

WEEKLY BULLETIN



HOLD FAST

We live in unprecedented times. I am too young to have lived through the Second World War. I have only heard stories about living through those times from my grandparents and parents. But I have never imagined I would live through a time like the present. What are we Christians to make of all this?

Although most Bible scholars would agree that we are not yet in the "Great Tribulation," most would agree that we are definitely in the "last days." The end is near. And like the disciples in the first century, we can find applications from the Olivet Discourse (sermon by Jesus in Matthew 24).

1) Hold fast to God's truth and His promises.

"See that you are not troubled" (Mat. 24:6) – In the midst of never-ending bad news, we must

hold on to God's promises so that our hearts are not troubled. Not sentimental, "everything will be okay" and "Christians will be protected from the virus" nonsense, but that amid hard times, God will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5).

2) Hold fast to one another

"Betray one another...hate one another...lawlessness abound" (Mat. 24:10-12) – We need community, more so than ever. We need to "exhort one another daily lest one of us be hardened by deceitfulness of sin." We need to bear each other's burdens. We need to "provoke one another to love and good works." Therefore, do not forsake assembly, albeit in smaller groups.

3) Hold fast to our mission

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." (Mat. 24:14) – We must not forsake our mission: Go! And make disciples of all nations! Share your faith! Bear witness with words and deeds! Pray for our loved ones for the end is near. "In order for the light to shine so brightly, the darkness must be present."

Throughout history, Christians shine brightest during times of darkness. It is in times like the present, that we, the followers of the Servant King, must stand up and be counted. When others are fearful, we must be courageous. When others are hoarding, we must be generous and sacrificial. We must shine for Jesus.

His sincerely, Elder Jeffrey Pang



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🧲 GENERAL NOTICES

BIBLE TRAINING SESSIONS

With the extension of the Circuit-breaker till 1 Jun, we want to provide more spiritual equipping opportunities for you during these "down times" at home. As such, we are planning additional Bible training sessions for you:

Christian Education Program Online

Formerly conducted on Sunday afternoons before COVID-19, we will now livestream the teachings on Saturday evenings at 8pm on our Facebook Live. It will run for a maximum of 30 minutes. Immediately after that, we will conduct an optional Zoom session for Q&A (Question & Answer) for another 30 mins. The theme is on "Following Jesus", covering the often neglected but very important truths of the Christian life. Pastor Jason will be taking these 7 sessions; join him in discovering the "secrets" of the Christian life!

Date: Every Saturday Time: 8pm CEP Q&A Zoom Link: https://bit.ly/2yAjjeH

HUSBANDS/WIVES FELLOWSHIP

Our Family Life Ministry, led by Pastor Kay Hong & his wife, Sister May, is facilitating zoom support groups to encourage and strengthen marriages during this challenging period. Let's come together to encourage, and to be encouraged by, one another spiritually, so that we may deal with the tension/issues arising during this period better.

Husbands Fellowship

Day: Every alternate Sunday (next session on **24 May**) Time: 3pm Click Zoom link: https://bit.ly/2T5JocF

Wives Fellowship

Topic: Communication during Covid-19 — how to be edifying and encouraging to our spouse Day: Every alternate Sunday starting from **17 May** Time: 3pm Click Zoom link: https://bit.ly/2Ls8tuc

• MEET YOUR PASTOR!

Pastor Jason would like to connect with you personally on Zoom this Sunday at 10:30am-11:00am.

Click Zoom link: <u>https://bit.ly/2SMySH4</u>

It's a time to catch up, field questions and to pray for you and the church! So join in!

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY

We will be conducting our Bible Study "live" online via Zoom. Please download Zoom on your device (computer or handphone), and click on the following link: <u>https://bit.ly/3cgZmYR</u> Password: **GLCCEBS**

We will be revising what we have studied so far in 1 John. We will also start on a new passage in 1 John 3:9-12. In this passage, John declares the reality of human deliverance from sin through the experience of the new birth (v. 9) and restates the significance of personal conduct as the identifying sign of the two classes and adds that brotherly love is an important aspect of this sign (vv. 10-11). He further adds a negative reference to Cain as illustrating the distinctiveness of the two groups (v. 12). We encourage as many of you who are available to join us online to learn these important truths. Newcomers are also welcome.

