



CROSSROADS
CHURCH DUBAI

*For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.*

Psalms 84:10

19 July 2026 | Sunday | 10:30 am
Al Khor Ballroom | Swissôtel Al Ghurair | Deira | Dubai

WELCOME TO CROSSROADS CHURCH DUBAI

Greetings! Malugod ko po kayong binabati sa gathering ng Crossroads Church Dubai.

Kami po ay isang Taglish-speaking evangelical church. Ang Salita ng Diyos ay ang aming sole source of authority. Naniniwala kami na sa pamamagitan ng Salita ng Diyos, we become “wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ” (2 Tim. 3:15).

Our goal here in Dubai is to display God’s glory in all things, as Jesus taught us. Upang maisagawa ito, we gather together every Sunday to corporately read, pray, sing, listen to, and preach God’s Word, and see the gospel through the ordinances of baptism and the Lord’s supper. Ang purpose namin ay i-display nang sama-sama ang gospel ni Kristo — nang sa lahat ng ito, mabigyan namin Siya ng kadakilaan at kaluwalhatian na tanging nararapat lamang sa Kanya.



Pastor Alvin
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LEAD PASTOR
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HERE ARE A FEW DETAILS AROUND TODAY'S WORSHIP:

- Please **silence** your  during the service.
- **Children are always welcome** to participate in worship with their families.
- The **foyer area is available** for nursing mothers or for kids who are restless during the service.
- If this is your first time to attend, we would like to give you a **free**  !
Please approach one of our ushers to receive one.



Scan the QR code to find out more about our church or to listen to past sermons.

You may reach us directly via WhatsApp at **056 258 0568**.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Awit sa Paghahanda ACROSS THE LANDS	TOM GARCIA MUSIC TEAM
Welcome / Mga Anunsyo	ALVIN LITONJUA
Panawagan sa Pagsamba PSALM 100:1–5	
Panalangin ng Papuri	
Pagsamba sa Pamamagitan ng Awitan COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING O GREAT GOD	TOM GARCIA MUSIC TEAM
Panalangin ng Pagsisisi COLOSSIANS 3:1-5	ALVIN LITONJUA
Kasiguraduhan ng Kapatawaran HEBREWS 10:19-22	
Pagsamba sa Pamamagitan ng Awitan HE WILL HOLD ME FAST	TOM GARCIA MUSIC TEAM
Pastoral na Panalangin	ALVIN LITONJUA
Pagsamba sa Pamamagitan ng Pagkakaloob BE THOU MY VISION	TOM GARCIA MUSIC TEAM
Tugunang Pagbasa MGA AWIT 84:1-12 (MBB)	LADY ANN ABAG CONGREGATION
Pagsamba sa Pamamagitan ng Salita LONGING FOR THE LORD'S HOUSE PSALM 84:1-12 (ESV)	DAVID JAMES BRILLANTES
Pagtugong mga Awitin CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE GOD IS OUR REFUGE	TOM GARCIA MUSIC TEAM
Benediksyon EPHESIANS 3:20-21	DAVID JAMES BRILLANTES

Upcoming Events

We take a moment to note
upcoming events and
opportunities for service in
our church community.

MGA ANUNSYO



Why Being Good Isn't Good Enough?

July 19 | Sundays | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Al Khor Ballroom | Swissôtel Al Ghurair

Speaker: Carlos Roxas

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TBA | Sunday | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Character Matters - Kindness

July 26, 2026 | Sunday | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Al Khor Ballroom | Swissôtel Al Ghurair

Speaker: Marlon Lustre



01 July 2026 to 31 August 2026

Community Groups, Equipping Class,
Crossroads Kids, and Youth



SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

KEPT SAINTS, KEEPING GOD

Psalms 121:1-8

July 05, 2026 | Guest Preacher: **Dr. Forrest Strickland**

THE TRUE CURRENCY OF DIVINE BLESSING

Psalms 67:1-7

July 12, 2026 | Guest Preacher: **Samuel Iwuchukwu**

LONGING FOR THE LORD'S HOUSE

Psalms 84:1-12

July 19, 2026 | Preacher: **James Brillantes**

THE GOD WHO FORGIVES

Psalms 103:1-22

July 26, 2026 | Preacher: **James Brillantes**



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ACROSS THE LANDS

You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand

All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice!

**You're the Author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands**

Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross

With a prayer, You fed the hungry
With a word, You calmed the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free!

With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting vict'ry from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your way

Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home!

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COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Come, people of the risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Rejoice, rejoice!
Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Come, young and old from ev'ry land—
Men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands—
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing—
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through ev'ry age:
"Our God is all in all."

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O GREAT GOD

O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me

Based on

The Valley of Vision prayer

"Regeneration"

Words and music:

Bob Kauflin

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HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

**He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.**

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

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*[Pray] for kings and all
who are in high positions,
that we may lead a
peaceful and quiet life,
godly and dignified in
every way.
1 Timothy 2:2*

PRAYER FOR THE EMIR OF UMM AL QUWAIN

H.H. Sheikh Saud bin Rashid Al Mualla
Ruler of the Emirate of Umm Al Quwain
and Member of the UAE Federal Supreme Council



PRAYER FOR OTHER CHURCHES IN UAE

Grace Baptist Church
Senior Pastor **Anand Samuel**
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*Declare his glory
among the nations,
his marvelous works among
all the peoples!
Psalm 96:3*



PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

MAHRATTA UNSPECIFIED IN INDIA



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Population: 32,957,000
World Popl: 32,992,000
Total Countries: 3
People Cluster: South Asia Hindu - Mahrattas
Main Language: Marathi
Main Religion: Hinduism
Status: Frontier Unreached
Evangelicals: Unknown %
Chr Adherents: 0.00%
Scripture: Complete Bible

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BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, in the day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, my Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower;
Raise Thou me Heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou, and Thou only, be first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, after vict'ry won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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TUGUNANG PAGBASA NG BIBLIYA

(RESPONSIVE READING)

MGA AWIT 84:1-12 (MBB)

- 1** Mahal ko ang iyong templo, O Makapangyarihang Yahweh!
- 2** Nasasabik ang lingkod mo na sa templo ay pumasok.
Ang buo kong pagkatao'y umaawit na may lugod,
sa masayang pag-awit ko pinupuri'y buháy na Diyos.
- 3** Panginoon, sa templo mo, mga maya'y nagpupugad,
maging ibong layang-layang sa templo mo'y nagagalak,
may inakay na kalinga sa tabi ng iyong altar;
O Yahweh, hari namin at Diyos na walang hanggan.
- 4** Mapalad na masasabi, silang doo'y tumatahan
at palaging umaawit, nagpupuring walang hanggan. (Selah).
- 5** Ang sa iyo umaasa'y masasabing mapalad din,
silang mga naghahangad, sa Zion ay makarating.
- 6** Habang sila'y naglalakbay sa tigang na kapatagan,
tuyong lupa'y binabaha sa maagap na pag-ulan.
- 7** Habang sila'y lumalakad, lalo silang lumalakas,
batid nilang nasa Zion ang Diyos nilang hinahanap.
- 8** Dinggin mo ang dalangin ko, O Yahweh, Makapangyarihang Diyos,
O ikaw na Diyos ni Jacob, dinggin mo ang iyong lingkod. (Selah).
- 9** Basbasan mo, aming Diyos, itong hari naming mahal,
pagpalain mo po siya pagkat ikaw ang humirang.
- 10** Kahit isang araw lamang, mas gusto ko sa templo mo,
kaysa isang libong araw na iba ang tahanan ko.
Gusto ko pang maging bantay sa pinto ng iyong templo,
kaysa ako'y tumira sa bahay ng mga palalo.
- 11** Pagkat ang Panginoong Yahweh, pag-asa at sanggalang,
kami'y pinagpapala mo sa pag-ibig mo at dangal.
Hindi siya nagkakait ng mabuting mga bagay
sa sinumang ang gawain ay matuwid at marangal.
- 12** *O Yahweh, ang Diyos na Makapangyarihan sa lahat,
ang magtiwala sa iyo'y masasabing mapalad!*

PAGSAMBA SA PAMAMAGITAN NG SALITA
(WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD)

PSALM 84:1-12 (ESV)

- 1** How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
- 2** My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- 3** Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 4** Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise! Selah
- 5** Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- 6** As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
- 7** They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.
- 8** O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
- 9** Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!
- 10** For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11** For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
- 12** O Lord of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

LITTLE LAMBS ACTIVITY

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
-Psalm 84:3



SHEPHERD'S FLOCK ACTIVITY

Psalm 84: "Better is one day in God's house than a thousand elsewhere!"

Can you discover what Psalm 84 teaches about loving God's house?

1. Fill in the Missing Words. Look up Psalm 84 and complete the verses.

Psalm 84:1: "How _____ is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!"

Psalm 84:2: "My soul _____, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD."

Psalm 84:10: "For a _____ in your courts is better than a _____ elsewhere."

2. Find the Blessings! Read Psalm 84 and write down THREE people the psalm says are blessed.

① _____

② _____

③ _____

(Hint: Look for the words "Blessed are...")

3. Finish the Verse: God is a...

☐ Rock ☐ Sun and Shield ☐ King ☐ Shepherd

(Hint: Psalm 84:11)

4. True or False? Write T for True and F for False.

___ The writer wanted to stay far away from God's house.

___ The LORD bestows grace and glory.

___ It is better to spend one day with God than a thousand somewhere else.

___ God keeps good things from those who walk uprightly.

5. Think About It. Circle the answer that best fits.

Why do you think the writer loved being in God's house?

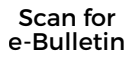
- ☐ Because the building was beautiful.
- ☐ Because God's presence was there.
- ☐ Because there was delicious food.

★ Bonus Challenge: How many times do you see the word:

LORD _____ God _____ Blessed _____

★ Memory Verse: "For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere."

Psalm 84:10

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CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from Heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

**Come rejoice now, O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore**

**GOD IS OUR REFUGE
PSALM 46**

God is our refuge, our hope and reward
Though mountains may crumble
And oceans may roar
Your name remains the same

Kingdoms in uproar, and peoples in rage
But You reign forever
The One without age
Your name remains the same

**Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God**

**Exalt Your name among the nations, O God
Reveal the glory of Your kingdom in us
The risen King will reign forever, His name exalted ever
O praise the name, the name of Jesus Christ**

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**BENEDIKSYON
(BENEDICTION)**

In the worship service,
the Triune God
gets the first word
and the final word. And both
are announcements
of His grace.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

At community groups, we study the passage ahead of the sermon that will be preached on Sunday. If you're not yet in a group, we want to encourage you to take time out of your week to join one. It's helpful in becoming more familiar with God's Word and sharing our lives with one another.

While the weekly study of community groups is on a break from July 1 to August 31, we encourage you to make use of this time to get to know the group near you.

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