

## SERMON NOTES

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Scripture: Gen 12-22 • Speaker: Rev Lau Pak Soon

#### Reflection Questions:

1. How would you react if God telling you right now...  
“It’s never too late.”  
“No need to rush around.”  
“Be patient.”  
“Why don’t you believe in me?”  
“What will you do about that this week?”
2. If you could ask God one question, what would you ask? Why?  
What do you hope to achieve?
3. Who is God to you?

**Senior Pastor:**  
Rev Chua Yeow San

**English Congregational Pastor:**  
Rev John Loke

**EC Ministry Worker (Family Ministry):**  
Sis Jannie Chiu



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## UNCHANGING MISSION FOR A CHANGING WORLD

7 July 2024  
11:30am



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**WELCOME** to the English Congregation Worship Service!

(Online Streaming: [www.youtube.com/c/gracesccchurch](http://www.youtube.com/c/gracesccchurch))

Family News  
Pastoral Prayer

Worship in Praise  
Responsive Reading  
Worship in Offering

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:10-33

Sermon:

Speaker • Rev Lau Pak Soon

#### Spiritual Growth

Genesis 12-22

Response Song

Benediction

Silent Meditation

Pastor/ Deacon On Duty • Rev John Loke

Worship Leader • *Timothy Wong*

*Kindly switch all mobile devices to silent mode during service*

#### OUR COMMUNITY

Children Sunday School	Sunday, 11:30am Onsite
Youth Worship (Secondary) (Tertiary)	Sunday, 9:30am Online/ On-site Online/ On-site on some Sundays to be informed by fellowship mentors
Youth Fellowship (Secondary) (Tertiary)	Sunday, 10:45am Online/ On-site Online/ On-site on some Sundays to be informed by fellowship mentors
Cell Groups	Kindly contact EC pastor
Lunch Fellowship	1st Sunday of each month

Please contact the church office or EC Pastor for more information.

CHURCH NEWS

**Saturday Worship** is celebrating its 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 13 July. We give thanks to the Lord and let us uphold the spiritual growth of their members in our prayers.

**YOUTH WORSHIP (YOUTH DAY)**  
Title: *Live wisely!*  
Text: Ephesians 5:15-17 (ESV)  
Speaker: Pastor Teo Kah Hong

**GRACE CHURCH MUSIC DAY**  
**13 July (Sat) | 7:00pm | Sanctuary, 2/F**  
Church Music Ministry is presenting / organising **2024 Grace Music Day** Handel's Oratorio **Messiah** Concert. Church members are encouraged to participate. Please refer to the posters for more details.

**PASTORAL MOVEMENT**  
Rev Chua will observe his Spiritual Retreat from 8 July to 20 July.

**LIBRARY COZY CORNER RENOVATION**  
Following extensive feedback from church members, pastoral staff, and administrative teams, the Deacon Board has greenlit a renovation project aimed at enhancing our library's amenities. The focal points of this initiative include:

- Creating a dedicated cozy corner for church members to engage and connect and a conducive environment for pastoral and administrative staff to collaborate effectively.
- Providing a welcoming space for church visitors to relax and wait comfortably.
- Transforming the library into an inviting and dynamic space for all to enjoy.

The renovation plan involves expanding the library area and installing glass doors by removing a side wall. Scheduled to commence on 8 July and conclude on 12 July 2024, the renovation hours will be from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM on weekdays (Monday to Friday).


To facilitate smooth construction operations, we kindly request church members to avoid parking vehicles at Gate 4 during this period. Parking on-site is permitted; however, we ask that vehicles display owner's name and contact number for potential relocation needs. For safety reasons, please refrain from entering the construction area and take necessary precautions to protect personal belongings due to anticipated noise and dust. Contractor personnel will be identifiable by company-branded T-shirts, and we are committed to maintaining site cleanliness with daily storage of materials and equipment by 6:00 PM. No construction activities will occur on Saturdays, Sundays, or public holidays.

Your understanding and cooperation throughout this renovation process are greatly appreciated. Together, we look forward to unveiling an improved library space that enriches our church community.

