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- Elder Thomas -

AN UN-WASTED LIFE

When I ponder about life, my thoughts go back to Adam and Eve. Created in God's image, they had dominion over the land and other living things, knowledge that surpassed the rest of creation, as well as the ability to exercise personal choice. Yet God also picked "things which are little upon the earth" and lovingly reminded us to learn from them (Prov 6:6-8, 30:24-28, Job 12:7-10, Jer 8:7).

The Little Bee

We can learn from the honey bee. While it lives for only 38 days, it changes its role six times. After birth, it starts as a CLEANER and cleans its waste from the hive to prepare it for the next bee. Then it becomes an

UNDERTAKER, clearing dead bees to prevent disease and maintain hygiene. Eventually it becomes a NURSE, baby-sitting and feeding several thousand larvae daily. Shortly after, it becomes a HONEY bee, transforming nectar into honey and storing it. With maturity, it moves from "in-hive" jobs to more difficult ones outside the hive. As a GUARDIAN bee, it wards off intruders like bears, wasps and mice. And in its final and most challenging role, it becomes a FORAGER bee, flying great distances from the hive and braving unknowns to search for nectar. Imprinted into its DNA is a need to fulfil each role responsibly, to ensure the colony's survival.

The cohesiveness of the bee colony lies in its communication. Bees use body motion, flight patterns, tail wagging, and body positions to convey direction and distance. When a colony's vital functions are impaired, the danger is swiftly communicated by the bees through glandular secretions into the honey. Upon detecting the imbalance in the honey, the bees emit a moaning sound and this echoes within the hive. The bees swiftly respond by changing roles and filling vacancies, to re-establish equilibrium. A lack of responsibility and diligence would often mean that the entire colony is destroyed.

We too have distinct roles, in our family and the church, at every stage of our lives. But we sometimes come up with excuses. Others can do it. There are better qualified people. Let newcomers take over. I am busy.

The little honey bee's selflessness, responsibility and dedication is an example for us, and opens up several possibilities when we apply it to Christian ministry. For example, if we are seniors and do not have the same physical energy as before, can we still serve in other ways? If we are already serving in one ministry, could we be flexible and use our spare time and other talents to serve in another ministry? Let's ask the Lord to help us redeem our time, and live un-wasted lives.

Elder Thomas Teh Head of Pastoral Care Department



CLASSES AND TRAINING



BAPTISM

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. Register and download application forms via our website at Connect – **Events**.

*In light of the current Covid situation, registration is limited to 12 pax. Registrants must be fully vaccinated^.

Classes are conducted via Zoom

Baptism Class (English)
Date: 25 Sep, Saturday
Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Baptism Class (Chinese) Date: 26 Sep, Sunday
Time: 11:15am – 12:15pm

Baptism Date: 31 Oct, Sunday Venue: Shine Auditorium, Level 4

Registration closes on 12 Sep.

^Vaccinated/Tested individuals refer to those who have:

- Received the full regimen of Pfizer
 BioNTech/Comirnatry, Moderna or WHO EUL vaccines,
 with an additional two weeks for the vaccine to be
 effective; or
- Recovered from Covid-19 and have a valid PET Exemption Notice; or
- o Obtained a negative result on a pre-event test (PET) administered by MOH's approved COVID-19 test providers. This PET needs to be taken in the past 24 hours before the expect ed end of the event. E.g If the service you are attending will end at12pm on Sunday, you will need to go for PET between 12pm on Saturday to 12 pm on Sunday.
- Only vaccination records that are available via HealthHub app or TraceTogether app/token are accepted.
- We seek your understanding that worshippers who do not fulfil the above vaccinated/tested criteria will be turned away on site.

• WORSHIP (CEP SERIES)

Worship can mean different things to different people. The bible did not give us a 'one size fits all' definition of worship, which can lead to disagreements between believers on what worship should be. The bible does however give us great principles for worship that allow us to grasp the essence of what worship really is about.

Join us as we discover principles on Worship. We hope this would serve as a foundation to worship God with the freedom and truth as revealed in scripture.

Series Name: "Worship"Speaker: Brother Daniel Yip

Date: Sat, 14 Aug – Topic: Why we worship Sat, 21 Aug – Topic: How we worship

Time: 8:00pm

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

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

Zoom ID: 827 5751 0829 Password: **CEP**

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF MARK

This Tuesday, 17 August, we will be studying Mark 10:46-52. This passage relates the miracle where Jesus heals a blind man named Bartimaeus. This story is unique among the healings of the Synoptics for its warmth and interests in the person healed. Come join us for Bible Study. The zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

By: Brother Jerry Koh Date: **Tues, 17 Aug** Time: **8pm** https://bit.ly/3ABV7mv Meeting ID: 884 6942 6600 Passcode: 021174



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• JOBS AVAILABLE

Building Facilities Maintenance Assistant

If you or anyone you know would be interested to serve with us for the above position, please contact Benita Teo at benita.teo@gospellight.sg. Details of the job position are available via our website under gospellight.sg Contact > Careers.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



WORSHIP SERVICE

Following the latest measures by MCCY, we are resuming on-site worship services in stages:

- English (max 200 pax), Chinese (max 100)- start on 5 Sep, only for those vaccinated/tested
- Filipino, Varsity, Youth, Bahasa & Telugu- no need for vaccination/testing as < 50 pax

(A) Worship Services for Vaccinated/Tested Worshippers ONLY

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On- site Service	Registration Link for On-site Service	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am Starting 5 Sep	200 pax	https://bit.ly/2SvNREO Opens on 29 Aug Sun, 4pm Closes on Fri, 9am	http://bit.ly/38BU0rA
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am Starting 5 Sep	100 pax	https://bit.ly/3ljdvc8 Opens on 29 Aug Sun, 4pm Closes on Fri, 9am	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT

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 - Received the full regimen of Pfizer BioNTech/Comirnatry, Moderna or WHO EUL vaccines, with an additional two weeks for the vaccine to be effective; or
 - