

MINISTRY GUIDE

5 May 2024

To all who are weary, struggling and burdened, we welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ.

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(Isaiah 36:1-39:8)

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SING

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing; Our helper he, amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe Does seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing, Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same; and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers No thanks to them abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever!

Standing On the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,

Through eternal ages let his praises ring;

Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,

Standing on the promises of God.

(Chorus)
Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God, my
Saviour;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail.

When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,

By the living Word of God I shall prevail,

Standing on the promises of God.

(Chorus)

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord.

Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,

Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,

Standing on the promises of God.

(Chorus)

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,

Resting in my Saviour as my all in all, Standing on the promises of God.

(Chorus)

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

Afflicted saint to Christ draw near Your Saviour's gracious promise hear His faithful Word you can believe That as your days your strength shall be Your faith is weak, your foes are strong And if the conflict should be long The Lord will make the tempter flee That as your days your strength shall be

(Chorus)

So, sing with joy afflicted one The battle's fierce but the victory's won God shall supply all that you need Yes, as your days your strength shall be

Should persecution rage and flame Still trust in your Redeemer's name In fiery trials you shall see That as your days your strength shall be

(Chorus)

When called to bear your weighty cross Or sore affliction, pain, or loss Or deep distress or poverty Still as your days your strength shall be

(Chorus)

(Chorus)

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst I should come to him No one else can satisfy I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

(Chorus)
For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind

Jesus said that if I fear I should come to him No one else can be my shield I should come to him (Chorus)

Jesus said if I am lost He will come to me And he showed me on that cross He will come to me

(Chorus)

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word, What a glory He sheds on our way; While we do His good will, He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.

(Chorus)
Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quickly drives it away; Not a doubt or a fear, Not a sigh or a tear, Can abide while we trust and obey.

(Chorus)

Not a sorrow we share, But our toil He doth richly repay; Not a grief or a loss, Not a frown or a cross, But is blest if we trust and obey.

(Chorus)

But we never can prove
The delights of His love,
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favour He shows,
And the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

(Chorus)

Never fear, only trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will do; Where He sends, we will go,

(Chorus)

WELCOME

If you are new with us, we'd love to get to know you.

Connect with us by filling up this form at gracebaptistchurch.sg/welcome or through this QR code.



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

NURSERY

5 May (Sun) 9-10.30am, Room 503 For babies to 3 year-olds. Contact Siew Ting (siewting@gracebaptistchurch.sg) if you have any questions!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

5 May (Sun) 9.30-10.30am For children aged 3-12 years. If you have questions, or if it is your first time here, please visit the welcome table outside the sanctuary.

Today's lesson from the Gospel Project curriculum is "Jesus taught about God's love" from Luke 15. Jesus told stories to teach about God's love. Jesus loves people who do not know Him. Jesus gave His life to rescue people from sin.

EQUIP: HOW WE GROW

5 May (Sun) 11am-12pm, Room 301 Being a church member requires intentionality and discipline. When we do so, we grow and can also help others grow. This session will help us understand how Christians serve and steward.

EQUIP: DATING AND ENGAGEMENT

5 May (Sun) 11am-12pm, Room 302 What is dating and what is the biblical approach to dating? How does a biblical understanding of scripture influence who we date and how we date? Join us as we look at Scripture to help and grow us in God's holiness in our dating relationship!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

8 May (Wed) 7.30-9pm, Room 310 All are welcomed to be equipped to read and listen to God's Word, that we may speak the truth in love and grow in the body. This week's study is on 1 Samuel 14:1-52. More information can be found on the website.

CHURCH MATTERS

11 May (Sat) 9am-1pm, Room 516-519 This is our baptism and membership class. Come and learn more about GBC and what church membership means. This class will cover GBC's statement of faith – what we believe as a church – and our members' covenant – how we do life together as fellow members. If you're keen, you can register here.

MEMBERS' MEETING

12 May (Sun) 11.15am-12.30pm, Fellowship Hall At our next members' meeting, we hope to update members about pastoral plans as well as we receive and see out members. Members would have received an email. If you are a member and did not receive it, you can write to the office (info@gracebaptistchurch.sg).

NEWCOMERS WELCOME LUNCH

19 May (Sun) 11am-12.30pm, Room 310AB Newcomers or visitors who would like to get connected are invited to come and hear more about life and membership in GBC over a meal. Food will be provided! All newcomers who have visited or started attending GBC this past year are welcome to register at this link: gracebaptistchurch.sg/welcome-lunch

Do sign up by 12 May to help facilitate food orders. For more information please contact welcome@gracebaptistchurch.sg.

COLLECTION (APR 2024)

General: \$96,737.25 (YTD \$525,714.44) Missions: \$39,428.20 (YTD \$178,816.60)

Find out more about events at https://www.english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/events or sign up for weekly updates via Grace enews at gracebaptistchurch.sg/enews.

SERVE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are looking for 5 volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers (once a month). If you are available, or are keen to find out more, you can contact us at kidsmin@gracebaptistchurch.sg.

SPEAKING THE TRUTH-

Let us use the words of our Statement of Faith to shape our understanding of God and to worship Him in truth. This month, we will focus on the family:

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

Marriage is the spiritual unity of a man and a woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

The husband and wife are both created in God's image and so are of equal worth before God. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to sacrificially love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the sacrificial, servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his co-worker in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to model for their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honour and obey their parents.

You can also read the rest of the Statement on our website (https://www.english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/what-we-believe).

GIVE

Giving is a way we worship God. You can now also give to the two funds via PayNow.

General Fund
Supports the
ministry of the
church



Missions Fund Supports the work of our missionaries



PRAY

Pray for our church this week:

1. For marriages, families, children

We pray for Shalom Reformed Baptist Church this week.

We pray for Mali:

- 1. For peace in the land.
- 2. That Mali's leaders will have wisdom, and will know how to provide health, education, and employment to their people.

If you have any prayer needs, please drop the pastoral staff a note via <u>gracebaptistchurch.sg/pastoralprayer</u> or through this QR code.



HEAR

In Whom Do You Now Trust? (Isaiah 36:1-39:8)

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: God is faithful to His promises to deliver His people, but we are unfaithful to God.

1. God is faithful to his promises to deliver His people for His reputation's sake (Isa 36-37)

2. However, we are unfaithful to God, pridefully pursuing our reputation (Isa 38-39)

"Remember that the cross of Christ was the gushing forth of the ocean of God's mercies for sinners. It's the costly display of the love of God at the cross of Christ that restores our souls. When your faith is weak, his love is strong. That's the gospel. Believe it." (Raymond Ortlund Jr. and R. Kent Hughes, 2005)

Reflect and Respond

- 1. How does God's faithfulness to His promises shape our practice of prayer?
- 2. When we face tests, how can we live in ways that show we truly trust in God and His promises?

Next week, we begin a new series in 1 Thessalonians titled, "Awaiting Jesus' Return". The sermon will be from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10.

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