



# Grace Bible-Presbyterian Church

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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**

<b>Pre-Worship Hymns</b>	<i>"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"</i>	Sis Mildred Chan, Sis Naomi Neoh, Sis Hannah Tan, Bro Nathanael Goh & Dn Daniel Tan
<b>Prelude</b>		
<b>Silent Meditation</b>		
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Dn John Chen
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	71 <i>"Come, Thou Almighty King"</i>	
<b>*Gloria Patri</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>"In Christ Alone"</i>	
<b>Responsive Reading</b>	Ecclesiastes 7:20-29	
<b>Offerings</b>		
<b>** Doxology</b>		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	John 14	Sis Joanna Hor, Bro Mervin Tan
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"</i>	
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		
<b>Message</b>	<b>"HOW CAN WE COPE IF JESUS IS GONE?"</b>	<b>DN JEREMY HOR</b>
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	442 <i>"I Know Whom I Have Believed"</i>	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Threefold Amen</b>		
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>		

### \* 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

## HOW CAN WE HELP CHRISTIANS WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH HOMOSEXUAL DESIRES?

*By John Piper*

I would encourage them to be careful not to define themselves as "homosexual." Don't say, "I am gay," or "I am a homosexual." Say, rather, "I struggle with homosexual desires." That's a very small—and huge—distinction.

There was a Christian brother in our church who had AIDS due to his history in the homosexual lifestyle. The Lord wonderfully saved him from that, and he taught me so many things over the 10 years or so that we were together. He also helped me draft a one-page statement of conviction and compassion with regard to homosexuality.

He, Joe, said to me: "Don't ever let any man tell you he is a homosexual. Always correct his vocabulary, because in Christ Jesus that is not who I am. In Christ Jesus I am a new creature."

Just like John Piper is a new creature in Christ, even though he still struggles with the sins of impatience, lust, and pride, Christians who struggle with homosexual desires are not homosexuals. In Christ they are new creatures who

struggle with the temptations of homosexuality. And I just want to come along side them and say, "Get that as your paradigm, and let's struggle together in chastity and in purity until we're dead."

Who knows how much healing may come? There is an article I read recently in *Christianity Today* about Exodus International ministries. It talks about people experiencing true change, healing and victory over homosexual temptations. It doesn't mean that those feelings go away entirely, but many in time are able to enjoy heterosexual lives or lives of contented, chaste singleness despite a history of homosexual sin.

I don't want to create the impression that this is a taboo subject at my church or that I won't be patient and compassionate with those who are struggling with it. They have enough burden of their own.

I just heard of another young man who is suicidally depressed because of who he thinks he is. Everything in me wants to say to him, "I'll stand by you all the way to my grave or your grave, but don't give up this battle and don't think God doesn't have you here, with this struggle, for a purpose that you can find and flourish in."

## FILADELPHIA VISIT

By Preacher Wun-long

Since I joined Grace Church, I have heard of Filadelfia Church being mentioned several times especially during the prayer meetings. Two Sundays ago (15<sup>th</sup> July 2018) I finally had the chance to visit this church. On that day I joined Pastor, Sisters Ser Kim and Lai Ngoh to attend Filadelfia's 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary service where Pastor was invited to speak.

In attending Filadelfia's anniversary service, I got to learn more about the church such as how it was started with twenty people, previously meeting at a shop house and how Grace Church has a hand in supporting this church during her earlier years.

On this trip I was introduced to some of the brothers and sisters-in-Christ there, especially Brother Kalvinto (who came to pick us up), Preacher Roska (who served as Pastor's interpreter for the message) and Preacher Ang Liang. In getting to know them, I was amazed at how God is using them to share the gospel to others.



Despite the challenges Filadelfia is now facing, I noticed the anniversary service was celebrated with much joy and thanksgiving. Indeed God has been faithful to this church, helping the church to grow to where it is today.

In light of God's faithfulness and loving-kindness, I'm confident that the good work God has begun in Filadelfia will be brought to completion (Philippians 1:6). My prayer for Filadelfia Church is that God will provide for them a pastor who has the godly wisdom to lead this church onto the next level for God's glory.

*Bro Kelvinto leading worship*



## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offerings	\$ 1,921.40
Tithes	\$ 2,550.00

## APPOINTMENTS

**Prayer Meeting** — Wednesday

Attendance on 25 Jul: 10

Dn Lee Chang Loong takes devotion on 1 Aug.

**Worship Service Next Sunday-5 August:**

Speaker: Rev Tan Eng Boo

Chairman: Dn Daniel Tan

Pianist: Sis Joanna Hor

Organist: Sis Cheryl Chiu

### Ushers

*This Week* : Bro Allan Lim/Sis Kay En & Parent  
Bro Lee Kee Min/Sis Lynna Seah

*Next Week* : Sis Lynna Seah/Dn James Chen  
Dn John Chen/Sis Tan Chew Gim

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*This Week* : Sis Evonne Tee/Bro Chea Ruei-E

*Next Week* : Sis Evonne Tee/Bro Chea Ruei-E

**Junior Worship (7—10 years old)**

*This Week* : Bro Lim Chien Chong

*Next Week* : Sis Lim Sue San

**Pre-primary Worship (3-6 Years Old)**

*This Week* : Sis Chea Ee Wen

*Next Week* : Sis Hannah Yeo/Parent

### Flowers and Refreshment

*This Week* : Eld Victor, Jee Eng, Nat & Sarah

*Next Week* :

### Refreshment Duty

*This Week* : Eld Victor Goh/Sis Jee Eng

*Next Week* : Dn Jeremy Hor/Bro Lee Min Sen

## 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.”*

**Today is Young Adult Sunday.** A very warm welcome to all worshippers. May the Lord bless you in His House this morning.

Please stay back for the **church prayer time** at 11.30am to 12.30pm today.

The program is as follows:

- ▲ Preacher Wun-Long leads in worship (11.30am)
- ▲ Elder Victor leads in prayer for church direction (11.45am)
- ▲ Sis Magdalene leads in prayer for our missionaries (12 noon)
- ▲ Pastor leads in general prayer for church members (12.15pm)

**Pastor** will be preaching next Sun, 5 Aug from Gen 40 & 41: **“Joseph’s Rise to Power in Egypt.”**

**Pr Wun Long** will be preaching at MS on Sun, 5 Aug at 11.30 am. from Matt 6:5-15 **“Our Model Prayer.”**

**Filadelfia Church, Batam** urgently needs 2 lap tops. Contact Pastor for more details.

**Floral & refreshment** slots available for Aug - 5, 12, 19 & 26.

**Mandarin Service Outing** to Gardens by the Bay East on Thur, 9 Aug from 5.00 to 8.30 pm. Please register at the MS Notice Board.

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