徒属灵生命成长,以 圣经真理为基础,造就信徒活出真理,彼此相爱,彼此配搭 和服侍学习。



閩南語堂崇拜

我们也透过祷告会,使命家庭小组和聚会来强化个人和团体 的祷告生命,连阿公阿婆都懂得祷告呼求神,也热切为教会的复兴祷告。

感谢主,闽南语堂也注重家庭探访,疗养院及医院探访的服侍。有好几位恩友参与探访组,他们固定 每个星期与牧者和领袖一起探访。甚至使用自己的车子和时间来参与神的事工。荣耀归于神。

恩典一/二闽南语事工,我们也着重于社区外展活动,以关怀社区,走入社区,与居民建立友谊,为 主发光,以达到传福音领人归主的使命。

这三年以来,恩典一每个主日都有约25名的Lengkok Bahru居民参加聚会,当中有信主的,有洗礼及转 会归入主名的,有的参加使命家庭小组,也有参与堂会服侍的。

目前的社区活动: 烹饪班、歌唱班、周末饮茶、恩典操、生活讲座等。

闽南语堂在2019年的远景,盼望更多年轻的恩友参与聚会,欢迎大家带父母家人来,也盼望恩友能继续留下来帮助我们,与我们一起推动堂会的发展。我们愿意与您同工,一起兴旺神的教会,为主赢得城市。

我们等着您的加入……

陈成今牧师



粤语堂庆祝圣诞节





教牧服侍感言

诗篇127:1

若不是耶和华建造房屋,建造的人就枉然劳力!若不是耶和华看守城 池,看守的人就枉然警醒。

自2006年8月6日至今,这十二年身为恩典二华语堂的负责教牧,心中充 满对神的感谢。感谢主给与这样的机会,同时谢谢教会对我的信任。 虽然担负起一个堂会的责任繁重,心中充满无数的担忧,害怕,挣扎, 压力等,但是神的恩典够用,因为祂的能力是在软弱的人身上显得完 全。同时感谢主预备了三位与我同心服侍的同工,让我们藉着各人恩赐 建立弟兄姐妹的生命。

在这些年间目睹了神不断把得救的人加给我们,不断的兴起尽心尽力服 侍的弟兄姐妹,使得这个事工能茁壮成长!愿主继续赐福这个聚会。一 切的荣耀全归于主!



恩典二华语堂同工合照

张玉碹牧师



粤语堂同工合照

亲爱的弟兄姊妹,转眼2018年已经成为历史,而2019年也已经到来,过 去一年看到大家忠心服事,彼此相爱、关怀、扶持和鼓励,也经历了神 无数的恩典;弟兄姊妹与我一起在灵命上成长。在服事上虽然遇到许多 挑战,但经历神大能的带领,使我们一一的胜过。在此为大家衷心的服 事向上帝献上感恩。

步入2019年让我们在灵命得着更新转化,在服事上常存喜乐的心。在此 祝愿大家新年蒙恩、蒙福!愿以诗篇65:11与大家共勉:**「祢以恩典为年** 岁的冠冕,祢的路径都滴下脂油。」

骆丽霞牧师



恭祝大家, 新年蒙恩, 主恩满溢。

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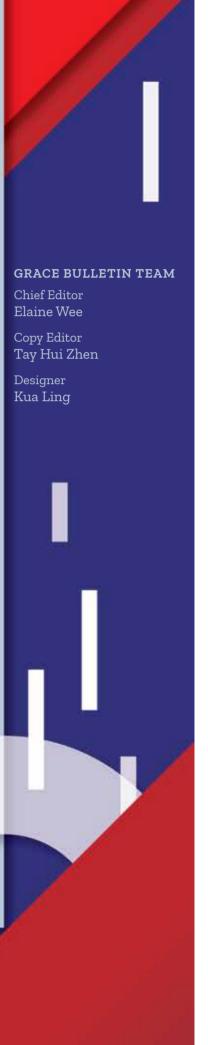
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GRACE I SERVICES

SATURDAY 1.30 PM Hokkien Service	Galilee	Level 1
SATURDAY 5 PM Young Adults & Young Professionals (YAYP) Service	Bethel	Level 3
Cantonese Service	Galilee	Level 1
Elevate @ R-AGE Youth (15-19 Yrs Old)	Emmaus	Level 3
SUNDAY 9 AM		
English Service	Bethel	Level 3
Mandarin Service	Galilee	Level 1
Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)	Eden	Level 2
Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)	Zion	Level 5
SUNDAY 11.15 AM		
English Service	Bethel	Level 3
Filipino Service	Galilee	Level 1
Emerge @ R-AGE Youth (11-14 Yrs Old)	Emmaus	Level 3
Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)	Eden	Level 2
Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)	Zion	Level 5
SUNDAY 5 PM		
Khush Khabri Fellowship	Emmaus	Level 3
GRACE II SERVICES		

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SATURDAY 2 PM Elevate @ R-Age Youth (15-19 Yrs Old)	Agape	Level 3
SUNDAY 9 AM English Service	Chapel	Level 4
Mandarin Service	Sanctuary	Level 2
Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)	Love	Level 2
Sparkle @ Grace Kids (3-6 Yrs Old)	Kindness	Level 4
SUNDAY 11.15 AM		
English Service	Sanctuary	Level 2
Hokkien Service	Chapel	Level 4
Emerge @ R-Age Youth (11-14 Yrs Old)	Agape	Level 3
Shine @ Grace Kids (7-10 Yrs Old)	Love	Level 2
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Scan the QR Code to begin registration!			GRACIAN		NON-GRACIAN*	
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Skip the queues and make online payment with any of the following apps:	SENIOR	61 and above	\$335	\$310	\$485	
	ADULT	13-60	\$380	\$335		\$455
	FULL-TIME STUDENT (Double/Twin rooms are NOT available for R-AGE Members)	13-30	\$265	\$245		
	CHILD	6-12				
	CHILD (w/o bed)	6-12	\$125		\$210	
	INFANT/TODDLER (w/o bed)	5 and below	F.O.C			
	BABY COT		F.O.C (Subject to availability)			
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	Registratio	n ends 17 Feb	ruary			

You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. **Psalm 65:11**

祢以恩典为年岁的冠冕, 祢的路径都滴下脂油。 诗篇65:11

Grace Assembly of God wishes you and your loved ones a Blessed Chinese New Year! 神召会恩典堂祝您新春蒙恩, 阖家蒙福!



BEGINS 6 APRIL 2019

Grace@BukitBatok

GRACE KIDS Children's Programme (4–10 yrs old)

Starts at 5PM SERVICE

If you are currently attending the Sunday English service at GII, we want to hear from you!

Help us complete a simple survey online at https://tinyurl.com/y8rboq7q or by scanning the QR code here.

