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To glorify God as a  
cell-based church,  
passionately  
multiplying disciples  
locally and  
worldwide.

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Grace Gospel Church of North York

A special welcome to our Sunday Celebration. We welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! An especially warm welcome to those who are visiting with us. We invite you to fill in a Connection Card at the Connection Table. We look forward to getting to know you.

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION!  
Jan 7, 2024

**It All Starts with God**

What On Earth Am I Here For?

Worship James Relunia

Prayer Deacon Howard Chin

Scripture Reading

Sermon Rev. Ted Tham

Communion Rev. Ted Tham  
Deacon Xiao Wang, Deacon Howard  
Chin, Deaconess Sylvia Szeto, Deaconess  
Jessica Leung

Doxology Pastor Santos Chan

Benediction Rev. Ted Tham

Announcements Pastor Santos Chan

Audio: Simeon Wong

Stream: Justin Chiu

2024 Theme: Be a Spiritual Community  
(Romans 12:1-2)

## **It All Starts with God**

Ephesians 1:11-14

11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are **God's possession**—to the praise of his glory.

We should focus on God and not ourselves because in Christ **we've been...**

- (1) Chosen (to be childlike)
- (2) Predestined (for God's plans & praise)
- (3) Sealed (and secure in God's Spirit)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30-10:45AM)

GROUP	Topic	Room	Contact
Youth (Grades 7—8)	Growing in Christ (Dec—Feb)	N44	William Hamilton Pastor Santos Chan
Youth (Grades 9—10)	Serving KLS (Dec—Feb)		
Youth (Grades 11—12)	Old Testament Survey (Dec—Feb)	N45	Andrew Leung, Payton, Pastor Santos Chan
Adults	Minor Prophets (2024)	Sat (10-11am) Zoom	Pastor Michelle Kim
Adults	Acts (2024)	Conference Room	Rev. Ted Tham, Dr. Robert Yeung, Pastor Michelle Kim

## KLS (CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL)

PROGRAM	Age	Room	Details
Preschool	2.5—4 years old	K62	Classrooms open from 9:30am to 12:45pm to children 2.5 years old to Grade 6.  Classes may be combined depending on the number of helpers available.
Kindergarten	4—5 years old	K63	
Junior	Grades 1—3	W27	
Senior	Grades 4—6	W28	

## KLS (CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP)

PROGRAM	Meeting Dates	Time	Details
In-Person (JK-Gr.6)	1st & 3rd Fri W28	7:30— 9:30pm	TBA
	2nd & 4th Sat W28	4:30— 6:00pm	

## CELL GROUPS

	Build your Faith. Grow in Love.
Contact: Santos (santos.chan@gcgcny.org)	Contact: Rev Ted (ted.tham@gcgcny.org)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth (grades 7-12 together)</li> <li>University/College</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Career</li> <li>New couples</li> <li>Families</li> <li>Mature</li> <li>Men</li> <li>Women</li> </ul>

## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

We are Looking For:

- Sunday School Teachers and Assistants (contact Carol: carolktse@gmail.com)
- Softball Ministry Leadership (contact Samuel Chan)
- Service Ushers—must be able to attend service in-person (contact Roland: c.rolandchan@gmail.com)
- Genesis (Youth Ministry) Adult Leader (contact Santos Chan, more info [\[here\]](#))
- "Rooted" (Post-secondary Discipleship Groups) Leaders (contact Elim or Miga)

# PRAYER MINISTRY

PRAYER HOTLINE	English 416.571.6680 Cantonese 416.561.8504 Mandarin 647.401.4323
PRAYER MEETINGS	
Teens Adults Men Mission	Cecilia (Fridays 7:15pm, bi-weekly) Rev. Ted (Sundays 9:15am, Wednesdays 7:15pm) Kevin Ho (Thursdays 9pm) See bulletin and website (gracegospel.ca)
	Prayer requests: <a href="http://gracegospel.ca">gracegospel.ca</a> (church website) Last Week's Prayer Meeting Count: 57

## PRAYER ITEMS

- English 1) We rejoice in the start of a New Year with our Lord! Please pray that each member and attendee of our English Worship would grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ this year, and that many more will come to know Him personally in 2024.  
2) Please pray for our English Adult Cell Ministries as we do some restructuring in early 2024.  
3) Pray for more to be discipled and serve in our English ministries.

