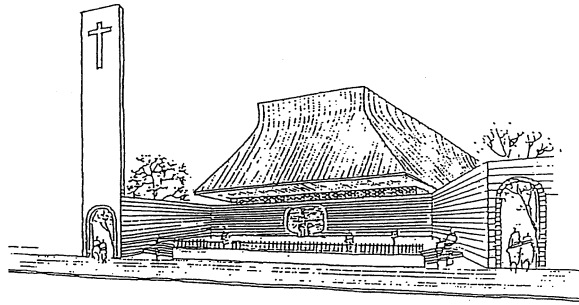


Grace Baptist Church

Sunday, May 17, 2026
 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/Prayer Meetings	Suitable for	Location
Chinese Services	6:00-7:10 p.m.	Chinese Saturday Evening Service	All	Sanctuary/Online
	8:30-9:40 a.m.	Chinese Morning Service	All	Sanctuary/Online
	11:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m.	Chinese Noon Service	All	Sanctuary/Online
	6:00-7:15 p.m.	Chinese Evening Service		Room 401
English Services	10:00-11:10 a.m.	English Morning Service		Sanctuary/Online
5:30-7:00 p.m.	English Evening Service	Coleman Hall		
Others	10:30-11:45 a.m.	Taiwanese Service	All	Room 301
	11:15 a.m.-12:50 p.m.	Chinese Children's Service	Children (age 3-12)	Kindergarten
	11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.	Chinese Students Service	Students	Coleman Hall
	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/Online
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, May 17, 2026

Prelude		Michael Tsai
Greeting/Prayer		Cherrie Lim
Worship through Music	<i>"His Mercy Is More"</i> <i>"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"</i>	
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Nick Brideson
Worship through Music	<i>"Our Heart"</i> <i>"Endless Hallelujah"</i>	Cherrie Lim
Offertory Prayer/Tithes and Offerings		Jody Ku
Doxology		
Special Music	<i>"Be Thou My Vision"</i>	Choir
Pray for Our Church		Michael Huang
Scripture Reading	Matthew 25:1-13	
Message	Active Faith	Pastor Nick Brideson
Response Song	<i>"Wonderful Merciful Savior"</i>	
Welcome		
Closing Prayer		
Closing Song	<i>"As the Lord Is with Us"</i>	Cherrie Lim
Postlude		Michael Tsai



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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, May 17, 2026

Prelude		Michael Tsai
Prayer		Eric Jheng, Leader
Worship through Music	<i>"The First Hymn"</i>	
Greeting		
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Nick Brideson
Worship through Music	<i>"King of Kings"</i> <i>"Christus Victor (Amen)"</i> <i>"Speak O Lord"</i>	Eric Jheng, Leader
Offertory Prayer		Menzi Nhlengethwa
Tithes and Offerings		
Pray for Our Church		Cesar Gonzalez
Scripture Reading	Matthew 25:1-13	
Message	Active Faith	Pastor Nick Brideson
Response Song	<i>"I Set My Hope on Jesus"</i>	
Welcome		
Closing Prayer		
Closing Song	<i>"Christus Victor (Amen)"</i>	Eric Jheng, 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: Active Faith

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

Speaker: Pastor Nick Brideson

May 17, 2026

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13 (NASB)

¹ "Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² "Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. ³ "For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps. ⁵ "Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep. ⁶ "But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ "Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ "The foolish said to the prudent, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ "But the prudent answered, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ "And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. ¹¹ "Later the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.' ¹² "But he answered, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

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. We pray for caring & healing, church ministries, missions, the lost, and the world. 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.

2026 Graduation Worship Service (in Chinese)

This year’s Graduation Service (in Chinese) will be held on Saturday June 13, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in Coleman Hall. It is to bless students who will be graduating this year from elementary/junior high/high school, college, and graduate school and provide a special memory for them as they enter this next stage of life. Registration is by June 7 at the front desk or through the Chinese bulletin.



10th Memorial Concert for Rev. Chow Lien-Hua (周聯華牧師)

This event will be held on August 8, 2026, in Chinese. We sincerely invite brothers and sisters who are gifted with singing and would like to serve, to scan the QR code to join (in Chinese).



Friday Night Concerts ~ Invite Friends to Attend

Time/Place: 7:30 p.m. Fridays, in GBC Sanctuary
(Date and theme for the upcoming concerts are shown in the table below.)

These concerts are excellent opportunities to invite non-believing friends to church. The introduction will be in Chinese. Admission is free!



