

## GRACE CHURCH 42ND ANNIVERSARY

This year, 2018, is my 40th year in Grace church. I was seconded to Grace church in December 1978 from Galilee BPC. One pastor told me that my 40 years in a church is equivalent to two generations of pastors. Having been in this church for this number of years, I can testify to you that this church, both the English and Mandarin Services have weathered through tough times by the grace of God. I echo the words of our Saviour, Jesus Christ in John 15:5 **"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."**

These 42 years have seen the goodness of the Lord upon this work. Many good and faithful people have come by and rendered their services to make Grace church a better church. Our hearts are grateful to the Lord for sending them our way. Through thick and thin, they held on to the plough and worked with us and built this church.

That generation has done

their part. Now a new generation of workers are needed to come forth and to take on the task and steer this church onwards. The work is not easy. It is not going to be so. I am not discouraging anyone because this is a spiritual work. We will always be hindered by the devil in building God's church. People can get discouraged and disappointed along the way. The devil wants to see that in the lives of God's people.

Grace church, on the 42nd anniversary, and my 40th year of service will have to work hard at a crucial part of her life and ministry. We are in a transition of getting a new pastor and working on the direction of the church. The Mandarin Service also has a new full-time staff in Elder Seah Soon Huat who is helping to guide this work. Not an easy task for him too.

I call on all Gracians, regular worshippers and friends to put your hands on the plough and work together in Grace church.

### 1 Cor. 12:18

**"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him"**

*Pastor*

