

Grace Baptist Church

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Online Sermon:
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Baptism Sunday

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." ~ Psalm 122:1

	Time	Worship Services	Suitable for	Location
Chinese Services	6:00-7:10 p.m.	Saturday Night Service	All	Sanctuary/Online
	8:30-9:40 a.m.	Morning Service	All	Sanctuary/Online
	9:30-11:00 a.m.	Students' Service	All / Students	Coleman Hall
	11:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m.	Noon Service	All	Sanctuary/Online
	6:00-7:10 p.m.	Evening Service		Room 401
English Services	10:00-11:10 a.m.	Morning Service		Sanctuary/Online
	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Evening Service		Coleman Hall
Others	10:00-11:15 a.m.	Taiwanese Service	All	Room 301
	11:20-11:40 a.m.	Children's Service	Children (age 7-12)	Kindergarten
	3:30-5:00 p.m.	Bilingual Service	All	Sanctuary/Online
Prayer Meetings	Wed. 7:00-8:15 p.m.	Chinese Prayer Meeting		Room 401
	Wed. 7:30-9:00 p.m.	English Prayer Meeting		Room 301/Online

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Welcome to Grace Baptist Church English Congregation.
Thank you for choosing to worship with us and celebrate the glory of our Lord.

PRAISING ON, PRESSING ON! A Thanksgiving Celebration
Nov. 26, 2023, Morning Service

Prelude		Joy Kong
Greeting & Prayer		Pastor Nick Brideson
Praise and Worship		Cherrie Lim
	"Psalm 150"	
	"Always"	
	"Great Is the Lord and Most Worthy of Praise"	
	"I Sing Praises"	
GBC history: A presentation		Ava Zamora
Song		Choir
Praising On: AWANA	"Battle Hymn of the Republic"	Video
Song		
Pressing On: Small Groups and Sunday school	"Through the Eyes of a Child"	Awana kids with Hallel Singers
Song		Video
Greetings	"The Hand of our God"	Hallel Singers
Response Song		Video
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	"Turn Your Eyes"	
Offering/Welcome/Announcement		Pastor Nick Brideson
Closing Song	"As the Lord Is with Us"	Cherrie Lim
Postlude		Joy Kong



Nursery:
0-3 y.o.; wear a
mask over 2 y.o.

- A. Cry Room** - at the back of the Sanctuary/Coleman Hall, during services
B. Kindergarten Green Room - during AM service only; enter next to GBC's back door; must have at least one parent there

Evening Worship Service – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 26, 2023 (Sanctuary)

Prelude		Cristina Tseng
Prayer		Peter Chiu, Leader
Worship through Music	"The Heart of Worship"	
Greeting		
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Nick Brideson
Introduce Baptism Candidates		
Baptismal Scripture Reading	Matthew 28:16-20	Minister Priscilla Liao
Meditation and Prayer		
Baptisms		Pastor Nick Brideson
Worship through Music	"Here I Am to Worship"	Peter Chiu, Leader
	"John 3:16"	
	"Till I See You"	
	"Let Your Glory Fall"	
Offertory Prayer		Ian Peng
Tithes and Offerings		
Scripture Reading	Matthew 6:25-33	Minister Priscilla Liao
Message	Seeking Gods Kingdom	Pastor Nick Brideson
Response Song	"Jesus Strong and Kind"	
Closing Prayer		
Welcome/Announcements		
Closing Song	"Let Your Glory Fall"	Peter Chiu, Leader
Pray for Baptized Brothers and Sisters		Pastor Nick Brideson
Postlude		Cristina Tseng

Our Vision Is to Spread the Gospel

To achieve this, we aim:

- To become a house of prayer
 - Through prayer, to build the body of Christ
 - From the body, to do the work of mission in Taipei, Taiwan, and neighboring countries
- "but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,
and even to the remotest part of the earth." - Acts 1:8 (NASB)

Sermon Topic: Seeking Gods Kingdom

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33

Speaker: Pastor Nick Brideson

PM – November 26, 2023

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33 (NASB)

²⁵ "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? ²⁷ "And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? ²⁸ "And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, ²⁹ yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. ³⁰ "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! ³¹ "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' ³² "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Notes:



Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting (Physical & Online)

"My house shall be called a house of prayer" (Matthew 21:13)

Let us be a church of prayer!

