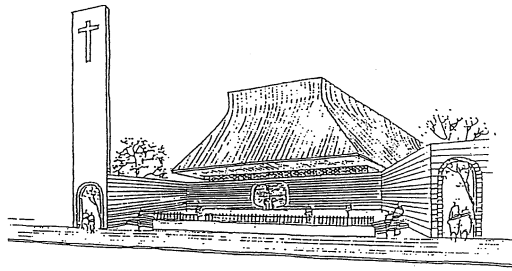


Grace Baptist Church

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Online Sermon: ec.gbc.org.tw/live-worship



LIFT UP THE HOLY BIBLE;
STAND FIRM IN THE CITIES;
REACH OUT TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

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
	6:00-7:15 p.m.	Evening Service		Room 401
English Services	10:00-11:10 a.m.	Morning Service	All	Sanctuary/Online
	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Evening Service		Coleman Hall
Others	10:00-11:15 a.m.	Taiwanese Service	All	Room 301
	11:15 a.m.-12:50 p.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, January 5, 2025**

Prelude		Catherine Liu
Greeting/Prayer		Anne Tan
Worship through Music	<i>“Yet Not I But through Christ in Me”</i>	
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Nick Brideson
Worship through Music	<i>“He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)”</i> <i>“He Will Hold Me Fast”</i>	Anne Tan
Offertory Prayer		Roy Treurnicht
Tithes and Offerings		
Doxology		
Lord’s Supper		
Missions Offering		
Pray for Our Church		Minister Priscilla Liao
Scripture Reading	Exodus 17:1-7	
Message	In the Wilderness	Pastor Nick Brideson
Response Song	<i>“Be Thou My Vision”</i>	
Welcome		
Closing Song	<i>“As the Lord Is with Us”</i>	Anne Tan
Postlude		Catherine Liu



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- 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, January 5, 2025**

Prelude		Michael Tsai
Prayer		Helina Lao, Leader
Worship through Music	<i>“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”</i>	
Greeting		
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Nick Brideson
Worship through Music	<i>“His Mercy Is More”</i> <i>“You Alone Can Rescue”</i> <i>“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer”</i>	Helina Lao, Leader
Offertory Prayer		Andrea Valle
Lord’s Supper		
Missions Offering		
Pray for Our Church		Minister Priscilla Liao
Scripture Reading	Exodus 17:1-7	
Message	In the Wilderness	Pastor Nick Brideson
Response Song	<i>“The Goodness of Jesus”</i>	
Welcome		
Closing Prayer		
Closing Song	<i>“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer”</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: In the Wilderness

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

Speaker: Pastor Nick Brideson

January 5, 2025

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7 (NASB)

¹ Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by stages from the wilderness of Sin, according to the command of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and they grumbled against Moses and said, "Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do to this people? A little more and they will stone me." ⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pass before the people and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He named the place Massah and Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us, or not?"

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.

1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week	5th Week
Caring/Healing/Families	Church Ministry	Missions	The Lost	The World

Building Christian Life

If you or your family or friends would like to start the new year by committing to know more about God, God’s Word, or God’s will for your lives, GBC English Congregation offers many classes and small groups. Please take the great opportunity to make friends and learn by joining one of them. (Go to the class directly; see page 6 for details). Class are available for people for different levels of spiritual maturity:

Beginning Christian Life

➤ **Alpha:**

This class is especially suited for non-Christians, but anyone who wants to know more about Christianity is welcome to attend.

➤ **Christianity 101:**

This 10-lesson cycle introduces the basic teachings of Christianity. Candidates for baptism must complete this class before being baptized.

Maturing Christians

➤ **Explore the Bible** (6 classes available at three times each Sunday)

Growing in Christ is a life-long journey, and these classes help people as they follow that journey. Sunday sermons support the classes by giving background on the same subject, while classes provide discussion and teaching for greater understanding.

Small Groups (different categories of small group are available)

➤ **English Conversation:** For non-believers or seekers

➤ **Students:** For university students

➤ **Language/Nationality:** Uses a language other than English

➤ **Family:** Support group for parents, including single parents

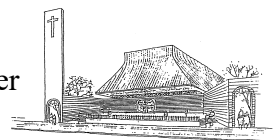
➤ **General:** Currently 5 groups are open for anyone to attend

Transformation Group

➤ Transformation Group allows Christians to grow in Christ together as we build meaningful trusting relationships, bear one another’s burdens, and support each other through listening and prayer. (Restarts March 5. Please check the bulletin for details in late February.)

Announcement from GBC HR Committee

GBC welcomes any constructive suggestions or recommendations with respect to its governance raised by the congregation. Please specify the matter in a letter including your name and contact information. Put the letter into the “GBC Administrative Mailbox” or email hrgroup@gbc.org.tw for GBC to follow up and respond accordingly



Becoming a GBC Member

Are you a GBC member. If not, GBC invites you to officially join our church family. How?

