



SHINE SUNDAY BULLETIN

GOD'S PURPOSES FOR MARRIAGE

According to John Piper, **"there never has been a generation whose view of marriage is high enough. The chasm between the biblical vision of marriage and the human vision is, and has always been, gargantuan."** Sadly this is an accurate staggering view of the present world view towards marriage. Marriage is treated with flippancy, or even contempt. The statistics are bleak indeed: In the West, 1 out of every 2 marriages ends in divorce, for every marriage today there is a divorce happening too.

God created the institution of marriage: "Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." - Genesis 2:24. From this seemingly simple verse, God established the pattern for marriage and family. Marriage is indeed the first institution created by God, and for this reason, Christians need to not only discover God's purpose for marriage, but to live them out.

In Malachi 2:14-15, we see the three purposes of marriage as God intended,

1) Companionship

Man is created for relationships for God declared in Genesis 2:18 that "it is not good that man should be alone." Marriage is the most intense and intimate relationship between two human beings. The husband and wife are to be "one flesh." It is meant to be a relationship of radical acceptance (Genesis 2:25). Intimacy in marriage is the experience of knowing, enjoying and giving to one another. Companionship is at the heart of this intimacy.

2) Conception

In Malachi 2:15, the prophet declared that one of the purposes of marriage is to produce "godly offspring", i.e. to raise children that will love and honour God. Married couples often miss this, but this remains God's desire and purpose for marriage even today. Even couples without children can fulfill this purpose by bearing "spiritual" children through the Gospel.

3) Covenant

The third purpose of marriage, which Apostle Paul calls a "great mystery" (Ephesians 5:32), is to reflect the relationship between Christ and the Church to the world. Husbands, in loving their wives sacrificially, reflect Christ's sacrificial love for the Church. And wives, in respecting their husbands, reflect the Church's adoration and submission to Christ. Therefore marriage, as one Pastor puts it, is the "re-enactment of the redemption drama."

Scripture articulates a high view of marriage. But this contrasts with the reality that marriage is two sinners on a collision course. Any married couple past their honeymoon, or even during their honeymoon, will testify that marriage is hard. That is why we desperately need the help of the Holy Spirit and an abundance of the grace of God to even remotely come close to living out God's purposes for our marriages. To do so otherwise is to leave the success of our marriages to chance.

Jeffrey Pang
Family Life Ministry

22 JANUARY ATTENDANCE

English: 361 (1st) | 625 (2nd) | Total: 986

Chinese: 133

Youth: No service

Children: 165

Filipino: 83 (2pm @ 360 Dunearn Rd) | 43 (2pm @ Punggol) | Total: 126

WORSHIP SERVICES @ PUNGGOL

English: 9am & 11am | Shine Auditorium

Chinese: 9am | Gospel Auditorium

Youth: 11am | Gospel Auditorium

Filipino: 2pm | Gospel Auditorium

Bahasa: 11am | Hall 1

Dialect: 11am | Hall 2

sonshine CLUB | 9am & 11am

sonshine PLAYGROUP | Kindergarten

sonshine TOTS | Kindergarten

sonshine KINDERS | Kindergarten

sonshine JUNIORS | Light Auditorium

sonshine KIDS | Light Auditorium

GENERAL NOTICES

NOMINATION FOR CHURCH COMMITTEE

Our annual ACM will be held in March (date to be confirmed). The nomination forms for the Church Committee is available at the Front Desk till 26 Feb. For queries, please contact Weena Tan at weena.tan@gospellight.sg or 91176000.

NEWCOMERS CORNER

We invite Newcomers to come to the Newcomers Corner where the Befrienders and others may meet with and connect with you; not just once but over several weeks so that we may get to know each other better to help you quickly integrate into the church.

DONATE YOUR USED LAPTOP

Laptops in good working condition are needed for our Children's Ministry. Donations may be deposited at our welcome desk from today onwards.

DISCONTINUATION OF PUNGGOL SHUTTLE SERVICE

Due to under-utilisation, today will be the last day for the church's shuttle service that plies Blk 126, Coral Edge LRT Station and our Punggol church building.

