

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pray for Eld Seah Soon Huat** as he prepares to speak on Sunday (31 October) from Rom. 3:21-31. [Message title: "Faith Alone."](#) Service will be livestreamed at 9:00 am at [bit.ly/gracebpsermons](http://bit.ly/gracebpsermons).

**AF meeting on Saturday 30 October 5.00pm** via Zoom.

*Speaker:* Dr Koh Lip Hoe. Dr Koh is a senior consultant and chief for the Department of Geriatric Medicine at Changi General Hospital (CGH). He is also head of the Palliative Care Service at CGH.

*Topic:* "Becoming a Geriatric: How We Can Prepare Ourselves."

*Meeting ID:* 813 3524 1083

*Passcode:* 881213

**Church Camp 2021 Speaker:** Rev Oh Boon Leong (Mt Carmel B-P Church) **Dates:** 25-27 Nov (physical meetings on 26-27 Nov). This year's activities will be held in small groups at member's homes. If you are interested to attend or to host a small group at your home, please let your Bible Class teacher or David (98187789) know.

### Programme

25th Thursday (8:15pm -9:15pm) over ZOOM  
 26th Friday (10am - 12pm) over ZOOM  
 26th Friday (3pm - 9pm) at various members' homes  
 27th Saturday (11am -3pm) at various members' homes/church

**Session Meeting** today via Zoom at 2:30pm.

## NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

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| <b>Speaker</b>                 | Eld Seah Soon Huat          |
| <b>Worship Leader</b>          | Dn Jeremy Hor               |
| <b>Musicians</b>               | Adrian Teo, Tay Boon Jin    |
| <b>Singer/s</b>                | Naomi Neoh                  |
| <b>Scripture Reader</b>        | Magdalene Wong              |
| <b>AV Ministry</b>             | Dn Daniel Tan, Chea Ruei- E |
| <b>Ushers</b>                  | Dn Allan Lim, Lee Kee Min   |
| <b>Junior Worship</b>          | Hannah Yeo                  |
| <b>Pre-Primary Worship</b>     | -                           |
| <b>Flowers</b>                 | -                           |
| <b>Prayer Meeting Devotion</b> | Catherine Ng                |

## LAST WEEK'S GIVINGS

Offerings \$ 2, 469.00  
 Tithes \$ 3, 560.60

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](mailto:prayer@gracebpc.org.sg)

## MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

### My Success and Confidence

"for God gave us  
 a spirit not of fear  
 but of power  
 and love and self-control."

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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| <b>Moderator</b>                          | Elder Victor Goh 9682 2281<br><a href="mailto:Victor_Goh@gracebpc.org.sg">Victor_Goh@gracebpc.org.sg</a>             |
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| <b>Pastor (Mentoring)</b>                 | Rev Tan Eng Boo 9784 2761<br><a href="mailto:Eng_Boo_Tan@gracebpc.org.sg">Eng_Boo_Tan@gracebpc.org.sg</a>            |

# Grace Bible Presbyterian Church



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### Speaker

Rev Tan Eng Boo

### Worship Leader

Dn Chea Oei Kiang

### Musicians

Chea Ruei Jean  
 Dn Daniel Tan

### Scripture Reader

Chea Ruei Jean

### Singer/s

Dn David Leong

### AV Ministry

Evonne Tee  
 Chea Ruei-E

### Ushers

Augustine Tham  
 Elsie Chan  
 Lee Kee Min

### Junior Worship

Lim Sue San

### Pre-Primary Worship

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### Flowers

Eld Victor Goh  
 Goh Jee Eng

### 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

MH52 Thine Be the Glory

### Opening Prayer

Gloria Patri

### Worship in Song

Reformation Song

### Responsive Reading

Psalm 71 (KJV)

### Giving and Thanksgiving

Doxology

### Scripture Reading

Revelations 5:9-14 (ESV)

### Pre-Sermon Song

MH93 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken.

### Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

Glory to God Alone

### Closing Song

Across the Lands

### Benediction

Threefold Amen

### Month of October's Preaching Schedule

3 Oct Christ Alone  
 10 Oct Grace Alone  
 17 Oct Scripture Alone  
 24 Oct Glory to God Alone  
 31 Oct Faith Alone

### Sunday Worship & Activities

9.00am Main Service      9.30am Junior Worship (7-12 yrs old)      11.00am Bible Classes

## GOD'S GOODNESS NEVER RETIRES

By Elsie Chan, as told to Naomi Neoh

Though in her 70s, Elsie Chan hasn't stopped learning the new things that God is teaching her every day.

