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Grace to you and Peace from God

Our Mission:

“Passion for Christ, Heart for the Lost”

(Phil. 1 : 21; Matt. 28 : 18—20)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pre-Worship Hymns	130		Sis Chea Ruei Jean & Dn Jeremy Hor
Prelude			
Silent Meditation			
Call to Worship			Dn Daniel Tan
Opening Hymn	2	<i>“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”</i>	
<i>*Gloria Patri</i>			
Hymn	188	<i>“Jesus Shall Reign”</i>	
Responsive Reading		Proverbs 31:1-9	
Offerings			
<i>** Doxology</i>			
Scripture Reading		Romans 5:1-21	
Hymn	126	<i>“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”</i>	
Pastoral Prayer			
Message		“ARE WE LOSING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRIST’S DEATH?”	BRO LIM CHIEN CHONG
Closing Hymn	376	<i>“More Love to Thee”</i>	
Benediction			
Threefold Amen			
Welcome & Announcements			

* Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen

** Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

GOD-CENTERED PRAYER

By Derek W.H. Thomas

It is easy to be critical of prayer, particularly the prayers of others. Robert Murray McCheyne's words are often cited because they remain painfully true: "You wish to humble a man? Ask him about his prayer life."

Our prayers reveal much about us. Prayers with little or no worship and focusing on our needs (usually health) reveal a distorted, Adamic bent. What they reveal is self-centeredness, what Martin Luther labeled *homo in se incurvatus*: "man curved in on himself." Listen to prayers at the church prayer meeting (if one still exists). You will discover that the majority of prayers are "organ recitals" - prayers for someone's liver, kidney, or heart. Not that we shouldn't pray for medical issues, but a preoccupation with health is itself a reflection of how little we understand why it is we desire good health. We desire it so that the person we are praying for lives for Jesus Christ.

Prayer is "talking to God" (Graeme Goldsworthy, *Prayer and the Knowledge of God*, p. 15). Sometimes, perhaps too often, the "talk" is all about us. We've all had those annoying conversations that have been entirely one-sided, showing little or no interest in us. It's all about them - their interests, desires, needs, and complaints. Prayer can get like that: we pour out our woes, become totally self-absorbed, and show no interest in dialogue that involves "listening" to what God has to say. God is patient and, in His grace, He responds. But it shouldn't be like that. When Jesus taught us to pray, He showed us that prayer begins (and

continues) with God: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name" (Matt. 6:9). Take a look at the structure of the Lord's Prayer, and it will show you that at least half of our praying should be addressed to the praise and worship of God.

How can we ensure that our prayers are God-centered? Consider the following five-step strategy:

1. Remind yourself that there is only one God in the universe, and that you are not Him.

2. Adoration comes first, before confession, thanksgiving, or supplication. Worship the Lord in your praying.

3. Read a psalm before you pray, and attempt to emulate what you find: a preoccupation with God in all His multifaceted nature. Find psalms of joy or grief, praise or lament, and note how the psalmist spends time with God, making Him the center of his thoughts and desires.

4. Learn to love God's names so that saying and repeating them fills you with an inexpressible joy, a reminder of who He is and His covenant faithfulness to you in the gospel of His grace.

5. Learn to "wait" upon the Lord. Watch how the psalmist, "fainting" as he thinks of his own troubles, finds relief by deliberately focusing on the great things God has done:

I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds

(Ps. 77:11-12)

GRACE CHURCH PRAYER TIME

On the 5th Sunday of April,
July, September
& December

We will hold our church first prayer time on Sunday 29 April after the worship service at 11.30am. The prayer time will end at 12.30pm.

This is a time for:

- A. Praise and worship
- B. Prayer for our church ministries
- C. Prayer for each other

The prayers will be done in a corporate (communal) way so no one will be asked to pray. In praying for each other, you will want to pray with someone you are familiar with.

Program:

- 1. Singspiration (2-3 songs of praise and worship) by a deacon
- 2. Preacher Wun-Long will lead 2 songs and share briefly
- 3. Pray for church
- 4. Pray for each other

Are we losing the significance of Christ's death?

Rom 5:1-21

- 1. Christ's death brings peace with God (5:1-5)

- 2. Christ's death brings out His love for us (5:6-11)

- 3. Christ's death brings righteousness to all (5:12-21)

Question for consideration:

What real difference does the death of Christ make in the way I live?

Lim Chien Chong

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

WED	Prayer Meeting	8.00 p.m.
SAT	Adult Fellowship	5.30 p.m.
	<i>(Last Saturday of every month)</i>	
SUN	Worship Service	9.30 a.m.
	Junior Worship	9.30 a.m.
	Bible Class	11.30 a.m.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offerings	\$ 2,424.60
Tithes	\$ 2,800.00
Gifts - GNC	\$ 200.00

APPOINTMENTS

Prayer Meeting — Wednesday

Attendance on 11 Apr: 15

Dn John Chen takes devotion on 18 Apr.

Worship Service Next Sunday-22 Apr:

Speaker:	Preacher Wang Wun Long
Chairman:	Rev Tan Eng Boo
Pianist:	Sis Lim Sue San
Organist:	Sis Joanna Hor

Ushers

<i>This Week</i>	: Bro Lee Kee Min/Dr Tan Teck Shi Sis Evonne Tee
<i>Next Week</i>	: Bro Allan Lim, Sis Elsie Chan Bro Augustine Tham

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<i>This Week</i>	: Sis Janice Lee/Sis Carol Lee
<i>Next Week</i>	: Bro Nathanael Goh/Sarah Goh

Junior Worship (7—10 years old)

<i>This Week</i>	: Sis Lim Ai Ling
<i>Next Week</i>	: Sis Margaret Teo

Pre-primary Worship (3-6 Years Old)

<i>This Week</i>	: Sis Tabitha Tan
<i>Next Week</i>	: Sis Lynna Seah

Flowers and Refreshment

<i>This Week</i>	: Melissa/Melinda Chan
<i>Next Week</i>	: Jenny Chin

Refreshment Duty

<i>This Week</i>	: Han Geok Tin/Hannah Yeo
<i>Next Week</i>	: M/M Ivan Tan & Jocelyn

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindly turn off your mobile phones or put them on silent mode!

“The Lord is in His holy temple:

let all the earth keep silence before Him.”

AF Retreat from 27 to 28 Apr (Fri to Sat) @ Berjaya Waterfront, Johor. Speaker: Pastor Chacko Thomas. Theme: PRAYER. One main message and pastor will lead in a prayer session. Cost per person: S\$45 (1 night hotel + 1 B/fast + 1 dinner). All are welcome. Contact Bro Beng Hock for details.

Pr Wun Long will be speaking on Sun 22 Apr. His text is taken from **Rom 6:1-23**, title: **“Set free from Sin.”**

Church prayer time on Sun 29 Apr at 11.30 am - 12.30 pm. No BC on that Sunday. Let us come together to pray for the church and for each other.

Prayer Band leaders and assistants please meet with Pastor and the PB Committee after the church prayer time on 29 Apr.

Session meeting on Sun 29 Apr 1.30pm in church.

Church Camp from 13 to 16 Jun (Wed to Sat) @ Renaissance Hotel, JB. Kindly hand in your registration form to Bro David Leong, Bro Eric &/or Sis Mildred Chan.

Catechism class for baptism and re-affirmation (Confirmation) of faith on Dec 25. Contact Pastor soon. Pastor and Elder Victor will take the Catechism class.

Our **back neighbour** has sold the property to a Christian group, the Hiding Place.

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