**FAMILY CONCERT UPDATES**  
Family Concert program on 1 June has been produced into video. Interested members are encouraged to watch and share with new friends to watch by clicking on the following QR code for the video.



**2024-2026 DEACONS ELECTION**  
Please refer to Page 4 for details.

**MODES OF OFFERING:**  
a) **PayNow** (is now available to **ALL** funds)  
**UEN S61SS0111H** or QR code.  
Please refer to the Church Website or Mobile App for the bank references.  
  
b) **Mail crossed cheque to church**  
• Envelope with prepaid postage will be available upon request.  
• Please call Finance Executive at 6332 6836.  
c) **Online Banking**  
THE GRACE (S'PORE CHINESE CHRISTIAN) CHURCH  
DBS Bank A/C No.: 033-022323-4

**RECRUITMENT NOTICE**  
• *English Congregation Pastor*  
• *Mandarin Congregation Pastor*  
Please refer to the Church website for details. Interested applicants may email their resumes with any required information to: [hr@gsgccc.org.sg](mailto:hr@gsgccc.org.sg)

MISSION NEWS

**51<sup>ST</sup> MISSION CONVENTION DIGITAL HANDBOOK, FAITH PLEDGE & COMMITMENT FORMS**  
  
The closing date for submitting faith pledge and commitment forms (digital or hardcopy) is **31 July**.  
  
The amount pledged to date is \$847,525 and the number of Faith Pledge forms submitted is 230.

The number of Commitment Forms submitted is 126: 28 indicated a personal commitment to serve full-time or 3 months; 124 are keen to be involved in mission activities; 80 desire to participate in local cross-cultural missions; 134 will be active in

providing member-care to missionaries; and 24 are considering BAM (Business as Mission) or tentmaking. **Note:** Numbers tally is based on options indicated per section.

a. The link and QR code of digital commitment form:



<https://tinyurl.com/51MCCcommitment>

b. The link and QR code of digital faith pledge:

  
<https://tinyurl.com/51MCFaithPledge>

c. The link and QR code of digital handbooks:

English version:

<https://tinyurl.com/51MCHBdownload>

Chinese version:

<https://tinyurl.com/51MCHBdownload-C>

**51<sup>ST</sup> MISSION CONVENTION SERMONS**  
The sermons by Dr Kwa Kiem-Kiok can be accessed on the church website and church mobile app until the end of July.

**MISSIONS CONNECT**  
**13 July (Sat) | 1:30-3:30pm** | Rooms 102-5

Topics: *Theological Education + Youth Mission Trip sharing*

Speakers: Dr Samuel Too (East Asia School of Theology) + Youth mission team

Theological education is an academic discipline that explores religious beliefs, practices, and experiences intending to promote intellectual development, spiritual growth, and the formation of pastoral skills. It includes the study of sacred texts, doctrine, historical development, ethics, and practical pastoral care to prepare individuals for leadership roles in church communities and to more effectively help to fulfill the Great Commission entrusted to us by the Lord.

- Scope:
- Understand the purpose and methods of theological education
  - Think about who needs theological equipping and how to do so
  - Recognize areas where theological education falls short and how we can avoid getting bogged down in theological myths and controversies

Come as well to hear about our recent youth mission trip to Bangkok, serving in sports, community, children and urban poor ministry!

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**MISSION PRAYER NEWS – PUBLISHED ON 7 JULY**

Please log in to the church mobile app to obtain an e-copy of the latest mission prayer news. **Note:** For members and regular attendees who have registered with church only.

**EC NEWS**

**EC PRAYER FELLOWSHIP**

EC Prayer Fellowship will be held on **7 July (today)** at **2pm** in Room 106.

Note: There is **no** EC Lunch Fellowship.

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**EC EQUIPPING SCHOOL**

**12 July (Fri) | 7:45pm** | by Zoom

Speaker: Dr Roland Chia

Topic: *Critical Social Justice and the Bible*

This talk examines the ideology behind the contemporary critical justice movement. It shows that the inspiration behind this movement’s understanding of justice is not the Bible or the biblical worldview but social Marxism, postmodernism and critical theory.

The talk will contrast this modern secular understanding of justice with the biblical concept.

