

# Grace Baptist Church

Sunday, December 10, 2023

*Implementing the “Golden 5 Years”*

Lift up the Holy Bible; stand firm in the cities; reach out to the ends of the earth



*Looking to GBC's 70 years*

## PRAISING ON, PRESSING ON

As one body in Christ, we praise God's name and make known His mighty acts among the peoples from one generation to another.

*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.**

**Morning Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

Prelude		Monica Kong
Advent Reading		The Han Family
Greeting/Prayer		Anne Tan
Worship through Music	<i>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"</i>	
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Nick Brideson
Worship through Music	<i>"Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)"</i> <i>"The Goodness of Jesus"</i>	Anne Tan
Offertory Prayer		Deborah Meesala
Tithes and Offerings		
Doxology		
Orphanage Ministry Sharing		Julie Chen & Dave Gerich
Scripture Reading	Genesis 2:7-8; 21-25	Paul Han
Message	Genesis: The First Couple	Pastor Nick Brideson
Response Song	<i>"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"</i>	
Benediction		
Welcome/Announcements		
70th Anniversary Video		
Closing Song	<i>"As the Lord Is with Us"</i>	Anne Tan
Postlude		Monica 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, December 10, 2023**

Prelude		Michael Tsai
Advent Reading		Estela/Andrea Valle Paz
Prayer		Helina Lao, Leader
Worship through Music	<i>"Christ Is All in All"</i>	
Greeting		
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Nick Brideson
Worship through Music	<i>"Made to Worship"</i> <i>"Only a Holy God"</i> <i>"Forgiven"</i>	Helina Lao, Leader
Offertory Prayer		Vicky Kuo
Tithes and Offerings		
Orphanage Ministry Sharing		Julie Chen & Dave Gerich
Pray for Our Church		Ada Cheung
Scripture Reading	Genesis 2:7-8; 21-25	
Message	Genesis: The First Couple	Pastor Nick Brideson
Response Song	<i>"Sovereign"</i>	
Closing Prayer		
Welcome		
70th Anniversary Video		
Closing Song	<i>"Made to Worship"</i>	Helina Lao, Leader
Postlude		Michael Tsai

**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: Genesis: The First Couple**

**Scripture: Genesis 2:7-8; 21-25**

**Speaker: Pastor Nick Brideson**

**December 10, 2023**

**Scripture: Genesis 2:7-8; 21-25 (NASB)**

**Genesis 2:7-8 (NASB)**

<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. <sup>8</sup> The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

**Genesis 2:21-25 (NASB)**

<sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. <sup>22</sup> The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones,

And flesh of my flesh;

She shall be called Woman,

Because she was taken out of Man."

<sup>24</sup> For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

**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](mailto: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: **Church Ministry**

## Christmas Celebration Tea

Morning Tea Team will host the English Congregation Joint Christmas Celebration Tea on Dec. 24 after the morning service (Evening Service participants are welcome). If you wish to support this Tea, please bring individually packaged snacks to the coffee deck before 11:00 a.m. on Dec. 24.



## AWANA Christmas Invitation



AWANA is GBC's English Children's Sunday School. It will hold a Christmas celebration at 11:30 a.m. on December 17 (next Sunday) in Room 401, with songs, Christmas story, and special sharing by Pastor Nick. Please invite your family and friends to join directly.



## Orphanage Ministry

- From Dec. 10, Dave Gerich will co-lead the Orphanage Ministry with Julie Chen. Please pray for God's blessing and leading to be with them as they lead this important ministry.

- **The next orphanage visit is TODAY.** We will meet in GBC's front door and leave at 2:00 p.m. Please join us directly. (No training is required; **Registered GBC membership is required.**)

GBC Orphanage Visitation Ministry sends big brothers/sisters to an orphanage to help orphans build their relationship with God and guide them to trust Christ as Lord and Savior as they teach Bible stories and songs to the orphans.

For more information, please contact the leaders:

Julie Chen ([yuling0914@gmail.com](mailto:yuling0914@gmail.com)); Dave Gerich ([davegerich@gmail.com](mailto:davegerich@gmail.com))



## Scholarship/Grant Results

Twenty-three people from the English Congregation have received scholarships/grants. May the Lord bless their study and guide them through their education.

The receivers' names are (in alphabetical order):

- Adrianto Oktavianus
- Axel Rodriguez
- Baru Debtera Bejena
- Bayisa Kune Mamade
- Catter Shih
- Chemedda Barasa Guta
- Chimdessa Gashu Feyisa
- Dilebo Woldesenbet Bafe

- Duke Tariku Nefo
- Eyasu Anjulo Lambebo
- Fikiru Tafase Mosisa
- Fikiru Temesgen Angerasa
- Getachew Nadew Wedajew
- Helina Lao Zhu
- Jennifer Lin
- Jorge Alberto Valle Paz

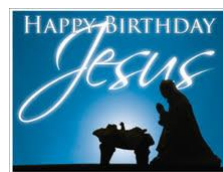
- Joseph Muema Lucas
- Kerio Cherotich Susan
- Kirubel Teshome Tadele
- Lammi Terefe Kitaba
- Lidwina Hannah Salim
- Netsanet Kebede Hundessa
- Samuel Chiu



## Happy Birthday, Jesus!

### Special Christmas Missions Offering

Don't forget, **NEXT Sunday, December 17**, we will have a special opportunity to give a gift worthy of our King to the cause which brought Him to dwell among us! So, prepare your heart and your birthday present offering as we celebrate the birth of our King and anticipate the global expansion of His Kingdom of love through our gifts!