In her retirement, she counts it a privilege to minister and care for the elderly, to spend extra time in worship and studying God's Word and experiencing His care for her health and well-being.

Elsie shares how God has been leading her through this period of her life:

### **Q: What are the changes like in your life after retiring?**

Being alone at home, God is my companion whom I can talk to every moment and every hour. I learn to seek God in His word, worship Him through the singing of praises, and to keep close to Him in prayer. God's presence has kept me from fear, and I trust in Him for protection, strength, and comfort.

I've picked up walking and exercising as my hobbies, which help me keep healthy physically as well as spiritually, as I spend time with God and sing and pray on my walks at the park near my home.

I'm encouraged by Psalm 34:15 that says: "The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry."

Although I am unworthy of any favour from the Lord, I am thankful He hears my prayers and is ever ready to extend His great compassion and forgiveness.

### **Q: How did God lead you to start ministering to the elderly in our community?**

Since I retired in July 2016, God has used me to encourage five Christian elderly women, who are now with the Lord. I can truly see how God has led me individually to get to know each of them. Four of them were from the church community and one I got to know while I was visiting my sister-in-law in the hospital; she was on the next bed.

God has given me the gift of patience, kindness, and compassion to connect with the elderly. In my visits to them at the hospital or in their homes, it was wonderful to see them seeking after God for His mercy, and to encourage them through the singing of praises and sharing God's Word.

Although they were physically weary, helpless, and lonely, they had faith in God and looked to Him for comfort and peace. They were not fearful of death and looked forward to being with God in heaven and free from their suffering. God has seen them through their pain and called them home peacefully to be with Him in glory at His perfect will and time.

Whenever I joined the Mandarin Service Elderly Fellowship to share my testimony, they are so encouraged by the providence of God upon my life. We sing together the chorus, "He Will Hold Me Fast" by John Sung, in Teochew, with great joy!

### **Q: These days, what are you most thankful to God for in your life?**

I'm thankful for the goodness of God and how He watches over me and provides for every single one of my needs in my day-to-day life.

It really thrills my heart that God's presence is so real, especially when I'm outside my home. He shelters me under His wings when I am on the road, holding the rain when I leave home to take the bus or providing shade from the scorching sun—all through His good timing and perfect way.

These days, I am often very forgetful and tend to misplace things, such as my keys, wallet, transport concession card, and even my dentures! In those times, I recognise that only God can help me. Somehow, He marvellously directs me to the right places to search.

Health wise, I am thankful to the Lord that since losing the centre part of my left eye vision 30 years ago, He has continued to preserve my vision in my right eye. He has also placed me under the care of an eye specialist, who has shown me lovingkindness by continuing to provide me follow up care every year.

Late last year, I lost my hearing in my right ear despite my hearing aid. This was mainly due to deterioration. My ENT doctor gave me three options: use a more powerful hearing aid, or a hearing implant or surgery. I truly thank God for His provision that I can now hear with the help of a more powerful hearing aid.

Two years ago, I was walking along a pedestrian pathway near my home when a motorcycle knocked me unconscious. I thank God that because I was unconscious, I was marvellously and mercifully spared of the fear, pain, anxiety and shame of lying by the roadside while waiting for the ambulance. Thank God also that the accident happened in front of a crowded coffeeshop and the motorcyclist had taken responsibility. Praise the Lord, I had no major injuries and made a full recovery after six months.

There are still moments when I do struggle in my faith and doubt God. But I pray for His mercy to defeat the devil by recalling God's goodness upon me, which gives me peace in Him. Praise the Lord!

### **Q: Which verse has helped you go through challenges in your life?**

"Beloved, we count them happy which endure." (Psalm 5:11a)

This verse came from one of my devotions, and encouraged me that honour and joy belongs to those who endure. It forms and fashions our character, regulates our temper, builds up our faith and confidence in the Lord, and nurtures humility within our hearts. Whenever I am faced with hurts in life, this verse encourages me to pray to God for strength to accept the situation and to be able to let it go.

### **Q: What words of encouragement do you have for fellow Gracians?**

I was greatly encouraged by a C.H. Spurgeon's devotion on Proverbs 28:10 that the "the upright will have good things in possession". Firstly, it speaks of how we have the power of God in prayer in all times of need, and secondly, the providence of God to watch over us, the angels of God to minister to us, and above all, the Spirit of God to dwell in us.

I'll like to end off with this verse, as a prayer for my life: "Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day." (Psalm 71:8)