English prayer meeting meets 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. every Wednesday in GBC Room 301. The online prayer meeting via Zoom is also available at the same time. Please join us either in GBC or online. Send an email to ecprayerteam@gbc.org.tw if you are interested in joining the Zoom prayer meeting or if you have a prayer request.

Prayer focus for this coming Wednesday: *The World*

Mabuhay Fellowship

Today, November 26, and on December 3 at 2 p.m. in Basement Room B05, the Mabuhay Fellowship will continue its preparations for its December 10 Christmas gathering.

The Mabuhay Fellowship comprises Filipinos aiming to share God's love and light through worship, prayer, Bible study, fellowship, gospel sharing, and other ministries.



Mabuhay Fellowship Christmas Celebration

On December 10 at 2 p.m. in Basement Room B05, the Mabuhay Fellowship will celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus. We will have worship through songs, special numbers, and an inspirational talk by Dr. Shirley Ho, Professor of the Old Testament at the China Evangelical Seminary. There will be an optional exchanging of gifts; for those who want to join, each gift's cost is NT\$200 or more. You and your family and friends are all welcome!

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

What has been the meaning of "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!" in our bulletin? Christmas is the one time of the year we especially celebrate the gift of Jesus' birth. On **December 17th**, GBC will celebrate Jesus' birthday by giving a Special Missions Offering to Jesus as a birthday present. As an expression of having given ourselves to Jesus, let us personally and generously participate in this Special Missions Offering!!



Young Adults Fellowship

Young Adults is a group for 20-35 year olds to fellowship and study God's Word together. We will be meeting twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in Wanfu 22.



Our next meeting is this Saturday, **December 2**. We look forward to seeing you there! You can join directly. If you need information, please contact the leaders: Atli Locklear (locklear.atli@gmail.com) or Kristen Montgomery (KLMontgomery@me.com).

Parenting Group TODAY

GBC Parenting Group welcomes parents (including single parents) with kids of any age. We study various principles about parenting as well as enjoying fellowship with each other. The group meets at 11:30 a.m. on 2nd and 4th Sundays in Room 402. You can join the group directly.

If you have any questions, please email Rod Syverson at: rod_syverson@hotmail.com.



GBC Bookstand

GBC has a bookstand, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., to serve brothers and sisters on the front deck on the last Sunday of each month. Bibles, gifts, books, and spiritual materials are available for purchase. The next bookstand is **TODAY**.

Location Change for Evening Service / Baptism Service TODAY

The baptism service will be held at 5:30 p.m. TODAY in the Sanctuary. The regular Evening Service will be combined with this quarterly Baptism Service.

There will be a gospel message during the service so please invite your loved ones to attend and pray for their openness to the message.

Below are the people from the English Congregation who will be baptized:

Shirley Rose Hartanto, Queenie Chang, Ninian Chang,
Ariel Aguilera, Joseph Muema Lucas, and Michael Jacob Ginsberg

If you feel called to be baptized, please contact SueJenny Hsu at suejenny@gbc.org.tw for information.



Baptism Celebration Tea

Baptism Celebration Tea will be held in Rooms B01-B04 after the Evening (Baptism) Service. You are welcome to bring a dish to share with brothers and sisters. Please bring it to Room B01 before 5:30 p.m. next Sunday.



Christmas Parade – December 23

Sharing Christmas Joy with the People of Taipei City

Some local government officials (Christian) have planned a Christmas parade for Saturday, Dec. 23 from 3:00-5:30 p.m. on Hsin Sheng South Road (so called “Heavenly Road”). The Taipei City Mayor will lead the parade, and people from some nearby churches will participate.

GBC has been invited to join this parade, and we hope at least 150 people from GBC will participate to help share the joy of Christmas as well as give out gifts and flyers to let people know the true meaning of Christmas and invite them to church.