## GBC Christmas Events

☆☆☆ **ENGLISH SERVICES IN BOLD** ☆☆☆

Date	Time	Event	Location
Dec. 10 (Sun.)	<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Mabuhay Fellowship Christmas Program</b>	<b>B05</b>
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
	<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>AWANA Christmas Celebration</b>	<b>Room 401</b>
	11:30 – 12:40	Christmas Joint Choir Presentation	Sanctuary
	<b>17:30 – 19:00</b>	<b>Choir Christmas Presentation (Evening)</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Dec. 23 (Sat.)	14:00 – 17:00	Front Deck Ministry – <i>Afternoon Miracle Concert</i>	Front Deck
Dec. 24 (Sun.) 	<b>10:00 – 11:10</b>	<b>Choir Christmas Presentation (Morning)</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	11:15-12:50	Children's Christmas Event	Kindergarten
	11:20 – 12:30	<b>Joint Christmas Celebration Tea</b> (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
	<b>22:00 – 23:00</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>	<b>Coleman Hall</b>
	22:00 – 23:00	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
	23:00 – 01:00	Christmas Eve Midnight Concert	Sanctuary
Jan. 6 (Sat.)	<b>11:00 – 13:30</b>	<b>Indian Christmas &amp; New Year Celebration</b>	<b>Coleman Hall</b>

### Join Mabuhay Fellowship Christmas Celebration

TODAY, **December 10**, at 2 p.m. in Basement Room B04, 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, associate professor of the Old Testament at the China Evangelical Seminary, on "*Christmas Aroma*," based on 2 Corinthians 2:14-17.

There will be an optional exchanging of gifts; for those who want to join, each gift cost is NT\$200 or more. You and your family and friends are all welcome!



### Pray for the Nations by Flag ~ Iran

- Pray:
1. that God will release the hearts of more Iranians.
  2. that Christianity will no longer be described as a foreign ideology.
  3. that Iranian Christians who meet secretly will have strong faith and courage.



**For prayer details visit: [ec.gbc.org.tw](http://ec.gbc.org.tw)**



## GIFT Voucher for GBC 70th Anniversary

GBC has prepared a gift for every participant who is joining GBC's events today. Each person can receive one gift. (Do not take gifts for other people.) This voucher is valid only for today, December 10, 2023.



### For English morning event participants

The gift tables are at GBC's front and back building entrances, before 2:00 p.m.

**\*\*\* AWANA and Preschool parents: Each child has a family gift pack for both the child and one of his/her parents (when picking up your child.) Please get your gift from AWANA and Preschool class directly so you don't receive the gift twice. \*\*\***

### For English evening event participants

After the Evening Service, please line up at the back to get the gift from the ushers.

★ Please write the information below, then tear out this whole slip (this whole dotted area) to receive the gift:

Your Name (first/last): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## GBC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Tea TODAY (in Chinese)

GBC brothers and sisters: you are cordially invited to join this 70th Anniversary Thanksgiving Tea, held from 1:30 p.m. in Coleman Hall **TODAY**. Please take this opportunity for refreshment and fellowship.



## English Congregation Leaders

English Leading Pastor: Nick Brideson

Pastor Nick Brideson

Minister Priscilla Liao

**Adult Education**  
 Pastor Nick Brideson  
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 Ethan & Sarah Chow  
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 - **Medical/Dental Team**  
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 - **Leadership Training**  
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**Small Groups**  
 - **English Foundations**  
 - **Ethiopian Students Group**  
 - **HsinChu Bible Study Group**  
 - **Indian Bible Study Fellowship**  
 - **International Students Group**  
 - **Salt & Light**  
 - **Thursday Night Bible Study Group**

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**Small Groups**  
 - **Hospital Visitation Group**  
 - **Mission Caring Group**  
 - **NTU Conversation Group**  
 - **Parenting Group**

**Transformation Group**  
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 - **VBS Team**  
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**Secretarial staff**

SueJenny Hsu  
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Stella Chen (part-time)  
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★ 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”		
<b>Five classes available at two times for this Sunday school study:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b><u>11:30 a.m.</u></b>  WanFu 22 (Kevin Hartman)  Room B03 (Maria Sagita)  Room B04 (Roy Treurnicht)  Room B05 (Ava Zamora) </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b><u>2:30 p.m.</u></b>  Room 305 (Rod Syverson) </div> </div> <div style="margin-left: 150px; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <i>Indonesian Friendly</i> </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	11:30 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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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

On break

## English Congregation Participation & GBC Staff Information

2023.12.03 (Online & in Person)		Attendance	Offerings	<u>GBC Staff Contacts</u>
Service – Weekly Views		335	* 50,206	<b>Peter Wu</b> Senior Pastor
Morning Service		270	203,047	<b>David Kong</b> Assistant Senior Pastor
Evening Service		81	36,231	<b>Hsiao Yen Shen</b> Director of Administration Office (02) 2362-5321 #113
Sunday School Classes	Preschool	15	...	<u>GBC English Staff Contacts</u>  <b>Nick Brideson</b> English Leading Pastor nick@gbc.org.tw  <b>Priscilla Liao</b> English Minister priscilla@gbc.org.tw  <b>SueJenny Hsu</b> English Secretary suejenny@gbc.org.tw (02) 2362-5321 #136  <b>Stella Chen</b> English Part-time Secretary stella@gbc.org.tw (02) 2362-5321 #132
	Children	52		
	Youth	23	...	
	Adult	73	...	
Transformation Groups		22	...	
Small Groups		95	...	
Music	Choir	22	...	
	Hallel Singers	17	...	
Young Adults Fellowship		7	...	
Mabuhay Fellowship		10	...	
<i>* These offerings are GBC overall online/weekly donations.</i>				
<i>~ For information on other GBC participation and staff, see Chinese bulletin ~</i>				



### Visitor Form / Prayer Request

December 10, 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