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# **THANKSGIVING FOR HIS PURPOSES IN COVID-19**

Giving thanks to God for everything, including COVID-19, humbles us deeply. It is a reminder that God's providence is perfect and our point of view flawed. Once we see that God is good, just, and wise, all the time and in every circumstance, then COVID-19 presents opportunities to demonstrate His love to the homeless, hungry, as well as foreigners in our land.



Our S3P ('Safe, Sound, Sleeping Places) in Hall 2 is a safe haven for four women going through difficulties. Some are facing marital issues, others have to deal with loneliness as well as chronic health conditions. Two have bonded well since coming to us, and provide emotional support to each other. We are thankful for befrienders who have ministered to their needs.

The 10-week pilot Conversational English classes on Zoom attracted more than 100 migrant workers for the first lesson. There were also more than 20 church volunteers as well as Junior College (JC) students who were facilitators. After the Circuit Breaker, many workers were unable to join us regularly as they had to work overtime. We are thankful that more than 30 attended at least 70 per cent of the classes. In addition, we are thankful that some church volunteers connected with their JC co-facilitators (almost all of them are prebelievers), providing opportunities to give the Gospel in future.

Working closely with Christian Migrant Workers outreaches, Pastor Jacob Bethapudi sensed that many in the dorms were stressed. This was also evidenced in the spike in suicide attempts reported by the media. On 30th August, in partnership with Lutheran Community Care Services (LCCS), we organized a mental wellness talk on Zoom. The LCCS counseling team gave a presentation and encouraged those facing similar challenges to join peer support groups. Praise the Lord - five brothers signed up. We pray that His Spirit will comfort them in the midst of this storm.

Pastor Jacob and Bro Raymond Tham were also part of a team that participated in an outing organized by the Alliance of Guest Workers Outreach (AGWO), in collaboration with the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) and NParks. The team accompanied more than 40 migrant workers to Labrador Park and Hort Park on 2nd Sep. The test run was successful, and MOM has given the green light to AGWO and partnering churches to organize similar outings for adopted dorms. The team is connecting with the operators of five adopted dorms to plan our first outing in November. We will need a team of volunteers for logistical support as well as to act as facilitators.

Throughout the Circuit Breaker, our team of befrienders continued to connect with residents receiving financial aid from the church. They would faithfully drop off the monthly NTUC vouchers via the residents' mail boxes and stayed in touch via phone calls. We are thankful for the labor of love to the three families receiving financial support, as well as church members who have responded to requests for one-off support. especially for seniors and young families. We are thankful for those who maintained contact with the residents, looking out for opportunities to 'give' the Gospel.

One major challenge we face in this COVID-19 season is rallying befrienders for outreach efforts, especially our Financial Aid Scheme. Without the support of befrienders, we are unable to effectively build bridges with residents seeking help via our community partners. We pray that the Lord will raise a team of befrienders to serve our community.

'**Go for Christ'** in Punggol Trevor Tan, Head (Community Engagement)



# **CHURCH HAPPENINGS**



#### COMMUNITY BLESSING PROJECT

2020 has been a difficult year with COVID19, riots, retrenchments and lock downs. We hope to bring some cheer to our Punggol residents by blessing them with a

The church has ordered 3,000 pieces of re-useable protective mask that can be washed up to 50 times for this project.

We need volunteers to help pack the gifts from Mon, 14 Dec to Thu, 17 Dec during office hours (9 am to 4:30 pm). Kindly sign up at https://bit.ly/2JT2QaE and we will be organizing you in teams of 5 (maximum per group).

In addition, we need volunteers to help distribute the gifts to our adopted blocks on Fri, 18 Dec (8 pm to 9.30 pm) and Sat, 19 Dec (10 am to 12 pm). If you are in a Care Group, please sign up as a group via your CG leader. Please register via the link.

Block Visitation: https://bit.ly/32Byy2K Block Visitation (for CG): https://bit.ly/3piXyFD

### LOVE OFFERING

We are collecting our annual love offerings for overseas mission workers, local church staff and Redicks Ministry from 1-30 November via our General Fund account (Account Details are given on the next page). You may give in the following ways:

i) Internet banking - Paynow and Internet transfer to indicate "Love Gift" or "LG" at the bill reference section ii) Cheque - Indicate "Love Gift" or "LG" on the reverse of the cheque

If you would like to specify the recipient of the love gift, please indicate as follows:

- 1) For overseas mission workers, to indicate "LG overseas"
- 2) For local church staff, to indicate "LG local" 3) For Redicks Ministry, to indicate "Redicks Min". Please do not indicate Mike Redick or M Redick.

# • RESUMPTION OF SERVICE

Gospel Light has resumed on-site services for some congregations. The Lord's Supper will also be observed on a weekly basis.