Cantonese For Rev. Cheung to be refreshed during sabbatical leave. For everyone adjusting to fellowship model and build up more spiritual friendship.

Mandarin Pray for the preparation for the mission conference and short-term mission team; Pray for the ministry plan for the new year.

- Children 1) May the Lord lead all members of the KLS Team to follow Him closely in 2024, so that we can understand His will for His ministry.  
2) May the Lord grant love, wisdom and joy to KLS families, and lead them to walk closely with Christ together.

- Mission 1) For Dee (Creative Access Nations): They had an earthquake recently, thankfully no one was seriously injured near them, but there were over 100 dead near the epicenter. Pray for disaster recovery.  
2) For Josh (North Africa): Their family's travel and transition back to North Africa this month. Pray for reconnection with old friends and open doors for new relationships with young families.

Church For this year's theme "Be a Spiritual Community" that everyone will find a spiritual buddy to walk along.

Coveting your prayer for the Missionaries we support:

1. Emad Botros (CBM, Lebanon)
2. Joe Bridi (CBM, Lebanon)  
"Based in Beirut, Lebanon, Joe Bridi works with CBM's local partners to develop strategies for ministry and provide support to graduates of Arab Baptist Theological Seminary who are launching ministries in the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region. He helps monitor and evaluate existing projects, and provides implementation and reporting support for specific initiatives. He has a heart for people and serves Syrian refugees in his area by leading Bible studies and discipleship groups."
3. Suraj Komaravalli (CBM, India)
4. V & G (Africans in Montreal)
5. J (North Africa)
6. Kevin and Jessica (Japan)
7. Nicholas Chang (Light Patrol - Youth Unlimited)
8. Joanna Yee (Rahab Ministry)
9. Tim Phan (Ambassadors for Christ in Canada)

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

- Last Week's Attendance: Cantonese 164, Mandarin 128, English 132, Children 49, Tendercare 27
- Last Week's Offering: General 114,326.47 (YTD 1,087,513.38), Building 330 (YTD 15,060.33), Special Fund Mission 1,603.33 (YTD 24,536.66), Foodbank 1,105 (YTD 21,602.31).
- Join our Volleyball Ministry every Wed from 7:30-10:00pm. Register at [gcgcny.link/vball](https://gcgcny.link/vball). Contact Terence Ma ([terencecyma@gmail.com](mailto:terencecyma@gmail.com)) or Edwin Lee ([edwin\\_lee@hotmail.com](mailto:edwin_lee@hotmail.com))
- Got questions? Try Alpha. Alpha Youth: 2nd and 4th Fridays from Feb to June. Join our mailing list: email [genesis@gcgcny.org](mailto:genesis@gcgcny.org) or visit [gcgcny.link/alphaprayer](https://gcgcny.link/alphaprayer)
- The Bar Ministry: is serving singles in Christ. Contact Roland or Haidan, or visit the link [[here](#)].
- Professional Christian Counseling—up to 8 free sessions to GCGCNY attendees. Contact Rev. Ted.
- Rahab Ministry—a faith-based ministry, empowering women and children in the sex trade to be liberated and restored. For more info, contact 647-992-8029 or visit [www.rahabministry.ca](http://www.rahabministry.ca)
- **EM Women's Cell** (Elizabeth and Mary): to new mothers & women of expecting motherhood. Monthly Sat AM (9:30-10:30am), monthly Tues PM prayer (8-9)pm. Starts end of Jan.
- Rev. Danny Cheung will be on sabbatical leave from Jan to Mar. For needs please contact Rev. Chan.
- Reimbursement claims for ministry must be submitted by Jan 7. Those requests received after will be accounted for 2024.
- Mission Conference—Jan 26, 28. Support with Prayer, Love with Action. Speaker: Adrian Rogers (Director of Partnerships of Canadian Baptist ministries).
- GCGCNY Softball 2024—Team "Shepherd". Pray for how you want to be involved! A minimum of 1 dedicated veteran leader to lead this team alongside Sam (a miracle of 4 dedicated veterans).
- "Rooted"—post-secondary discipleship groups sign-up for winter 2024 open now! Also looking for potential leaders. If interested, please contact Elim or Miga.