We encourage you to take part in this meaningful Christian Christmas parade. Please register as soon as possible using the QR code provided (or go to our website to register, at: ec.gbc.org.tw). **Deadline for registration is: December 10**



Upcoming English Congregation 70th Anniversary Events

- 11/26 (**TODAY**) – 5:30 p.m. Baptism (Sanctuary)
7:15 p.m. Baptism Celebration Tea (B01-B04)
(combined with monthly Evening Tea)
- 12/10 (Sun) – GBC 70th Anniversary Celebration Sunday Services (AM ONLY)



**** NOTE: GBC (Chinese & English) Thanksgiving Tea – 1:30 p.m. Dec. 10 Coleman Hall**

**** For Christmas and Year-End events, please read page 5.**

Pray for the Nations by Flag ~ Cambodia

1. for the spiritual state of Cambodia. May God help Cambodian churches to prosper. May the churches be salt and light to the Cambodian society;
2. for the people of Cambodia. Most Cambodians live in poverty. May God provide all their needs and help them to overcome life challenges;
3. for the Cambodian government: May God grant Cambodia good leadership and governance so that the people can live in peace.



For prayer details visit: ec.gbc.org.tw

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">2023 Christmas Events</h2>			
☆☆☆ <i>ENGLISH SERVICES IN BOLD</i> ☆☆☆			
Date	Time	Event	Location
Dec. 1 (Fri.)	19:30 – 21:00	YMCA Music Concert - Messiah	Sanctuary
Dec. 8 (Fri.)	19:45 – 21:30	Yin Qi Christmas Music Presentation (request tickets at GBC front desk)	Sanctuary
Dec. 9 (Sat.)	15:00 – 17:30	Yin Qi Christmas Music Presentation (request tickets at GBC front desk)	Sanctuary
	19:30 – 21:00	Yin Qi Christmas Music Presentation (request tickets at GBC front desk)	Sanctuary
Dec. 10 (Sun.)	14:00 – 16:00	Mabuhay Fellowship Christmas Program	B05
Dec. 16 (Sat.)	14:00 – 17:00	Front Deck Ministry – <i>Christmas Plant DIY</i>	Front Deck
	18:00 – 19:10	Saturday Night Service - Choir Presentation	Sanctuary
Dec. 17 (Sun.) 	8:30 – 9:40	Christmas Choir Presentation	Sanctuary
	11:30 – 12:30	AWANA Christmas Celebration	Room 401
	11:30 – 12:40	Christmas Joint Choir Presentation	Sanctuary
	17:30 – 19:00	Choir Christmas Presentation (Evening)	Sanctuary
Dec. 23 (Sat.)	14:00 – 17:00	Front Deck Ministry – <i>Afternoon Miracle Concert</i>	Front Deck
Dec. 24 (Sun.)	10:00 – 11:10	Choir Christmas Presentation (Morning)	Sanctuary
	11:15-12:50	Children's Christmas Event	Kindergarten
	11:20 – 12:30	Joint Christmas Tea Celebration (Led by Morning Tea Team; Evening Christmas Potluck combined with Morning's)	Coffee Deck
	19:30 – 21:30	Christmas Evangelical Musical – <i>Waiting for True Peace in Turmoil</i>	Sanctuary
	22:00 – 23:00	Christmas Eve Service	Coleman Hall
	22:00 – 23:00	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
	23:00 – 01:00	Christmas Eve Midnight Concert	Sanctuary
Jan. 6 (Sat.)	11:00 – 13:30	Indian Christmas & New Year Celebration	Coleman Hall



★ Sunday School Information – Join the class directly★		
** Beginning Christian Life		
Christianity 101 - required for baptism (Yuri Shih)	11:30 a.m.	Mount of Olives (also online) Yuchen_phone@hotmail.com
** Maturing Christians – “Explore the Bible”		
<p>Five classes available at two times for this Sunday school study:</p> <div> <div> <u>11:30 a.m.</u> WanFu 22 (Kevin Hartman) Room B03 (Maria Sagita) Room B04 (Roy Treurnicht) Room B05 (Ava Zamora) </div> <div> <u>2:30 p.m.</u> Room 305 (Rod Syverson) </div> </div>		
** Youth: Grade 7 and above		
(Leading teacher: Michael Dellinger)	11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Room 405
** Children		
Nursery - Age 3 and under	9:50 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Kindergarten Green Room
Preschool - Age 3 to 5	11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.	Room 403
AWANA – Kindergarten (大班) to Grade 6	11:20 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.	Rooms 401/404

★ Fellowships – Join a fellowship directly ★		
Fellowship	Time	Location
Mabuhay	Sundays 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	B05
Young Adults (20 - 35 y.o.)	1 st & 3 rd Saturdays 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	WanFu 22

★ Transformation Groups (Friday 7:15-8:45 p.m.) – Contact Minister Priscilla for details ★

★ Small Groups – Contact the leader to join ★			
Type	Name	Day/Time	Location/Contact Emails
English Conversation	English Foundations	Thursday 7:00 – 8:30 pm	Room 405 roytreur@gmail.com
Students	NTU Friday English Conversation Group	Friday 12:20 - 1:10 pm	NTU priscilla@gbc.org.tw
	International Students Group	Sunday 7:45 - 9:45 pm	WanFu 22A cesaledro57@gmail.com
Language/ Nationality	Ethiopian Students Group	Sunday 7:00 - 9:00 pm	Room 307 tarenefo2015@gmail.com
Family	Parenting Group	2 nd & 4 th Sunday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	GBC Room 402 rod_syverson@hotmail.com
General	Thursday Night Bible Study Group	Thursday 7:30 - 9:00 pm	Online rod_syverson@hotmail.com
	HsinChu Bible Study Group	Friday 7:30 - 8:45 pm	HsinChu rmanlim@gmail.com
	Salt & Light	Sunday 1:30 - 3:00 pm	GBC Mount of Olives Room 123456789nc@gmail.com
	Indian Bible Study Fellowship Group	Sunday 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.	WanFu yedukondaluster@gmail.com
Ministry	Hospital Visitation Group	Thursday 1:30 - 2:30 pm	Near GBC lou.amanda@gmail.com
	Mission Caring Group	Flexible	Online dreamgirls0702@hotmail.com

English Congregation Participation & GBC Staff Information

2023.11.19 (Online & in Person)		Attendance	Offerings	<u>GBC Staff Contacts</u>
Service – Weekly Views		326	* 89,251	Peter Wu Senior Pastor
Morning Service		306	285,492	David Kong Assistant Senior Pastor
Evening Service		67	16,202	Hsiao Yen Shen Director of Administration Office (02) 2362-5321 #113
Wednesday Prayer Meeting		18	...	<u>GBC English Staff Contacts</u> Nick Brideson English Leading Pastor nick@gbc.org.tw Priscilla Liao English Minister priscilla@gbc.org.tw SueJenny Hsu English Secretary suejenny@gbc.org.tw (02) 2362-5321 #136 Stella Chen English Part-time Secretary stella@gbc.org.tw (02) 2362-5321 #132
Sunday School Classes	Preschool	16	998	
	Children	68		
	Youth	25	...	
	Adult	67	...	
Transformation Groups		20	...	
Small Groups		110	...	
Music	Choir	21	...	
	Hallel Singers	20	...	
Young Adults Fellowship		
Mabuhay Fellowship		20	...	

* These offerings are GBC overall online/weekly donations.

~ For information on other GBC participation and staff, see Chinese bulletin ~

Visitor Form / Prayer Request

November 26, 2023

Check (✓): ☐ AM service ☐ PM service

Welcome! We are glad you are here! This Visitor Form is for you!

If you didn't get the Visitor Card, please take a moment and fill this out. Please tear out the form and give it to an usher or the front desk or place it in the offering bag. Thank you!

Name: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Single ☐ Married

Nationality: _____ **E-mail :** _____

Age (✓): ☐ Under 18 ☐ 18-25 ☐ 26-40 ☐ 41-55 ☐ 56-70 ☐ 71+

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ **Best day/time to call:** _____

How did you hear about GBC(✓)? ☐ Newspaper ☐ Friend ☐ GBC website ☐ Other _____

What you first noticed about Grace Baptist Church's English Congregation: _____

I'd like information on:

- ☐ Sunday School classes ☐ Youth Ministry ☐ Music Ministry
☐ Children's Ministry ☐ Prayer Ministry ☐ Weekday class

Fellowships: ☐ Mabuhay (Philippines) ☐ Young Adults

Small groups: ☐ Students ☐ General ☐ Nationality/Language: _____

☐ Other: _____

I'm willing to:

- ☐ Accept Christ ☐ Be baptized ☐ Become a church member ☐ Serve
☐ Please schedule a time for me to meet a pastor/minister