



NEW FORMAT FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

From the Bible, there are two institutions created by God: marriage and the church. Interestingly, only in the New Testament did Apostle Paul make clear in his epistle to the church of Ephesus that these two institutions are related.



The relationship between husband and wife in marriage is meant to be a reflection of the covenantal relationship between Christ and the Church (Eph 5:22-33). In light of this relationship, it is not surprising that God intended marriage to last a lifetime. For Jesus himself said in Matthew 19, "...what therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." As such, one can conclude that marriage is a serious affair, not least because it is intended by God to last one's lifetime. But more importantly for Christians, marriage is meant to display to the world the covenantal relationship between Christ and the Church.

It is with these considerations that the Family Life Ministry is introducing a new format for Marriage Preparation Course for couples planning to enter into marriage. The new format will be based on the book **Before You Say 'I Do'** by H. Norman Wright and Wes Roberts. The course will consist of six sessions involving videos, small group discussions, and if required, couple-to-couple mentoring sessions. The sessions will cover a comprehensive range of topics that include the purpose for marriage, communication, finance and spirituality. While there are no guarantees in any marriage preparation, the Family Life Ministry hopes that this new format will give the couples planning for marriage a solid foundation to build a God-honouring marriage.

But ultimately, the only sure and unshakable foundation for a God-honouring marriage is Christ, not marriage preparation course. Therefore, it is vital for all married couples, not just the newly married ones, to be rooted and growing in a local church community.

For details on the upcoming Marriage Preparation Class, please refer to the "Announcements" in the Weekly Bulletin.

His,
Jeffrey Pang
Family Life Ministry



BLOCK VISITATION

Gospel Light wants to be a church for the community. We are mobilising the congregation to visit various homes within our church vicinity in conjunction with outreach efforts for our upcoming Mid-Autumn Carnival.

Date: **Saturday, 1 September & Sunday, 2 September**
Time: 10am to 12:00pm (SAT)
11am to 12:30pm (SUN)
Attire: Gospel Light corporate T-Shirt

A Befriending training and briefing will be conducted.
Date: **Sunday 26 August**
Time: 1:30pm
Venue: Shine Auditorium, Level 4

Register at gospellight.sg > Connect > Events

Closing date of registration: **21 August**

CLASSES AND TRAINING

SEEKERS CLASS – COME EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY

Interested to learn more about the Christian faith? Not sure if you are saved? Come join us as we investigate various issues on Christianity.

Date: 6 Sundays from **26 August to 30 September**
Time: 1:15pm – 3:15pm
Venue: Hall 2, Level 2

Register at gospellight.sg > Connect > Events

Closing date of registration: **12 August**

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The marriage preparation course, which includes videos and small group discussions, will be based on the book **Before You Say 'I Do'** by H. Norman Wright and Wes Roberts.

Participants are required to purchase the workbook from the church. The book costs **\$15**.

Date: 6 Sundays from **26 August to 30 September**
Time: 9:00am to 10:30am
Venue: Hall 1, Level 2

Register at gospellight.sg > Connect > Events

Closing date of registration: **19 August**

For more inquiries, contact Jeffrey Pang at khiakei@hotmail.com or 98429764.

sonshine CLUB INFORMATION		PRAYER MEETINGS			
sonshine CLUB Sundays 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)	Youth	Saturday	3:00pm	Level 2 Foyer
JUNIORS	(7-9 years) Light Auditorium (Level 3)				
KIDS	(10-12 years) Light Auditorium (Level 3)				

NEXT WEEK'S SERMONS

• ENGLISH SERVICE (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY)

Sermon Series: Apostles

Sermon Title: His Eye is on the Sparrow and He watches over Me

By Pastor Jason Lim

(SAT) 5pm | Gospel Auditorium | Level 2

(SUN) 9am & 11am | Shine Auditorium | Level 4

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Transcriptions available when servants step up.

Step up for sermon transcription/review at

GLCCtranscription@gmail.com

• FILIPINO SERVICE

Sermon Series: The Fruit of the Spirit

Sermon Title: Goodness

By Pastor Nazario Sinon

2pm | Gospel Auditorium | Level 2

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

• CANTONESE/ HOKKIEN SERVICE

Sermon Title: The Prayer of Jesus for Protection

By Pastor Seethor Chee Keen

11am | Gospel Auditorium | 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 Prayer of Jesus for Protection

传道系列: 约翰福音

传道主题: 耶稣所祈求的保守

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 Daniel Yip

4.30pm | Light 2 Auditorium | Level 3

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(Special Youth program for 4th, 5th week: please call Yu Fei at 9128 5331 for details)

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY

By Brother Jerry and Brother Glenn

Topic: Acts 25

Tuesday 31 July | 8pm

Light 2 Auditorium | Level 3

In Acts 25, Festus, the new governor who took over from Felix, had to deal with the request by the Jews for a trial of Paul in Jerusalem, where the Jews intend to ambush Paul and kill him. Festus denied the request of the Jews initially and indicated that the Jews must travel to Caesarea to make their charges against Paul. Paul again denied all charges made against him at this new trial. Festus subsequently succumbed to the pressure of the Jews and as a favour to them, asked if Paul was willing to travel up to Jerusalem to be tried. In response, Paul invoked his right as a Roman citizen to appeal to Caesar in Rome. King Herod Agrippa II subsequently came to visit Festus who then discussed Paul's case with him. Through the many trials and difficulties Paul faced, Paul learned to trust and wait upon the Lord, which we should learn too as believers.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Programme Series: Christians in the Workplace

Programme Title: Balance at Work

By Elder Frederick Chew

Sunday 5 August | 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Light 2 Auditorium | Level 3

Did you know that Christians are supposed to be “unbalanced” in our approach to work?! Come and learn what that means. We will learn what is our “primary calling” and “secondary callings” as Christians, and the implications of that on our work. We will learn how to prioritise and have some practical takeaways, e.g. when do we say NO to more work?

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

EVENTS FORECAST

August	September	October
SMCI Evangelistic Campaign New Believers Class Seekers Class Baptism Marriage Prep Course 1	Marriage Prep Course 2-6 New Believers Class Seekers Class Mid-Autumn Outreach Block Visitation	Membership Class 1 & 2 New Believers Class Baptism Class
For details. Please refer to gospellight.sg > Connect > Events > 2018 Calendar		

SERMON REFLECTIONS