

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Dn Lim Chien Chong as he prepares to speak on Sunday (13 October) from Acts 25:1-12. Message title: "Staying on Course (I)". Service will be livestreamed at bit.ly/gracebpcsermons at 9:30 am.

Extraordinary Congregational Meeting for Session Election/Re-Election, 13 October 2024. Time: 11:15 am.

Rethinking Reformation Conference. 24-26 October 2024. Venue: Zion Serangoon Bible Presbyterian Church. Please visit the notice board for more details.

Catechism class for Baptism, Confirmation and Transfer of Membership on Christmas Day 25 December. Please approach Pastor or Eld Victor to confirm your attendance. Dates for the class will be announced later.

Flower Contribution slots are available on 27 October, 3 & 17 November.

Refreshment Contribution slots are available on 3 & 17 November.

NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

Speaker	Dn Lim Chien Chong
Worship Leader	Dn Jeremy Hor
Musicians	Chea Rui Jean, Nathanael Goh
Scripture Reader	Tan Moi Kim
AV Ministry	Carol Lee
Ushers	Richard Tan, Naomi Neoh
Chrysalis 3 & 2	Goh Jee Eng, Hannah Yeo
Chrysalis 1	Lim Sue San, Gracia Zhang
Flowers	Fang Family
Refreshments	Tang Yu Sin
Prayer Meeting Devotion	Philip Wong

LAST WEEK'S GIVINGS

Offerings \$ 2, 670.00
Tithes \$ 1, 781.00

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

His Provision

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 ESV

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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

MH1 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Opening Prayer

Gloria Patri

Worship in Song

MH77 God Sees the Heart
MH369 Living for Jesus

Responsive Reading

Psalms 106:24-31 (KJV)

Giving and Thanksgiving

MH377 O Jesus, I Have Promised

Doxology

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 9:1-10 (ESV)

Pre-Sermon Song

Speak, O Lord

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Zion's Coming King

Holy Communion

MH198 Born to Die

Closing song

MH292 The Bible Stands

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Month of October Preaching Schedule

- 6 Oct "Zion's Coming King." (Zc. 9:1-10).
- 13 Oct "Staying On Course." (1) (Ac. 25)
- 20 Oct "Staying On Course." (2) (Ac. 26)
- 27 Oct "Does the Reformation Still Matter?" (2 Ti. 1:8- 14)

Sunday Worship & Activities

9.30am Main Service

10.00am Junior Worship (7-12 yrs old)

11.30am Bible Classes

MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

By Rev Tan Eng Boo

As my “retirement” date draws near (end of 2024), I thought I would share with you my heartfelt thanks to the Lord for the many good years of serving in Grace Church. I know the feeling of uncertainty of many of you who would think that Grace Church will not have a pastor after I “retire”. But that will not be the case as I will still be in Grace Church as the Advisory Pastor. I will still perform pastoral duties till we have a new pastor. Now, let me begin my thanksgiving to the Lord.

Stuart Townend wrote a meaningful song which I can identify with in the 3rd and 4th stanzas:

(3rd stanza) My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough
For ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.

(4th stanza) My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
Whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
Is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all,
To love and follow him.

In my response to this song, **Psalm 113: 3 (KJV)** comes to mind: **“From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised.”** I took a photo of a sunset in at Changi Beach one day and the photo reminded me of a song I love to sing in praise to God. How can I not praise the Lord every day for His sustaining grace in my ministry? Yes, His grace is sufficient for me, indeed! (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Looking back with a thankful heart

Come December 2024 and it will be my 47th year in Grace church. Not many pastors have had the privilege of a long pastorate in a single church. I thank the Lord for that privilege. Serving the Lord has always been a joy, not that the ministry is without trouble. The church on earth is a troubled church. The apostle Paul pointed to the church in Corinth as carnal, and worldly. **“For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”** (1 Corinthians

3:3 KJV). Putting aside the thought of an imperfect church, I want to take this time to praise God for sustaining me. I am always reminded ^{that} without Jesus I can do nothing (John 15:3).

Let me **firstly** give thanks to the Lord for calling me into His service. It was a clear call from a passage in **Jeremiah 1:4-10**, which the Lord impressed upon me after my return from a year of ministry with Operation Mobilisation (OM). I spent the first six months living on the missionary ship, **Logos** and evangelising many countries around South-East Asia. The next six months were spent in India, travelling with the land team to many states in India. It was a life changing experience for me. I was only 24 years old when I embarked on this missionary journey.

Secondly, that one year of practical Christian living in missions with OM revolutionised my Christian life. It prepared me for the pastoral work. I have experienced the reality of God in my life on the field. I know I serve a risen Saviour, and He is real. I could recount the countless experiences I had with my Lord in the pastorate.

Thirdly, When I knew the Lord's calling, my first desire was to equip myself for His service. Thank God for the first three years of my studies in the Far Eastern Bible College (FEBC), and subsequently my time of Seminary studies as well. These studies prepared me well to pastor a church; although I do not have the experience of doing so. God has His plans.

Fourthly, I thank the Lord for a wonderful group of fellow pastors who journeyed with me at the beginning of my pastoral service in Grace Church. They were my contemporaries in Bible College. We journeyed through tough times in the pastorate as we do not have a senior pastor to mentor us. But we managed it by His grace. We were there for each other. The wonderful thing about this group was that we were all Ordained a few years apart. I was ordained in 1981, and so was Rev Bob Phee (1981), Rev Anthony Tan (1981), Rev Tan Choon Seng, Rev Yap Beng Shin, Rev Ian Heng, and Rev Burt Subramaniam. All of us from this group are the third generation B-P pastors to be ordained by the B-P Synod.

Fifthly, I want to thank the Lord that when I took on the baton from the Late Rev Patrick Tan to pastor Grace church, I was only 31 years old. I mentioned this because I am grateful to the first Session of Grace Church which welcomed me into the Session and encouraged me in my task of being the moderator. All of them were older than me, and they were professionals in their careers. Yet these people were humble to call me their pastor. I never had problems with them through the many years of service.

This is a good reminder to our candidates for election to Session that you must be humble always. Remember, you are a servant of the Lord and to His people.

“He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30)

ZION'S COMING KING

(Zech 9)

- 1) God's judgement on the surrounding nations (Zech. 9:1-8)

- 2) The promise of deliverance and protection of God's people (vv. 9-17)
 - a) First coming of Jesus Christ. God provides a King for the deliverance of His people (vv.9-13).

 - b) The Second Coming of Christ (Zech. 9:14-17)

Discussion questions:

1. Should we feel sorrow or joy when the wicked get what they deserve? How does Zechariah 9 depiction of divine judgment relate to our understanding of God's justice?

2. How does the prophecy and fulfillment of the coming king validate the reliability of the Bible?

3. In light of this chapter, how can we encourage others who might be feeling hopeless or fearful?