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A CHURCH THAT PRACTICES "LOVING ONE ANOTHER"

Our Leaders' Forum yesterday was a focus on "Loving One Another". Francis Schaeffer wrote that love is the final apologetic; it is the last word in the Christian's defence of the gospel. Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). We must not just be busy expanding our ministries and numbers; we need to be growing internally as a community of love. What does "loving one another" look like? The Apostle Paul gives us a portrait of love in Romans 12:9-10: "Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honour." There are 4 things to learn from these 2 verses:

1. Sincere Love

Real love is genuine. We must not only talk about love, but also walk in love. 1 John 3:18 informs us that real love results in real acts of kindness and service. Thomas Watson said, "Faith deals with invisibles, but God hates that love which is invisible." I pray we will be a church that gives, serves, listens, prays, helps, and sacrifices for one another.

2. Sanctifying Love

Notice that the link between the command to love, and the command to abhor evil and embrace good, is very close. Warren Weirsbe said, "Love does not condone sin; for if we love somebody we will be grieved to see him sin and hurt himself and others." Real love helps others abhor evil and embrace good. Real love for one another means we rebuke, encourage, exhort and warn one another so that we may all grow in holiness.

3. Sweet Love

"Love one another" in the Greek is literally "philostorgos one another with philadelphia." It is to love one another affectionately as a family. We need to be a people of warmth and loving affection - demonstrated simply in our smiles, handshakes, embraces and kind words that flow from the heart.

4. Self-effacing Love

Love envies not, as 1 Corinthians 13:4 states. We are to be "showing honour", that is to say, we are to regard, respect, cheer, celebrate, and rejoice with our brethren. Outdo one another in showing honour!

When the unchurched are asked what they are looking for in a church, the answer is always the same. **They are looking for a caring church.** Not just a dynamic church, a relevant church, or a church with plenty of programs for the kids. And not just a church where the Bible is clearly taught. As good and essential as those things are, they don't touch the deepest heart cry of this generation. They want to be loved. When the people find such a place, they can't wait...

Let us resource from the Gospel. Let us love one another with the love that is poured out in our hearts by God!

Blessings
Pastor Jason Lim

GENERAL NOTICES

• STUDENT MOVEMENT FOR CHRIST (SMCI) - ECAMP 2018

The SMCI Annual Evangelistic campaign is an amazing opportunity to declare the gospel to thousands of students in campuses across the Philippines. The harvest is plentiful but laborers are few, we encourage your early sign up to one of the many locations.

- Week 1 Davao:** 30th Jun (Sat) - 7th Jul (Sat)
- Week 2 CDO:** 7th Jul (Sat) - 14th Jul (Sat)
- Week 3 Negros:** 13th (Fri) - 21st Jul (Sat)
- Week 4 Cebu:** 21st (Sat) - 28th Jul (Sat)
- Week 5 Bicol:** 30th (Sat) - 4th Aug (Sat)

To register visit gospellight.sg under Connect > Events. For queries please contact us at: ecamp.adm@gmail.com

Registration closes on **30 April**.

sonshine CLUB INFORMATION		PRAYER MEETINGS			
sonshine CLUB 9am & 11am					
PLAYGROUP	(1-2 years) Kindergarten (Attic)	Church-wide	Wednesday	8:00pm	Hall 3 (Attic)
TOTS	(3-4 years) Kindergarten (Attic)	Church-wide	Sunday	8:00am	Cry Room (Level 4)
KINDERS	(5-6 years) Kindergarten (Attic)				
JUNIORS	(7-9 years) Light Auditorium (Level 3)	Youth	Saturday	3:00pm	Level 2 Foyer
KIDS	(10-12 years) Light Auditorium (Level 3)				

CLASSES AND TRAINING

• BIBLICAL FOUNDATION OF CHARACTER TRAINING WORKSHOP

"Train up a child in the way he should go." - Proverbs 22:6. True character is revealed by what a person does when no one is watching. Our daily decisions and behaviour are governed by character values which we develop from young. The workshop aims to equip adults in the training of their children, to interact and engage them in the development of Christ-like character.

Dates: Saturdays 21 and 28 April | Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Venue: Light 2 Auditorium, Level 3

Cost: **\$35** (including training workbook (includes training workbook, 2 lunches and 4 tea breaks)

Registration can be done at gospellight.sg under Connect > Events

Registration closes **Today**.

• MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

English (15 April and 22 April)

Time: 1:15pm – 2:15pm | Venue: Light 2 Auditorium, Level 3

Chinese (22 April and 29 April)

Time: 11:15am – 12:15pm | Venue: Level 2 Mezzanine

• BAPTISM

Registration for Baptism **closes next Sunday, 22 April**.

Those who have believed in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are encouraged to be baptized. Attendance at Baptism Class is a prerequisite. Submission of **written testimonies** with completed application forms is a must. Application forms are available at the Front Desk.

English Baptism Class (6 May)

Time: 1:15pm – 2:15pm

Venue: Light 2 Auditorium, Level 3

Chinese Baptism Class (6 May)

Time: 11:15am – 12:15pm

Venue: Level 2 Mezzanine

Baptism Date: 27 May 2018

Venue: Shine Auditorium, Level 4

• CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH (BASIC LEVEL)

Starting Wednesday 2 May, this class is open to those with some knowledge of English. Invite your elderly folks, relatives, neighbours or helpers to join us! (Class Duration: 12 sessions)

Time: 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Venue: Light 2 Auditorium, Level 3

For queries, please contact Sue at 97761377.

SERVICES AND BIBLE STUDIES

NEXT WEEK'S SERMONS

• ENGLISH SERVICE

Sermon Series: Authority: Miracles of The King

By Pastor Jason Lim

9am & 11am | Shine Auditorium | Level 4

www.gospellight.sg

Transcriptions available when servants step up.

Step up for sermon transcription/review at

GLCCtranscription@gmail.com.

• FILIPINO SERVICE

Sermon Title: At Our Workplace

By Pastor Nazario Sinon

3pm | Gospel Auditorium | Level 2

<http://www.youtube.com/type-GLCCFilipino>

• CANTONESE/HOKKIEN SERVICE

By Pastor Muk Kin Son

11am | Hall 2 | Level 2

• TELUGU SERVICE

By Pastor Jacob Bethapudi

5pm & 7:30pm | Gospel Auditorium | Level 2

• CHINESE SERVICE

Sermon Series: The Gospel of John

Sermon Title: The Work of the Holy Spirit

传道系列: 约翰福音

传道主题: 圣灵的善工

By Pastor Seethor Chee Keen

9am | Gospel Auditorium | Level 2

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

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

• BAHASA SERVICE

By Sister Lai Fei Lin

11am | Hall 1 | Level 2

• YOUTH MINISTRY (SATURDAYS)

By Brother Sin Yu Fei

4:30pm | Gospel Auditorium | Level 2

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EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY

By Brother Jerry and Brother Glenn

Topic: Acts 14

Tuesday 17 April | 8pm

Light 2 Auditorium | Level 3

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Programme Series: How to Study the Bible

Programme Title: Purpose and Context

By Pastor Seethor Chee Keen

Sunday 22 April | 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Shine Auditorium | Level 4

Programme Materials and Audio recordings available at gospellight.sg under Resources > Christian Education

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