

## SERMON NOTES

### CAN WE BUILD IT AGAIN?

Scripture: Ezra 3:10-13 • Speaker: Dr Fong Choon Sam

#### Reflection Questions:

1. Have you had a personal experience where God provided both the opportunity to do something and the resources to see it through? Share it with the group as a thanksgiving.
2. Have you participated with a believing community to build or achieve something and completed it? What difficulties did you experience? How did you feel when it was done?
3. What might God's spiritual rebuilding of his people look like in your church? How would leaders and members cooperate?

**Senior Pastor:**  
Rev Chua Yeow San

**English Congregational Pastor:**  
Rev John Loke

**EC Ministry Worker (Family Ministry):**  
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# UNCHANGING MISSION FOR A CHANGING WORLD

1 September 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

Missions Commissioning

Scripture Reading

Sermon:

Speaker • Dr Fong Choon Sam

**Can We Build It Again?**

Ezra 3:10-13

Response Song

Benediction

Silent Meditation

Pastor/ Deacon On Duty • Rev John Loke

Worship Leader • *Ruth 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

### YOUTH WORSHIP

Title: *Fear not!*

Text: Psalm 121 (ESV)

Speaker: Pastor Teo Kah Hong

### PASTORAL MOVEMENT

We thank God that the Deacon Board has approved the employment of **Rev Joseph Hiow** as **Family Ministry Pastor**. Rev Hiow is a Church member of Kulai Vision Church. He is joining the Church staff team from 1 Sep 2024 and reports to the Senior Pastor's office. Rev Hiow's installation is held on 1 Sep at MC Sunday Service. Please remember Rev Hiow in prayer for his adjustment to the new position.

### GRACE ELDERLY WORLD

**5 Sep 2024 (Thu) | 10:30am-3pm**

A **Mid-Autumn Celebration Lunch** will be organised.

Activities: Cantonese song presentation by seniors, games, riddles etc

Fee: \$2 (include a free small moon cake).

All elderly members are welcome to attend.

### GRACE ELDERLY WORLD - OUTING TO S.E.A.

**19 Sep 2024 (Thu) | 10am - 3pm**

Venue: Aquarium, Sentosa

Ticket: \$29; Transports: MRT+LRT

Lunch at own cost (Malaysian Food Street)

Registration is limited to 50 pax.

Please register with Bro Yee Tong Hoi.

Registration Deadline: 15 Sep 2024

### STAFF DAY

will be held on 12 Sep (Thu). Please pray for the logistics and participants to have an enriching time of learning and fellowship. Should there be any urgent matters, all staff are within the contact via the Church's main line at 6337 7144 which will be rerouted to a staff's mobile, or you may contact the respective pastors directly.

### PRE-AGM DIALOGUE SESSION

**14 Sep (Sat) | 1pm** | via Zoom

You can register via

<https://tinyurl.com/gcpream2024> to attend the pre-AGM dialogue session; the deadline for this registration is 6 pm on 13 September 2024.

### 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) AND ELECTION OF DEACONS 2024-2026

Please refer to attachment on the last page.

### MID-AUTUMN MUSIC CONCERT

**14 Sep (Sat) | 7pm** | Level 1

China Friends Fellowship of Mandarin Congregation will hold a Mid-Autumn Music Concert on 14 Sep at 7:00pm on the first floor of the church. The event will feature a variety of activities, including music, poetry, testimonies, and games, along with a simultaneous children's program. Mooncakes and light refreshments will be provided. We encourage you to invite your Chinese friends to join, so that more people can come to know Jesus Christ. You can contact Bro Yu Sudong (98366601) to register. The registration deadline is 11 Sep.

### GRACE COMMUNITY SERVICES: PINGPONG (TABLE TENNIS)

We are delighted to announce that the MPH on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor will be open for table tennis from Tuesday to Thursday (except public holiday) during specific times from 1 Sep 2024. We warmly welcome all members to organize themselves with their playing partners and join us for some fun and friendly matches.

### Booking Details:

Sessions: Each session lasts for 2 hours.

How to Book: Please book your session through the QR code or link provided.