Critical social justice has very little to do with justice, as it is traditionally understood. Critical social justice is nourished by a toxic ideology which in fact perpetuates injustice, and leads to the destructive polarisation of society.

**About the Speaker**

Dr Roland Chia is Chew Hock Hin Professor of Christian Doctrine at Trinity Theological College and Theological and Research Advisor at the Ethos Institute for Public Christianity (<https://ethosinstitute.sg/>).

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**EC SENIORS MINISTRY**

EC is starting an activity-based program for seniors (50 years old and above) who are conversant in English. The program will kick off on **16 July 2024** from **10:30am to 3pm** and will meet twice a month (on a Tuesday) from August onwards. Non-church members are welcome to attend. For more information, kindly check with Bro Johnny Pang & Rev John Loke.

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**EC RETREAT**  
**4-7 Dec 2024 (Wed-Sat)**  
**Lotus Desaru Beach Resort**

Registration is now open!

Please scan or access link:



[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPeJJr-NVfEacYq2Sm19UeLmwZiVTcmgRtU-SrktIDatv4A/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPeJJr-NVfEacYq2Sm19UeLmwZiVTcmgRtU-SrktIDatv4A/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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**OUR FAITHFULNESS (30 JUNE 2024)**

On-site attendance (incl. service crew):148

No. of livestream worship units (max): 32

EC Offering (Overall): \$8,936

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**MEETING**

*Mission Com Meeting*

**14 July (Sun) | 2pm** | Rooms 407-8

*DB Meeting*

**24 July (Wed) | 7:30pm** | Online

	14 July 2024
Speaker	Bro David Leong
Title & Scripture	<i>Building Strong Marriages</i> Proverbs 24:3-4
Pastor On Duty	Rev John Loke
Worship Leader	Ruth Wong

## 2024-2026 DEACONS ELECTION

- 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Election of Deacons 2024-2026 (two-year term) will be held on 22 September 2024 (Sunday). The deacon board has decided to conduct the AGM onsite and details will be given later. Please be reminded that participation at AGM and Election of Deacons is a membership obligation.
- According to the Church Constitution, there shall be no more than 15 deacons in the Deacon Board. The number of nominees for the coming Election shall be at least 11 in total and 8 deacons shall be elected. Together with the 6 deacons of the current term, there will be a total of 14 members in the new Deacon Board 2024/2025. A deacon's term of office shall be two years and he/she shall be eligible for re-election for a maximum of one consecutive term, except for the office of Treasurer.
- Out of the 14 deacons in the current board, the term of 8 deacons (Ng Wee Hua Sean, Tse Man Hei, Mui Chee Yin Casey, Law Cham Leung Alex, Lui Chi Pang, Ng Sheng Tong Mervin, Lin Yin Peng, Kong Wai Meng Javier) would be up. Ng Wee Hua Sean, Tse Man Hei and Mui Chee Yin Casey are due for sabbatical and cannot stand for re-election, while the rest are eligible. The remaining 6 deacons (Mak Sum Shing Andrew, Young Tak Yue Taky, Leung Ka Hin, Cheok Ru Sern, Chong Fui Kim, Koh Kin Teng) need not stand for election this year.
- As per last year, the incumbent pastors and deacons plus members will concurrently make their nominations of candidates. Members who wish to make nominations may obtain the "Nomination Form for Election of Deacons" by downloading it from our Church "Mobile App".
- Members who wish to table item(s) for discussion during the AGM should write in to the Deacon Board before or on 11 August 2024 (Sunday) through Deacon Board Secretary via his email address (Javierkong.gscc@gmail.com), which will deliberate on the suggested items and where suitable, will include the item(s) in the AGM Agenda. The person tabling the item(s) has to be present on the day of AGM to participate in the discussion.
- The nomination has started from 07 July 2024. The completed nomination forms and proposed item(s) should reach Deacon Board Secretary via his email address (Javierkong.gscc@gmail.com) before or on 11 August 2024 (Sunday). The Deacon Board shall deliberate on all the nominees in the CLC meeting on 17 August 2024. Please uphold the preparation of AGM and Election of Deacons in prayer.