Class starts at 8pm SHARP.

By: Brother Jerry Koh Date: Tues, **19 May** Time: **8pm**



WAYS TO HELP DURING CIRCUIT BREAKER

(A) Migrant Workers Support (Target Amount: \$15,000)

(1) Telugu Brethren housed in Tuas dormitories - Provide supplementary items like personal hygiene products, soap, shampoo, tea and coffee for our Telugu brethren from the Telugu Christian Gospel Church (TCGC, led by Pastor Jacob) - Assistance to transport these items to the dormitories

(2) Touch International

- Provide food items to migrant workers housed in various sports halls

To volunteer for the befriending roles, meals provision and/or transporting of items, please email <u>shine@gospellight.sg</u> or call 9117 6000.

To give towards these causes, you can:

1) PayNow via QR Code



* State Mercy Fund in the UEN/Bill Reference No. section.

2) PayNow via our UEN: S88SS0082AGF1

* State *Mercy Fund* in the UEN/Bill Reference No. section.

3) Internet Bank Transfer

General Fund Account Name: Gospel Light Christian Church Account No.: 033-021695-5 Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank * State **Mercy Fund** in the Remarks/Comments section.

We will not accept cash, cheques or ATM transfers for these causes.

Collection date: Revised to Fri 8 May - Sun 17 May as many Gospeliters responded and gave immediately to these causes. We will only be collecting funds from Gospeliters.

(Any funds received outside this period which states Mercy Fund will go toward causes supported by the Mercy Fund, which includes supporting members with financial difficulties)

(B) Safe Sound Sleeping Places or S3Ps

- Housing female Singaporeans (about 6) in our building at 39 Punggol Field Walk during this period

Providing meals on standby basisBefriending/ supporting them

(C) Connecting with Seniors

- Befriending Senior Gospeliters and reaching out to them via phone calls to provide spiritual and emotional support

SERVICES AND PRAYER MEETINGS

English Service - Sunday 9am: https://bit.ly/33X72MN Chinese Service - Sunday 9am: https://bit.ly/3akSf0v Filipino Service - Sunday 2pm: https://bit.ly/3dABVen Telugu Service - Sunday 7pm: https://bit.ly/2xma2WL

Bahasa services will be suspended until further notice.

Youth services will be suspended until further notice. (Youths will gather in CG every Saturday. For more details contact Yu Fei @ 91285331)

Young Adults will be suspended until further notice. (For more details contact Luzerne @ 92701730)

Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm: <u>https://bit.ly/35HS8uy</u> Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am: <u>https://bit.ly/3drPHPn</u> Youth Prayer Meetings – Saturdays 3pm: <u>https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3</u>

CHURCH OFFERING UPDATES

With the suspension of church services, you may give your offerings electronically in the following ways: 1) PavNow

Under the UEN/Bill Reference No. section you can:

- State "NA" Offering will go towards General Fund
- State IFL or Missions To designate the offering

(a) Via "Scan and Pay"

• Scan the QR code below:



(b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN: S88SS0082AGF1

2) Internet Banking

- Add payee as Gospel Light Christian Church
- Account Number: 033-021695-5
- Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
- Under the Remarks section, you can leave it blank for the offering to go towards the General Fund or indicate IFL or Missions if you want to designate the offering.

3) Cheque

- Crossed cheque made payable to "Gospel Light Christian Church"
- On the reverse of the cheque, write **Gospel Light Christian Church** and the respective bank account numbers:
 - General Fund 033-021695-5
 - Missions Fund 001-042653-2
 - Punggol IFL Repayment 015-902803-8
- Deposit cheque at any POSB or DBS bank.