



# 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>	54	<i>“His Name is Wonderful”</i>	Sis Chea Ruei Jean & Dn Jeremy Hor
	56	<i>“Jesus! The Very Thought of Thee”</i>	
<b>Prelude</b>			
<b>Silent Meditation</b>			
<b>Call to Worship</b>			Elder Victor Goh
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	24	<i>“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”</i>	
<b>*Gloria Patri</b>			
<b>Hymn</b>	91	<i>“The Lily of the Valley”</i>	
<b>Responsive Reading</b>		Psalms 19:1-4; 148:1-13	
<b>Offerings</b>			
<b>** Doxology</b>			
<b>Scripture Reading</b>		Genesis 46: 1-7	
<b>Hymn</b>	74	<i>“For the Beauty of the Earth”</i>	
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>			
<b>Message</b>		<b>“MOVING TO EGYPT WITH GOD’S BLESSINGS”</b>	<b>REV TAN ENG BOO</b>
<b>Holy Communion</b>		<i>“It Was Love”</i>	
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	101	<i>“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms ”</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

## ELDERLY FELLOWSHIP RETREAT TO BATAM, ON 29/30 SEPTEMBER 2018

Last weekend the Elderly Fellowship went on a 2 days 1 night retreat to Batam. Total 13 of us went, of which 8 of them were elderly. Thank God for a good ratio of 1: 2 of adult to elderly. The aim of the trip besides encouraging fellowship amongst the elderly and drawing close to God was also intentional for evangelism. By exposing the 3 non-believers in the group once again to the word of God through personal evangelism; and through the preaching of God's word in the evening combined Elderly Fellowship meeting and morning worship on Sunday.

We would like to give thanks to God for the following brethren:

- Sis. Ang Liang for booking the hotel at a very good rate; and providing us with transport and interpretation;
- The Elderly from Filadelfia for their extension of fellowship to all of us;
- Sis. Mary Tham and Ruth Loke and Bro David Lee for their help;
- Rev. Lee for preaching God's word;
- Bro. Victor Chiang for transporting our elderly to and from the ferry terminal;
- All the elderly who went on the trip for their love and patience with Sis. Lee Yong and myself, which make our job light and easy.

All in all I want to thank God for journey mercies, protection and good health. A couple of weeks before the trip I had a constant headache and my blood pressure went up to 160 a day before the trip. Many thanks to all the brethren who prayed for me especially the prayer band who prayed for our trip. I believe it was your prayers that enabled us to have a smooth and enjoyable trip. Praise God.

*Sis Chew Gim*

*Our Elderly presenting 2 Hokkien songs in the Church*



*Group photo with Rev Lee and Sis Ang Liang*

*Combined Elderly fellowship meeting*

## OCTOBER 30TH, 1988

This was a very sad day for the Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore. I sat in the main Sanctuary of the Mother Church, Life Bible-Presbyterian Church together with Pastors and Elders from 16 B-P Churches on the 38th Annual Synod General Meeting where the late Rev Timothy Tow finally announced the decision that the Synod would be dissolved in accordance with Article 18 of the Church Constitution. This was done after all present voted unanimously for it.

The late Rev Dr Patrick Tan wrote in Life BPC 60th Anniversary Magazine (2010), *“My greatest challenge was to be the Clerk of Synod during the dissolution of the Synod October 30, 1988. My impression was that the dissolution need not have taken place had there been demonstrated a greater spirit of understanding and humility. It was based on the interpretation of “that which is to come” of 1 Corinthians 13:10. It appeared to me that fundamentalism had no place for brotherly love and kindness.”*

The new generation of leaders and members of the BPCs and more importantly, our church, needs to know this episode. The book **“Heritage and Legacy of the Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore”** which was only published and launched last week gave a balanced account of what caused the dissolution. Having said that, I am more concerned that we do not want to see break-

ups in BPCs over non-cardinal issues. Our fundamental stand on doctrines must always be balanced with humility and love. If we don't have such attributes we fail to do as 1 Cor.13:1, 2 says.

I am a third generation Pastor in the B-P Church. My generation of Pastors have witnessed the “rise and fall” of this denomination. It was one of the most painful episodes in our life. While we did not wish to see anymore break-ups, lo and behold another issue arose in 2002. That was the Verbal Plenary Preservation (VVP) belief advocated by the Far Eastern Bible College and it spread like wild fire and began to consume so many BPCs.

Why do we continue to “fight” one another? Don't we have more important things to do in church for the Lord? Gracians must learn the lesson that we must not become extreme in our doctrinal views. Our life on earth is short and we can't spend our time debating and quarrelling over Bible versions, etc.

Grace church will be 43 years old in Jan 2019 and as I move back to let the new Preacher, the BOE and Session to lead the church forward, let every Gracian come forth and build Grace church. While the past must be remembered, the future will be our challenge to work together with one heart, mind and strength to glorify Jesus and edify this church.

*Pastor*

## 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	\$ 2,423.15
Tithes	\$ 4,856.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00

## APPOINTMENTS

### Prayer Meeting — Wednesday

Attendance on 3 Oct: 14

Sis Hannah Yeo takes devotion on 10 Oct.

### Worship Service Next Sunday—14 Oct:

Speaker:	Preacher Wun-Long
Chairman:	Dn John Chen
Pianist:	Sis Lim Sue San
Organist:	Sis Mildred Chan

### Ushers

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

*Next Week:* Dn Daniel Tan/Bro Richard Tan  
Sis Naomi Neoh

### P A

*This Week :* Sis Janice Lee/Sis Carol Lee  
*Next Week:* Sis Evonne Tee/Bro Chea Rwei-E

### Junior Worship (7—10 years old)

*This Week:* Sis Goh Jee Eng

*Next Week:* Dn James Chen

### Pre-Primary Worship (3—6 years old)

*This Week:* Sis Tabitha Tan

*Next Week:* Sis Tabitha Tan

### Flowers and Refreshment

*This Week:* M/M Chan Beng Hock & Lai Ngho

*Next Week:* —

### Refreshment Duty

*This Week:* M/M Chea Oei Kiang & Ee Wen

*Next Week:* M/M Roger Han & Geok Tin

## 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.”*

**Preacher Wun-Long** will be speaking in the Mandarin Service today at 11.30am. Next Sunday, he will be preaching in the English service on the topic of “Our Model Prayer” (Matt. 6:5-15). Please pray for him.

**Dn Chang Loong & Heng Yee** would like to convey heartfelt thanks to Gracians who have journeyed with them in prayer, given words of encouragement and practiced actions of concern & kindness in their lives from the onset of Heng Yee's mother's illness till her passing.

**Reformation lectures** will be held in Zion Serangoon BPC on 25-27 Oct (Thur—Sat). Thurs and Friday lectures-8pm (*dinner provided, but please sign up if you are coming*). Sat 27 Oct lectures will begin at 7.00pm. Buffet dinner will be at 6pm. Dr Mark Dalby will be the speaker. He is the President of Covenant Theological Seminary, Michigan, USA. *In the light of this event, the Adult Fellowship will be cancelled. Please attend the sessions.*

**AF 24 November** Rev Goh Seng Fong will be the Guest Speaker.

**Vacation Bible School 2018** in church 28-30 Nov. Plan to serve and participate. Please see Sis Hannah Yeo for details

**Grace Church Christmas Service** on 25 Dec (Tues). Speaker: Rev Oh Boon Leong.

**Floral/Refreshment** slots available for October 14, 21 & 28.

**Collection for Sulawesi Disaster Relief Fund** today and next Sunday. Please indicate on your envelope, “For Sulawesi.”

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