DISCONTINUATION OF OUTRAM PARK 0810HRS BUS PICK-UP SERVICE

Due to the low take up rate, the 0810hrs Outram Park bus pick-up service will cease with effect from 5 February. Today will be the last day of pickup. The remaining bus pickup services are: Outram Park (1010 hrs), Jurong East (1010hrs) and Choa Chu Kang (0810hrs & 1010hrs).

CNY - REFRESHMENTS

There will not be any food or refreshments post service today.

APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR NEW MINISTRIES

We are glad that our move to Punggol has led some of our Gospeliters to want to start new ministries. To ensure that new ministries are aligned with the church's mission, please write in to shine@gospellight.sg to seek approval before starting new ministries.

CARE GROUP SIGN-UP

There is a Care Group Sign-up Table set up on Level 1 next to the Newcomers Corner today. This is to help get you connected for encouragement, love, care and support of the church family through care groups. Do drop by for more info. See you there!

LUNAR NEW YEAR DINNER CELEBRATION WITH THE DIALECT MINISTRY

The Dialect Ministry is organising a Chinese New Year celebration in February. You are welcome to bring your parents to join us.

Date: 10 February
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Venue: Foyer, Level 1

Registration/Sale of Tickets
Date: TODAY is the last day
Time/Venue:
10:30am - 11:15am & 12.30pm - 1.30pm (L4 Front Desk)

Tickets: \$5 per person

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TUTORS NEEDED FOR YOUTH TUITION MINISTRY

Secondary School Maths Tutors are needed for Club 39 Youth Club (Club 39 is an outreach platform for building relationships with the youths around Punggol). Contact Alfred at 8686 5811 if you are interested in serving in this area.

BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS NEEDED

Our Bible Study ministry will be starting courses at Punggol in 2017. Are you passionate about helping seekers or new believers know the Word? Do you have a book or topic of the Bible you want to teach? Send us an email to shine@gospellight.sg and we will get in touch with you.

CLASSES AND TRAINING

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TRAINING

All volunteers of sonshine CLUB who have yet to attend the training are required to attend it.

Dates:

5 February 2017 (sonshine JUNIORS & KIDS volunteers)
12 February 2017 (sonshine JUNIORS & KIDS volunteers)

Venue: Light Auditorium (Level 3)

Time: 1pm - 2.30pm

Please indicate your attendance for the training to Simon Lim at simon.lim@gospellight.sg

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Membership is a sign of commitment - commitment to give, to serve and to be a blessing to others. It is the result of how we are radically touched and changed by the Gospel. Membership in Gospel Light Christian Church is only for baptized believers of the Lord, and must be age 16 and above. Attendance at both membership classes is a prerequisite for membership application. Please indicate your interest in attending the class at the Front Desk. For queries, please contact Weena Tan at weena.tan@gospellight.sg or 9117 6000.

Date: 2 and 9 April

Time: 12.45pm - 1.45pm

Venue: Hall 3 (Attic)

SERVICES AND MEETINGS

NEXT WEEK'S SERMONS

ENGLISH SERVICE

Sermon Series: Ekklesia

By Pastor Jason

9am & 11am | Shine Auditorium | Level 4

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CHINESE SERVICE

Sermon Series: Ekklesia

Sermon Title: Go - The Steps of Gospel Light

传道系列: 教会!

传道主题: 去 - 福音之光的步骤

By Pastor Chee Keen

9am | Gospel Auditorium | Level 2

<http://www.youtube.com/user/GLCCchinese>

<http://i.youku.com/GLCCchinese>

FILIPINO SERVICE

Sermon Title: Ekklesia

By Pastor Sinon

2pm | Gospel Auditorium | Level 2

<http://www.youtube.com> (type - GLCC Filipino)

YOUTH SERVICE

Sermon Title: Ekklesia

By Brother Yu Fei

11am | Gospel Auditorium | Level 2

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PRAYER MEETING (WEDNESDAY)

Church-wide

Wednesday, 8pm @ Hall 3 (Attic)

PRAYER MEETING (SUNDAY)

Church-wide

Sunday, 8am @ Cry Room (Level 4)