For more information on these concerts, please visit the GBC website at: ec.gbc.org.tw

Concert Date	Theme in Chinese	Theme in English
May 22	詩歌 vs. 韓德爾神劇「參孫」選粹	Songs and Selections from Handel’s Oratorio <i>Samson</i>
June 12	大提琴呂超倫獨奏會	Cello Recital by Chao-Lun Lü
June 26	榮美禮讚：管風琴、管樂與人聲的盛夏協奏	Glorious Praise: A Midsummer Concert for Organ, Brass, and Voices

Pre-conference Seminars

The theme for this year’s GBC Missions Conference is “*Cross-Generational Mission Legacy*.” GBC will have pre-conference seminars (in Chinese) as below, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in Coleman Hall. Please plan to join them if you understand Chinese.

- **TODAY:** Pastor Xia ChaoFan (夏超凡牧師) on “*Cross-Generational Unified Missions Strategy*”
- **May 24:** Pastor Winston Chiu (邱顯正牧師) on “*Insights on Bible Translation*”

Mabuhay Fellowship

Today, May 17, the Mabuhay Fellowship will have a worship music team practice at 1:30 p.m. in Basement Room B05.



On May 24, we will not meet.

New Members' Class TODAY

If you are applying for baptism on June 28, or if you have been meeting steadily with us and would like to join us and accept Grace Baptist Church as your spiritual home to learn and grow together in God's Word, to fellowship, to build each other up in the Lord or to serve in certain ministries, you need to attend a New Members' class.



Our next New Members' class is **TODAY**, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Room 307. It is a one-time only class. Please go directly to the class and bring ONE 2-inch ID picture for the registration form.

During that class, we will talk about what it means to be a member of Grace Baptist Church, what we believe, our church strategy, and our purpose.

Missions Conference 2026/5/30-31

Theme: Cross-Generational Mission Legacy

~ You are encouraged to join the Mission Conference activities ~

Date	Time/Language	Type	Location	Speaker/Topic/Scripture
5/30 (Sat.)	14:30-15:10 <English/Chinese>	Workshop	4F floor	Digital Field - For Us, It Is Both Near and Far (Hikali Yeh)
	15:15-16:15 <English/Chinese>			Global Missions Kept Me in Church (Kim Chiu/Peter Chiu)
	16:20 - 17:00 <English/Chinese>			Missionary Care and Support (OMF Hsiang Ru)
	18:00-20:10 <English/Chinese>	All Nations Worship Night	Coleman Hall	Rev. Hudson Taylor IV
5/31 (Sun.)	08:30-09:40 <Chinese>	Chinese Morning Service	Sanctuary	Rev. Hudson Taylor IV
	10:00-11:10	English Morning Service	Sanctuary	Rev. Hudson Taylor IV
	11:30-12:30	Children's Mission Sunday Service	Room 401	Peter Chiu
	14:00-15:00	Seminar	Room 401	Rev. Ben Hoskins
	17:30-19:00	English Evening Service	Coleman Hall	Rev. Ben Hoskins

Keynote Speakers:

Rev. Hudson Taylor IV (Picture: Left)

Education

- Asbury Theological Seminary (D.Min.)
- Asbury Theological Seminary (M.Div.)
- Seattle Pacific University (B.A)

Current Position

- President of China Evangelical Seminary
- Professor-level Professional Specialist in Practical Theology, China Evangelical Seminary

Experience

- Board Member and Professor, Chung Yuan Christian University
- Professor of China Evangelical Seminary
- Director of Chinese Mobilization Ministry, Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF)
- Board Member of Holy Light Theological Seminary



Pastor Ben Hoskins (Picture: Right)

Ben Hoskins is a graduate of Gateway Baptist Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry. Appointed by the International Mission Board in 2008, he has served in East Asia planting churches, leading teams, and training gospel workers. He was a founding member of Huayu International Missions, an Asian Baptist Mission Agency, and currently serves with the International Mission Board as the Cluster Leader for Global Chinese Ministry. Ben and his wife, Tabitha, live in Taipei with their four kids.

More announcements on next page



UNDERSTANDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE GOSPEL

The places that most need the gospel are often the hardest to enter.

Q1. The “10/40 Window” (between 10°–40° north latitude) is ...?

- A. where about 10% of the world’s population live
- B. the major Christian region of North America and Europe
- C. where many people but few Christians live
- D. the most Christian part of the world

Answer: C

About 2/3 of the world’s population lives in this region, but it is one of the hardest places for the gospel to reach.