1. **By Membership Transfer** (if you have already been baptized as a believer):
 - 1) attend New Members class (1 class)
Next New Members' Class: **January 19**, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Room 307
 - 2) write a testimony
 - 3) have an interview with the pastor/minister
2. **By Baptism:**
 - 1) attend Christianity 101
10 classes – Sunday 11:30 am in Room B05.
You can join any time.
 - 2) attend New Members class (1 class)
 - 3) write a testimony
 - 4) have an interview with the pastor/minister
 - 5) be baptized
Next Baptism Service: February 23,
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

If you have questions, please contact SueJenny at suejenny@gbc.org.tw.

English Foundations Restarts This Thursday, January 9

English Foundations Group provides a comfortable environment for English conversation and discussion.

If you want to practice English with a focus on life issues in an ever-changing world, please come to GBC Room 405 every Thursday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. from January 9. Please join the class directly.



Application for Yearly Parking Permit in 2025

GBC regular attendees can apply for a yearly parking permit before mid-February. Application forms are available at the front desk and must be signed by a GBC minister or pastor before submission. When picking up your new parking permit, you will need to return your old parking permit and pay a NT\$ 200 fee at the front desk. (See details at the front desk.)



Mabuhay Fellowship

Today, January 5, at 2 p.m. in Basement Room B05, the Mabuhay Fellowship will have a Tagalog prayer meeting. All Tagalog-speaking nationals are welcome.

On January 12, we will have a Zoom Tagalog Bible study, using the Tagalog version of the book "*Purpose Driven Life*." All Tagalog-speaking nationals are welcome. For the link, please contact Ava Zamora at avazam13@gmail.com.

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



Chinese Health Seminar on January 19

A health seminar (in Chinese) will be held 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. on January 19 in Coleman Hall.

The topic is: *Prevention and Treatment for Chronic Diseases*. The speaker is Dr. Wu DaiYing (吳岱穎醫師).

Please see Chinese bulletin to register and for details.



GBC Special Services

GBC sends birthday cards and yearly offering receipts to GBC members and donation givers. If your information has changed, such as a new phone number or new address, or for information on GBC special services (below), please contact SueJenny at suejenny@gbc.org.tw, or 2362-5321 ext. 136.

- **Baptism:** GBC holds baptism services in the Sanctuary during the Evening Service from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. The baptism dates in 2025 are: February 23, June 22, and November 30.
- **Child Dedication:** Held each year on Mothers' Day during the Morning Service
- **Marriage-Related Services:** GBC provides marriage-related services for registered members (pre-marital counseling, weddings, counseling on marriage problems or questions).
- **Funerals:** If a loved one leaves this world, GBC can advise on a Christian funeral home as well as help with the funeral.

English Congregation Leaders

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Pastor Nick Brideson		Minister Priscilla Liao	
<p>Adult Education Pastor Nick Brideson nick@gbc.org.tw</p> <p>Youth (Grades 7 to 12) Ethan & Sarah Chow Michael Dellinger michaeldondellinger@gmail.com</p> <p>Foreign Mission: - Medical/Dental Team Armand Lim rmanlim@gmail.com - Leadership Training Pastor Nick Brideson nick@gbc.org.tw</p> <p>Orphanage Ministry Julie Chen yuling0914@gmail.com Dave Gerich davegerich@gmail.com</p> <p>Mabuhay Fellowship Ava Zamora avazam13@gmail.com</p> <p>Indian Fellowship Timothy Meesala yedukondaluster@gmail.com</p> <p>Small Groups - English Foundations - Ethiopian Students Group - HsinChu Bible Study Group - Salt & Light - Thursday Night Bible Study Group</p>	<p>Morning Music Worship Cherrie Gow Lim cvgow@yahoo.com</p> <p>Morning Multimedia Paul Han singleoo@gmail.com</p> <p>Morning Greeters Arjun Puvvala nagarjuna.chemist@gmail.com Alltrin Dhana Raja Gopal alltrin.chim99@gmail.com</p> <p>Adult Choir Juliet Jao lenyinjao@gmail.com</p> <p>Hallel Singers Cherrie Gow Lim cvgow@yahoo.com</p> <p>Evening Greeters Vicky Kuo asiaglobe999@gmail.com</p> <p>Evening Fellowship Meal /Baptism Celebration Fellowship Michelle Cheng yealincheng@yahoo.com</p> <p>Baptism Support Michael Dellinger michaeldondellinger@gmail.com</p>	<p>Morning Visitors Ministry Amanda Lou lou.amanda@gmail.com</p> <p>Morning Fellowship Tea Teresa Lin fmlin660909@gmail.com</p> <p>Cry Room Children's Care priscilla@gbc.org.tw</p> <p>Green Room Children's Care Sandra Hsu coihsu@gmail.com</p> <p>AWANA T&T Group Ming Lai minglai88@gmail.com</p> <p>AWANA Spark Group Crystal Turner elisayeh@yahoo.com</p> <p>Preschool Joanna Peng joanna6135@gmail.com</p> <p>Prayer Ministry Minister Priscilla Liao priscilla@gbc.org.tw Amanda Lou (Zoom) lou.amanda@gmail.com</p>	<p>Evening Music Team Helina Lao/Peter Chiu gbceworshipteam@gmail.com</p> <p>Evening Multimedia Menzi Nhlengethwa menzinhlenge@gmail.com</p> <p>Small Groups - International Students Group - NTU Conversation Group - Parenting Group - Young Adults - Village</p> <p>Transformation Group Minister Priscilla Liao priscilla@gbc.org.tw</p> <p>Taiwan Mission: Minister Priscilla Liao priscilla@gbc.org.tw</p> <p>Foreign Mission: - VBS Team Minister Priscilla Liao priscilla@gbc.org.tw</p>
		<p>Deacon Paul Han singleoo@gmail.com</p>	<p>Alternate Deacon Armand Lim rmanlim@gmail.com</p>
		<p>Secretarial staff SueJenny Hsu suejenny@gbc.org.tw Stella Chen (part-time) stella@gbc.org.tw</p>	

