

An aerial photograph of a dense forest. A path winds through the trees, and a person is walking along it, leaving a trail of footprints. The text 'Out of the Wilderness' is overlaid in a large, white, cursive font.

Out of the Wilderness

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LORD'S GRACE CHURCH

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Let's Get Connected (LGC) and English Sunday School: will be held at 11:40am (after the English worship) on the 1st through 4th Sundays of the month on Zoom. Immediately following will be the English Sunday School on Roadmap to Reconciliation, led by Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil, based on her book of the same title. Come connect and reconnect, with God and with one another. Zoom link provided below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89970117698?pwd=ZFpBZWl0T3Q1SDU1OBY5OG9ONVpLdz09> (Meeting ID: 899 7011 7698, passcode: 451937)

LGC Mini Spring Conference: The Place of our Pilgrimage: “Finding Home in the Wilderness”—If you've felt the weight of the questions, “Where am I exactly?” or “Just where is it I'm headed?” this weekend may be of some help. We will explore, through scripture, film, readings, guided discussion and retreat, what we often experience as followers of Christ: being both home and “away”; caught between place and no-place. It's easy to feel, but harder to define. Yet Jesus was called Jesus “of Nazareth” (place) yet he says, “I've no place to lay my head” (no place). Location and dislocation. How do we live like this? Can we?

Dates: May 28 to 30

Location: Zoom

Registration Deadline: May 14

Registration Fee: \$20

(If cost is prohibitive, please talk to Pastor Sam about subsidy)

Since mid-March the infection numbers has hover around 1,000 without a sign of decreasing. The provincial government has imposed more restrictions to curb the spread. We should also protect ourselves to continue to keep vigilant. After one full year of **pandemic**, we are all tired. Now we can see the glimpse of a possible end in sight. Let us keep up and not relax for the moment and we shall see a brighter tomorrow. At the same time, we shall keep up with caring each other, pray for each other, and encourage each other.

Image to carry out children's work in the global mission field, **Awana Canada** focuses on a different area each year to grow and partner with through Awana Go. Mongolia is the country of focus this year. Verse-a-thon will be our way to fundraise for the Mongolian children this year. Our children recite Bible verses they have learnt this year and ask family and friends to sponsor them. This year, due to the pandemic, we'd like to extend our invitation to our congregants just to sparkle up some meaningful opportunities for our LGC family to connect with each other and to fundraise at the same time. Whether you are part of Awana, EVERYONE is welcome to join. Please visit <https://eng.lordsgrace.ca/verseathon2021> for more information and register. You can also email awana@lordsgrace.ca if you need any help.

The Alpha Team would like to update that the first round of **Online Alpha** has concluded! We had a total of 6 leaders (Tim, Julie, Michelle, Paul, Tiffany and Sean) and 9 guests participate. Thank you for all your prayers and support! It was amazing to see such a close community formed over Zoom and the guests expressed how they have gained many new perspectives on God, church, and faith. Please pray for the next steps in their spiritual journeys. The team will be sharing their experiences in more detail in the upcoming LG times.

We are thankful our **back-alley gravel road** is replaced with asphalt. But please be reminded that we shall still drive carefully and slowly.

Speaker Next Week: Mr. Jon Rising (Ezra 10:1-17)

PRAYER ITEM OUTLINE – Week of April 18 – April 24, 2021

Please check off each day after you have prayed

SUNDAY Praise the Lord and Give Thanks

“So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.” (1 John 4:16)

Meditation: Why is it difficult to believe God’s love for us? What are some of the consequences?

MONDAY Thy Kingdom Come

- Pray for our outreach programs (Blessing Ministry, Praise Dance, Mission Dept, Kits CARES Café, Evangelistic Class): may all be led to a richer life in Christ.
- Pray for the Bible study groups. May our lives be transformed by His word.
- Pray for Pastor Sho Sho Huang as she follows up new friends in the Mandarin congregation.
- Pray for our new committee for new immigrants. May we experience miracles as we wait.

TUESDAY Church Family

- 1 John 3:16. To the extent we love God, to the same extent we love our brothers and sisters.
- Pray for the verse-a-thon organized by Awana to raise funds for Mongolian children.
- Pray for the tuning up of different areas of the church to prepare for eventual re-opening.
- Thank God for all the volunteers behind the scenes who help in LGC ministries.

WEDNESDAY Discipleship

- Pray for the Sunday School Roadmap to Reconciliation. Pray for the Sunday School classes in the other two congregations. May our values and lifestyle be changed by what we learn.
- Thank God for the Cantonese Blessing ministry as they wrap up their training. Several new friends have accepted and more are considering to join the small groups. Pray for the moving of the HS.
- Pray for the Beta group as they continue to engage through the study of His Word.

THURSDAY God’s Healing

- Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for thou art with me. (Psalm 23:4 RSV)
- Pray for peace and strength for families who are dealing with illness or rehab.
- Prayer to God our great physician for Esther and Judy and others suffering from physical weaknesses.
- Pray for those living in senior care homes. Pray that our seniors enjoy their golden years.

FRIDAY Church without Borders

- Thank God for the opportunity to serve in Kits CARES Café. May we be blessed as we bless others.
- Pray for Pastor Zigang in her overseas ministry. May she find rest in Christ as she serves.
- Pray for the equitable distribution of vaccines. May governments find ways to end the pandemic soon.

SATURDAY Our Tomorrow

- Pray for the three worship teams as they lead us in praise and thanksgiving tomorrow.
- May our Sunday preacher, Pastor Avery Choi proclaim the gospel in its fullness.
- Pray for our children’s department that they will learn and relate well in Christ as a foundation to their life.