Invite Friends: Feel free to invite your friends to play along with you!

Important: Please follow the usage rules for the MPH room.

Booking Link:

<https://calendly.com/com-services-gsccc/table-tennis-booking>



### 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**

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### 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@gsccc.org.sg](mailto:hr@gsccc.org.sg)

## FAMILY NEWS

### CONDOLENCES

- The mother of CC Bro Mike Chan Chi Wing had gone home to the Lord on 23 Aug in Hong Kong. The funeral service will be held on 21 Sep.

## MISSION NEWS

### SHORT-TERM MISSIONS PROGRAM

Sister Lin Yin Ling (EC MCR, mission committee member) will be on church-supported short-term missions program to COCM, UK from Sep 2024 to Jan 2025. She is leaving on 9 Sep. She will be extending her assistance to our supporting missionary,

Chu Yin in student engagements/outreaches, evangelical fellowships and camps. Pray for preparation, her involvement in the overseas student ministry and God's guidance in her future for missions. We will conduct a commissioning prayer for her at EC service today.

### MISSION CONNECT

Date: **7 Sep 2024** (Note: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday)

Time: **1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

Venue: Rooms 102-105

Topic: *Importance of Cross-Cultural Training*

Speaker: Louis Lau (Dean, Asian Cross-Cultural Training Institute)

Cross-cultural training is extremely important. Most of us know IQ and EQ but very few do know of CQ (cultural Intelligence). Whether one goes out as a missionary, or one doing business or working abroad or remaining in Singapore, everyone needs CQ to function effectively and being in good relationships with other nationalities as we live in a globalized village. Come and join us as we hear the ministry from the dean of ACTI - a cross-cultural training institute for nearly 40 years that prepares workers, BAM'ers, tentmakers and mission executives for the field.

### TRANSITION UPDATE

Edwin & Mary (OM) will be leaving for West Asia on 6 September to focus on BAM (Business as Mission) and bi-vocational ministry. Pray for their transition as we continue our partnership and support for them.

### MISSION PRAYER NEWS – PUBLISHED ON 1 SEPTEMBER

Please log in to the church mobile app to obtain an e-copy of the latest mission prayer news. You can search/find it under 'Menu' -> click into 'Mission' to access. Note: For members and regular attendees who have registered with church only.

**CHILD DEDICATION**

Parents who wish to present their child for Child Dedication on **13 Oct** (Sun) may register with Rev John Loke. Application closing date is **today**.

**EC RETREAT**

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

Registrations for the EC Retreat will close on **15 Sep**. Those registered will be informed how and when to make payment for the retreat - the church has already placed a non-refundable deposit with the resort.

Please scan QR or access link for registration:



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

**OUR FAITHFULNESS (25 AUG 2024)**

On-site attendance (incl. service crew):144  
No. of livestream worship units (max): 28  
EC Offering (Overall): \$5,191.13

**MEETING**

*Church Music Ministry Meeting*

**8 Sep** (Sun) | **2pm** | Room 101

*Mission Com Meeting*

**8 Sep** (Sun) | **2pm** | Rooms 407-8

*DB Meeting*

**18 Sep** (Wed) | **7:30pm** | Online

**Evergreen Community Program in Sep 2024 - Workshops/Talk/Other Activities:**

Sep	10 to 10.30 am	10.45 to 12.30 pm	12.30 to 1.45 pm	2 to 3 pm
3	Physical Workout	<b>Brain Gym &amp; Cup Song</b> - by Gillian & Johnny	Lunch	Special Interest Activities - crochet, Rummikub & chess
10	Physical Workout	Special Interest Activities - crochet, Rummikub & chess	Lunch	Move It Feel Young Workshop by <b>Health Promotion Board</b>
17	Physical Workout	<b>Mobile Photography 2</b> - talk cum demonstration by <b>Stephanie Yan</b>	Lunch	Special Interest Activities - crochet, Rummikub & chess
24	Physical Workout	Special Interest Activities - crochet, Rummikub & chess	Lunch	Let's be strong together Workshop by <b>Health Promotion Board</b>

All are welcome to attend. Please note that for the two Health Promotion Board (HPB) workshops, participants are requested to book their slots in advance through the 365 app on their smartphones. If you have any questions or queries, please contact any Evergreen Community Committee member – Johnny Pang, John Ng, Rena Ng, Gillian, Shaw Lan or Elizabeth Pang.

