

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wishing all fathers and grandfathers a **Blessed Father's Day**. "May the Lord bless you and keep you" (Numbers 6:24).

Pray for **Rev Steven Tan** from Evangel Christian Church as he prepares to speak next Sunday (26 June) from 1 Kings 17. [Message title](#): "The Word of the Lord." Service will be livestreamed at 9:30 am at bit.ly/gracebpsermons.

Pray for **Pastor who** will be preaching in the Mandarin Service at 11.30am today.

Adult Fellowship Meeting 25 June 2022. Time: 5:00 pm in Church. Speaker: Rev Goh Seng Fong. [Topic](#): "Be Distinct, Not Extinct: Growing Old Together."

Session Meeting 26 June at 2.30 pm. Please pray for the church leadership.

Flowers and Refreshment. In view of what Dn Oei Kiang shared regarding the significance of flowers & refreshment, **please sign up on the notice board or approach Sis Lynna Seah** if you wish to contribute. She has kindly agreed to help with the co-ordination. She will also be approaching individuals and bible class groups to consider making contributions for the church.

Our deepest condolences to the Hiding Place for the homegoing of Sis Christina Chan (Wife of the late Pastor Philip Chan). Vigil services is held in Grace B-P Church from Saturday 18 June to Monday 20 June at 8 pm.

NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

Speaker	Rev Steven Tan
Worship Leader	Dn Daniel Tan
Musicians	Cheryl Chiu, Tay Boon Jin
Scripture Reader	Lim Ai Lin
AV Ministry	Melinda Poh, Evonne Tee
Ushers	Augustine Tham, Lee Kee Min, Elsie Chan
Junior Worship	Hannah Yeo
Pre-Primary Worship	Chen Ching Huey
Flowers	Tay Boon Jin
Refreshments	Lynna Seah
Prayer Meeting Devotion	Eld Victor Goh

LAST WEEK'S GIVINGS

Offerings \$ 1,751.00
Tithes \$ 8,350.00

QR code for tithes & offerings
(Please indicate "Tithe" or "Offering" under Reference no. / description)



LET US PRAY

Join us in praying for the church and the world via Zoom. Please contact Rev Tan at 9784 2761 for Zoom meeting ID and password. You may also email us your prayer items at prayer@gracebpc.org.sg

MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

I Can't Hold Out

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:25 (ESV)

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Jonathan Sam
Evonne Tee

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Goh Jee Eng

Pre-Primary Worship

Lynna Seah

Flowers

Adult's Bible Class

Refreshments

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OUR MISSION

To bring people to salvation in Jesus Christ and disciple them in their relationship with Christ.

OUR VISION

To be a church that is passionate about God, transformed by the Word, authentic in relationship, and bold in witness.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Opening Song

MH109 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Opening Prayer

Gloria Patri

Worship in Song

It's Your Blood; Cleanse Me

Responsive Reading

Proverbs 15:16-33 (KJV)

Giving and Thanksgiving

Doxology

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 15:9-15; 16:29-34

Pre-Sermon Song

Show Us Christ

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

One Is No Better Than the Other

Closing Song

MH77 God Sees the Heart

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Month of June's Preaching Schedule

5 Jun	Arise! It's Time to Move On (Num 10:1-10; 33-36)
12 Jun	How Will You Be Remembered? (1 Kings 13 14)
19 Jun	One Is No Better Than the Other (1 Kings 15-16)
26 Jun	The Word of the Lord (1 Kings 17)

Sunday Worship & Activities

9.30am Main Service 10.00am Junior Worship (7-12 yrs old) 11.30am Bible Classes

WHY SELF HELP IS NOT ENCOURAGEMENT

By Lindsey Carlson

Editor's note: All of us need encouragement in our lives, whether we're infants in the faith or mature Christians. But we don't always give enough encouragement, or even the right kind of encouragement. The following is an excerpt from a TGC article that warns us against words that simply compliment, affirm, inspire or motivate, and explores what true encouragement is.

Listen to the urgency in Paul's warning to Timothy in his second letter as he pleads with him to avoid those who have the appearance of godliness but deny its power: "For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth" (2 Tim. 3:5-7).

When we are weak, we're more easily fooled and led astray. False encouragement won't help or satisfy our hearts. The self-help movement calls women to find refreshment at an oasis that's nothing more than a mirage. Self-help isn't encouragement—it's sand.

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Christian, you need encouragement that serves a better purpose than providing shallow compliments, affirming your preferences, inspiring personal bests, or motivating more lucrative sales. God's people need encouragement that lasts longer than the next 30-day Instagram challenge and is sustained by more than the power of positive thinking.

Encouragement based on self-confidence has produced a world of under-encouraged Christians. Our confidence is too often in our own desires and feelings, both of which are subject to change. When our confidence is shaken, our heart grows quickly discouraged and we're far less likely to endure the trials set before us.

We lose the ability to stand firm, fight the good fight, and run the race set before us. But in order for encouragement to hearten, urge, stimulate, and foster courage in the heart of the Christian, the message must be applicable for us personally and reliable when our feelings aren't.

Freed by Truth

We must be encouraged by words that do not change or fail; we require the encouragement of God's Word that "proves true" and "is a shield for all those who take refuge in him" (Ps. 18:30). As worldly philosophies in our culture attempt to convince us we're good enough on our own and that happiness and joy are our own responsibility, we need God's truth to free us from the weight of this oppressive cultural lie. Christian, there is freedom in recognizing you're a limited creature who relies first and foremost on the care of your limitless Creator.

This is the good news Jesus came to preach to weary hearts: "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32).

Christ's disciples are not meant to self-produce their own courage, freedom, or good news. We must be reminded of the good news we've already been promised: Christ's "divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises" (2 Pet. 1:3-4).

Better Encouragement

As Christians, when we encounter various messages meant for our encouragement, we should be able to clearly discern two distinguishing characteristics. The Christian's encouragement must be (1) filled with God's promises and (2) given for the encouragement of God's people by grace through Christ.

God's encouragement frees us from the burdensome weight of our own feelings in times of discouragement and when we lack confidence. We need encouragement that points us to the unchanging truth of God. Encouragement from the triune God heartens and urges us toward his complete sufficiency and goodness, and the Spirit stimulates and fosters courage and comfort in the hearts of those who have been adopted through Christ.

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As God's people, we need encouragement meant specifically for the family of God. Followers of Christ are meant to be persuaded by the power of God's encouragement and his ability to provide his people with the clarity of biblically informed thinking.

Your heart thirsts for the refreshing good news that's found only through the promises of Christ because the gospel message "speaks a better word" (Heb. 12:24) than anything you have to offer and better than any message the world has to offer you. The God of endurance and encouragement offers his people better encouragement by offering himself. Fix your eyes on God's promises and take courage.

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