Q2. In an “Unreached People Group” ... ?

- A. no one believes in Jesus
- B. no church buildings exist
- C. the few Christians lack the ability to sustain/spread the gospel themselves
- D. no missionaries have entered

Answer: C

“Unreached” does not simply mean “unbelieving.”

An unreached people group often lacks Bibles in the native language, local churches, and spiritual leaders.

Christians can make up less than 2% of the population and lack the resources to pass on the gospel within their community.

What Can I Do?

1. **Learn** about one unreached people group this week.
2. **Pray** for the 10/40 Window for 10 minutes.
3. **Connect** with someone from a different cultural background.
4. **Decide** to try to understand.

Q3. In the 10/40 Window, converting to Christianity might mean ...?

- A. making a religious choice
- B. changing lifestyle
- C. losing everything socially
- D. attending a different church

Answer: C

In some regions, becoming Christian may mean losing:

- Family
- Employment
- Inheritance rights
- Personal safety
- All social support and relationships

Q4. In some places, people “cannot see the gospel” because ...?

- A. they do not want to know
- B. the Bible does not exist
- C. governments and systems block information
- D. missionaries are not trying hard enough

Answer: C

In some regions:

- The Bible is banned
- Christian gatherings are restricted
- Searching for “Jesus” online may be monitored or blocked

It is not that they reject the gospel — many have never truly had access to it.

Q5. The greatest barrier to missions is ...?

- A. distance
- B. language
- C. culture and understanding
- D. money

Answer: C

Many people are not rejecting Jesus — they simply never have been understood properly.

Crossing cultural barriers is the true mission field.

“I heard the voice of the Lord saying: ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” — Isaiah 6:8

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

**** Beginning Christian Life ****

Christianity 101 - required for baptism (Spencer Vines)	11:30 a.m.	B05
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**** 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 (Gunner S.)
Room B04 (Roy Treurnicht)		
WanFu 22C (Kevin Hartman)		
Mount of Olives (Maria Sagita)		

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

(Leading teacher: Jorge Valle)	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.	Cry Room & 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 1:45 - 4:00 p.m.	WanFu 22 yedukondaluster@gmail.com

★ Transformation Group (Friday 7:15 - 8:45 p.m.) → Restarts March 6, 2026

★ 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 307 roytreur@gmail.com
Students	Students English Conversation Group	Friday 12:20 - 1:10 pm	priscilla@gbc.org.tw
	International Students Group	Saturday 7:00 - 9:00 pm	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
	Alpha	Thursday 7:30 - 9:00 pm	Alpha.GBC.Taiwan@gmail.com
	HsinChu Bible Study Group	Friday 7:30 - 8:45 pm	HsinChu rmanlim@gmail.com
	Salt & Light	Sunday 1:30 - 3:00 pm	Mount of Olives Room 123456789nc@gmail.com
	Men’s Group	Sunday 4:00 - 5:20 pm	Room 306 cesaledro57@gmail.com
Ministry	Prison Visitation		wonghans53@gmail.com

On break

English Congregation Participation & GBC Staff Information

2026.05.10 (Online & in Person)		Attendance	Offerings	<u>GBC Staff Contacts</u>	
Service – Weekly Views		253	*58,706	Tsen-Jen Wu Senior Pastor	
Morning Service		286	122,581	Ivory Chung Director of Administration Office (02) 2362-5321 #113	
Evening Service		91	15,960	Samuel Huang Audiovisual Support samuel@gbc.org.tw (02) 2362-5321 #119	
Wednesday Prayer Meeting		24	...		
Sunday School Classes	Preschool	16	428	<u>GBC English Staff Contacts</u>	
	Children	44		Nick Brideson English Leading Pastor nick@gbc.org.tw	
	Youth	27	...	Priscilla Liao English Minister priscilla@gbc.org.tw	
	Adult	64	...	SueJenny Hsu English Secretary suejenny@gbc.org.tw (02) 2362-5321 #136	
Small Groups		73	...	Stella Chen English Part-time Secretary stella@gbc.org.tw (02) 2362-5321 #132	
Transformation		11	...		
Music	Choir	18	...		
	Hallel Singers	17	...		
Indian Fellowship		16	...		
Mabuhay Fellowship		5	...		

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

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

Visitor Form / Prayer Request

May 17, 2026

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 Website IG Other _____

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

I'd like information on:

- Sunday School classes Youth 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
 Please schedule a time for me to meet a pastor/minister