★ Sunday School – Join the class directly, or go to the room for information★

**** Beginning Christian Life ****

Alpha – new and non-Christians (Pearce & Meghan)	11:30 a.m.	Calvary Room
Christianity 101 - required for baptism (Doug Gilmartin)	11:30 a.m.	B05

Restarts Jan. 12

**** Maturing Christians – “Explore the Bible” ****

Six classes available at three times for this Sunday school study:

11:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Room B03 (Ava Zamora)	Room 305 (Rod Syverson)	Room 303 (Andrea Valle)
Room B04 (Roy Treurnicht)		
WanFu 22 (Kevin Hartman)		
Mount of Olives (Maria Sagita)	Indonesian Friendly	

Restarts Jan. 12

**** Youth: Grade 7 and above ****

(Leading teacher: Michael Dellinger)	11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Room 405
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**** 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 or email the leader to join★

Fellowship	Time	Location/Contact email
Mabuhay (Filipino)	Sundays 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	B05
Indian Fellowship	Sundays 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	WanFu 22 yedukondaluster@gmail.com

★ Transformation Group (Friday 7:15-8:45 p.m.) – New group from March 7, 2025 ★

★ 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	Friday 7:30 - 9:30 pm	WanFu 22A gbcinternationalsg@gmail.com
Language/Nationality	Ethiopian Students Group	Sunday 7:00 - 9:00 pm	Room 307 bayisukiya@gmail.com
Family	Parenting Group	2 nd & 4 th Sunday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	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
	Young Adults Group (25 – 45 y.o.)	1 st & 3 rd Saturday 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	KLMontgomery@me.com
	Salt & Light	Sunday 1:30 - 3:00 pm	Mount of Olives Room 123456789nc@gmail.com
	Village	Sunday 2:30 - 4:00 pm	Room 402 pearce.roberts07@gmail.com

Restarts Jan. 9

Restarts Jan. 18

English Congregation Participation & GBC Staff Information

2024.12.29 (Online & in Person)		Attendance	Offerings	<u>GBC Staff Contacts</u>
Service – Weekly Views		362	*142,086	Peter Wu Senior Pastor
Morning Service		283	102,436	Ivory Chung Director of Administration Office (02) 2362-5321 #113
Evening Service		79	21,298	Samuel Huang Audiovisual Support samuel@gbc.org.tw (02) 2362-5321 #119
Year-End Prayer Meeting		30	...	
Year-End Celebration		87	...	
Sunday School Classes	Preschool	...	...	<u>GBC English Staff Contacts</u> Nick Brideson English Leading Pastor nick@gbc.org.tw Priscilla Liao English Minister priscilla@gbc.org.tw Sue Jenny 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
	Children	...	...
	Youth	...	...
	Adult	56	...	
Small Groups		51	...	
Music	Choir	16	...	
	Hallel Singers	...	...
Indian Fellowship		...	...
Mabuhay Fellowship		6	...	

** These offerings are GBC overall online/weekly donations.*

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

Visitor Form / Prayer Request

January 5, 2025

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 (✓)? 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: Young Adults Mabuhay (Philippines) Indians

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