# Introduction

**Rev. Dr. Joseph Hiow**  
**Family Ministry Pastor**



When I was in secondary school, I started pondering about what life was all about. As a young boy, I always believed that life is wonderful, precious, yet mysterious and incomprehensible. Though I had many questions concerning life, I had no answers to all of them. For instance, "Who am I?" "Why am I in this world?" The more I tried to find all these answers, the more I would get into frustration, anxiety, and restlessness as a result. Hence, I avoided asking.

Then in secondary 4, a good friend introduced me to a pastor of a church in hometown, Kulai, Johor. The pastor encouraged me to join his church. I still remember, there was a short term mission team from Singapore holding an evangelistic rally, entitled, "Sheep That Are Not Of This Sheep Pen." (John 10: 16) I was touched by God's love and was so excited to know that God loves me so much that He died for me, a sinner, at the cross. During the altar call, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior.

In 1993, I joined a 3-month discipleship training course by a few Chinese Presbyterian churches in Johor. At that time, God affirmed His calling in my life by building up my faith in Him and His Word. I remember the message through Rev Liu Bi Chai on Matthew 9: 35-38, "...The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." I was really moved by the message, and committed myself for God's mission and His kingdom as a pastor and Bible teacher. In 1996, with the affirmation and encouragement from my church pastor and leaders, I enrolled for my theological training at Singapore Bible College. I then embarked on my journey serving as a pastor in Malaysia and Singapore up to today.

I am married to Tirtawati Wijaya (Christine) and we have four lovely children aged from 12 to 17 years old.

May all glory and honor be to God. Amen.

**1. 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Election of Deacons 2024-2026 (two-year term)** will be held on **22 September 2024** (Sunday). Please be reminded that participation at AGM and Election of Deacons is a membership obligation.

**2.** 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 12 in total and 9 deacons shall be elected. Together with the 6 deacons of the current term, there will be a total of 15 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.

Nominees:

CC: Wendy Chu Hiu Wen, Javier Kong Wai Meng, Eric Chu Ming Cheung, Lui Chi Pang, Henry Poon Pui Him

MC: Mervin Ng Sheng Tong, Ronald Tsui Chin Hin, Sunny Chui Kuk Sun

EC: Terence Tan Chye Leng, Wong Yan Seng, Lin Yin Peng, Tse Man Yiu

Incumbent Deacons:

Mak Sum Shing Andrew, Young Tak Yue Taky, Leung Ka Hin, Cheok Ru Sern, Chong Fui Kim, Koh Kin Teng

**3.** At the AGM, members will be electing two internal auditors. The requirements are as follows:

- i) Being a member of Grace (SCC) Church for 3 years and above;
- ii) In compliance with the auditor's code of confidentiality;
- iii) Possessing a minimum of 3 years' accounting and/ or auditing experience; LCC Higher Certificate (or equivalent) or higher.

**4. The agenda for Annual General Meeting are as follows:**

- 1. Opening Prayer and Thanksgiving by Rev. Chua Yeow San
- 2. To Confirm the Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2023
- 3. To Accept the Annual Report and Financial Report for the Period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024
- 4. To Confirm the Appointment of the Trustees 2024/2025
- 5. To Approve the Appointment of Two Internal Auditors for the Financial Period from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025
- 6. To Approve the Appointment of the External Auditor for the Financial Year 2024/2025
- 7. To Approve the Budget for Grace Church Combined Retreat Camp 2025
- 8. Annual Election of Deacons 2024 (2-year term)
- 9. Any Other Matters
- 10. Closing Prayer by Rev. See Choo Har

	<b>8 September 2024</b>
Speaker	Rev John Loke
Title & Scripture	<i>The Heart of Christian Servanthood</i> Philippians 2:3-8
Pastor On Duty	Rev John Loke
Worship Leader	Timothy Wong