

# **RELYING ON OUR ROCK AND REDEEMER IN 2021**

As I reflect over the past year, with its ups and downs, and how COVID-19 has been a trying time for many, I take comfort in the words of the Psalmist: "I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the Lord sustained me" (Psalm 3:5).

Some of us may be facing economically challenging times, due to the COVID-19 fall-out. Those in aviation, arts and entertainment, tourism, marine and offshore, gig economy have been particularly hard hit. To stay peaceful and calm when the bank balance is steadily decreasing is not easy. That becomes a real test of faith.

Some of us may be facing severe challenges on the home front: relationships that had already worn down over the years, may have fractured over the past year of stress and strain. I know that a number of Christian marriages at Gospel Light have been under strain. There have also been rising cases of mental stress "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."

~ Isaiah 43:2

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nationally, with people going into depression. If things have fallen out unfairly on you, take heart and comfort in the words of the Psalmist: "When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." (Psalm 27:10)

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Some of us may be facing workplace challenges. For some, work has avalanched in 2020, leading to burn-out. What started as a surge in operations from February to March 2020, may have lasted an entire year. A sprint has become a marathon. Under these work conditions, even the strong-hearted and fighting fit will get tired and worn out. Take comfort from scripture: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as the eagles; they will run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isa 40:31). However, it is also in these times that the Gospel light can shine, brightly. If you are a worker, be the kind of worker that every co-worker or boss would love to have. If you are a boss, be the kind of boss that does justly; but also, loves mercy, and walks humbly (Micah 6:8).

Over the past two decades walking with Jesus, I've found him to be a faithful friend. We can take heart from verses such as: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you." (Isa 43:2). Our dear Shepherd not only can do us good, He wants to do us good.

So, in the midst of these difficult times, may we get to know our God as our hiding place (Psalm 32:7), our refuge and strength (Psalm 46:1-2), and our strong tower (Psalm 61:3). May we sing along with these words from the chorus of the popular song 'O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer' by Sovereign Grace – "my joy, when trials are abounding, your faithfulness, my refuge in the night."

CLASSES AND TRAINING

# BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY (BIBS) "Who is a God like you?"

Micah asked at the end of the prophecy: A God who forgives sin;

A God who pardons the rebellion of those who remain among his people;

- A God who does not stay angry forever,;
- A God who delights in showing loyal love;

A God who will once again have mercy on us;

A God who will conquer our evil deeds;

A God who will hurl all our sins into the depths of the sea; A God who is loyal to his promise on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

So come, let us explore this book of Micah together, that we may live justly, love kindness and walk humbly with this God.

Classes are conducted via Zoom

Class: Part B – Micah (5 sessions) Dates: Every Monday, starting 29 Mar Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm Instructor: Brother Michael Lau

We will be using the study guide from **Precept NISS: Finding Hope When Life Seems Dark** for **Part A to C**. Book costs: \$12. \*Those who already have the NISS study guide, need not pay.

Please register via the link.

Торіс	Date	Registration Link
Part B: Micah (5 sessions)	29 Mar – 10 May	https://bit.ly/3nQA7lv Opens on Sun, 7 Mar Closes on Sat, 21 Mar
Part C: Nahum, Habakkuk & Zephaniah (6 sessions)	17 May – 28 Jun	Opens on Sun, 4 Apr

For more info visit gospellight.sg > Connect > Events

MEET YOUR PASTOR!

Date: **Sundays** Time: **10:30am to 11:00am** Click Zoom link: <u>https://bit.ly/2SMySH4</u> Meeting ID: 836 428 872 Password: **Pastor** 

#### • CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Join us in this 4 part series as we uncover the theology of prayer together, where we uncover what God has taught us about prayer in His Word, because a right understanding of God will be played out in a right living out of our faith! As we attempt to bridge the gap in our understanding of prayer, may our prayer lives be forever changed!

#### Series Name: "Prayer"

Speaker: Brother Luzerne Cheng 06 Mar - The Who of prayer: Our identity as children of God in prayer 13 Mar - The How of prayer: How to pray and how not to pray Time: **8:00pm** 

Join us on Facebook Live http://bit.ly/3aW1zeq

CEP Q&A Zoom Link: <u>https://bit.ly/2yAjjeH</u> Zoom ID: 827 5751 0829 Password: **CEP** 

#### • CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH (BASIC)

Suitable for those who have little knowledge of English. Date: Wednesdays, **17 Mar to 19 May** (10 sessions) Time: 2:00 to 3:00 pm Classes will be conducted via Zoom. Please contact Sue @ 97761377 for more details.

#### • EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF MARK

This Tuesday (9 March), we will be examining Mark 4:21-29. In Mark 4:21-25, Jesus told the Parable of the Lamp to enforce the truth of the Parable of the Sower. He told of a lamp, which in His day was a small clay vessel into which olive oil was poured. A wick was inserted in one opening, and when lighted, it provided illumination for the user. He asked if anyone would bring such a lighted lamp into a room and then put it underneath a bowl or beneath a bed. Next, Jesus told about the Parable of the Seed Growing by Itself in Mark 4:26-29, which occurs only in Mark's Gospel. Its symbolism is guite similar to the others given on this one occasion. He said that the parable depicts something about the kingdom of God. A comparison of all the parables in the series indicates that He was referring to the unusual form which this kingdom would take, beginning with Christ's first coming until He returns to earth to establish His millennial reign.

By: Brother Jerry Koh Date: Tues, **9 Mar** Time: **8pm** Click Zoom link: <u>http://bit.ly/3c0XBjM</u> Meeting ID: 886 4893 0084 Passcode: 182583

Blessings,

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

# ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Our Annual Congregation Meeting will be held via Zoom. Members will receive the Zoom meeting details separately.

Date: Sat, 27 Mar | Time: 10am - 12pm

Only members with unique Identification Number and Name will be admitted for the meeting.

# • CHIT CHAT! (NEWCOMERS EVENT)

Are you new to Gospel Light? Did you discover us through a friend, our online services or social media? We'd love for you to get to know us better! Chit Chat is an informal social session on Zoom where you get to mingle with our Pastor, Elders and leaders. Ever wondered what kind of church we are and where are our roots? What does our mission and vision statement mean? Save the date and we look forward to a great time of chit chat!

# Date: Saturday, 20 Mar

Time: **11:00am** Click Zoom link: <u>http://bit.ly/3oXHQij</u> Meeting ID: 856 5201 9857 Password: **chitchat** 

#### • VOLUNTEERS FOR VACCINE OPERATIONS – PUNGGOL SHORE (PUNGGOL 21 CC)

Volunteers are needed with house visit outreach to seniors to assist them with their vaccination bookings, starting from 7 March. An opportunity for us to serve the Punggol Shore community and demonstrate the love of Christ via acts of kindness.

Click the following link to register: http://bit.ly/3q8pKdN

# • WORSHIP SERVICE

Details of our onsite services are given below. The Lord's Supper will also be observed on the  $1^{st}$  &  $3^{rd}$  Sunday of the month.

# Sunday Services\*

Worship Service	Timing	Location	<b>Registration Link</b>
English	9am / 11am	Shine Auditorium – Level 4	https://bit.ly/2SvNREO Opens on Sun, 4pm Closes on Fri, 9am
Chinese	9am	Gospel Auditorium – Level 2	<u>https://bit.ly/3ljdvc8</u> Opens on Sun, 4pm Closes on Fri, 9am
Filipino	2pm	Gospel Auditorium – Level 2	https://bit.ly/3mnOvRK Opens on Sun, 4pm Closes on Fri, 9am
Bahasa	11am	Hall 3 - Attic	Nil
^Young Adults	2pm	Light 1 & 2 - Lavel 3	https://bit.ly/3uOxwN8 Opens on Sun, 4pm Closes on Fri, 9am
Telugu	5pm	Gospel Auditorium – Level 2	<u>https://bit.ly/33DksP</u> Opens on Sun, 5:30pm Closes on Fri, 9am

#### ^21 & 28 Mar – Registration opens 14 Mar

Saturday Service					
Worship Service	Timing	Location	<b>Registration Link</b>		
⁺Youth	4.30pm	Gospel Auditorium – Level 2	https://bit.ly/2HYp5Lm Opens on Sun, 4pm Closes on Thu, 1pm		

#### <sup>†</sup>7 Mar

Children Service **will not** resume on-site service. Their current online services remain. For Bahasa service to register with Sis 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. For any queries, please write to shine@gospellight.sq.

# SERVICES AND PRAYER MEETINGS

- English Service Sunday 9am / 11am: <u>https://bit.ly/33X72MN</u>
- Chinese Service Sunday 9am: <u>https://bit.ly/3akSf0v</u>
- Filipino Service Sunday 2pm: <u>https://bit.ly/3d</u>ABVen
- Telugu Service Sunday 5pm: <u>https://bit.ly/2xma2WL</u>
- 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

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

If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email <a href="mailto:shine@gospellight.sg">shine@gospellight.sg</a>

# **EVENTS FORECAST**

March	April	Мау
Expository Study, Book of Mark	Expository Study, Book of Mark	Expository Study, Book of Mark
Inductive Bible Study	Inductive Bible Study	Inductive Bible Study
Small Group Bible Study	Small Group Bible Study	New Believers Class
New Believers Class	New Believers Class	Seekers Class
Membership Classes	Seekers Class	Membership Classes
Marriage Workshop	Baptism Class	Baptism
Chit Chat! with Newcomers	Good Friday Service	
Christian Education Programme Annual Congregation Meeting	Easter Service	

#### For details. Please refer to <u>gospellight.sg</u> > Connect > Events > 2021 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: 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
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.