# **Sunday Services**

Worship Service	Timing	Location	Registration Link
English	9am	Shine Auditorium – Level 4	https://bit.ly/2SvNREO Opens on Mon, 8am Closes on Fri, 1pm
Chinese	11am	Shine Auditorium – Level 4	https://bit.ly/3ljdvc8 Opens on Mon, 8am Closes on Fri, 1pm
Filipino	2pm	Gospel Auditorium – Level 2	https://bit.ly/3mnOvRK Opens on Mon, 8am Closes on Fri, 1pm
Bahasa	11am	Hall 3 - Attic	Nil
Telugu	5pm	Gospel Auditorium – Level 2	https://bit.ly/33DksP Opens on Mon, 8am Closes on Fri, 1pm

# **Saturday Service**

Worship Service	Timing	Location	Registration Link
Youth – Will only resume on 5 December	4.30pm	Gospel Auditorium – Level 2	https://bit.ly/2HYp5Lm Opens on Mon, 8am Closes on Thu, 1pm

Children Service will not resume on-site service. Their current online services remain. For Bahasa service to register with Fei Lin @ 9488 0363.

**Register** to attend our worship services. For registration and more details, pls click on the above link.

There will **NOT** be bus services to our on-site services.

#### MEET YOUR PASTOR!

Date: Sundays

Time: 10:30am to 11:00am

Click Zoom link: https://bit.ly/2SMySH4

Meeting ID: 836 428 872 Password: Pastor

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Forgiving is not difficult. Forgiving is impossible. We struggle with forgiveness because we think forgiving helps those who hurt us. Our spiritual poverty makes us unable to accept the wrong done to us. In the last episode of our 4 Part CEP series, we'll examine why forgiveness requires supernatural grace. Because Jesus alone can restore and heal what was taken from us, when we let it go.

# Series Name: "Forgiveness"

Speaker: Pastor Sinon

Date: Last session, Sat, 14 Nov

Time: **8:00pm** 

Topic: The Model of Forgiveness

Join us on Facebook Live

CEP Q&A Zoom Link: https://bit.ly/2yAjjeH

Zoom ID: 827 5751 0829

Password: CEP





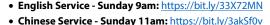
#### • EXPOSITORY STUDY – BOOK OF MARK

Having finished studying 1-3 John, we are starting with a new book, the Gospel of Mark. In the first lesson, we will be having an introduction to Mark followed by the studying of the passage, Mark 1:1-13. In this brief opening section, Mark skillfully prepares the stage for his portrayal of the official ministry of Jesus Christ, the unique Servant of Jehovah. Beginning with the title, which comprises verse 1, the introductory section naturally falls into three paragraphs, standing in logical sequence: verses 2–8 describe the preparatory ministry of John the Baptist; verses 9–11 concisely relate the Servant's entry upon His public ministry; and verses 12–13 summarily record the testing of the Servant by Satan. We encourage as many of you to join us online. This would be a good time and opportunity for newcomers to join as we start on a new book.

By: Brother Jerry Koh Date: Tues, 17 Nov Time: 8pm Click Zoom link: https://bit.ly/3cgZmYR Zoom ID: 262 770 7942 Password: GLCCEBS



# **SERVICES AND PRAYER MEETINGS**



Filipino Service - Sunday 2pm: https://bit.ly/3dABVen

• Telugu Service - Sunday 5pm: https://bit.ly/2xma2WL

• Youth Service- Saturday 4:30pm - 6:00pm:

https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3

(Zoom ID: 659 128 5331) Password: Gospel

(For more details contact Yu Fei @ 91285331)

- Bahasa services Please contact Fei Lin @ 9488 0363.
- Young Adults (19-25 y/o) Sunday 2pm

Topic - Kings and Prophets (1 & 2 Kings) For more details contact Luzerne @ 92701730)

 Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm: https://bit.ly/35HS8uy (Zoom ID: 812 885 158) Password: Wednesday (Zoom ID: 858 855 0326) Password: Sunday

• Sunday Prayer Meetings - 8:15am: https://bit.ly/3drPHPn

• Youth Prayer Meetings – Saturdays 3pm:

(Zoom ID: 659 128 5331) Password: Gospel

https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3

If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sq

# **EVENTS FORECAST**

November	December	January
Expository Study, Book of Mark	Youth Amazing Race Outreach	Baptism Class
Small Group Bible Studies	Christmas Outreach	Membership Classes
Christian Education Programme	Christmas Service	Christian Education Programme
Church Anniversary		Chit Chat! with Newcomers

For details. Please refer to gospellight.sg > Connect > Events > 2020 Calendar

# **GIVING ONLINE**

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

### 1) PayNow

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"

- Open up your bank app and select "Scan and Pay"
- Scan the QR code below:



#### (b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN: \$88\$\$0082AGF1

# 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
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.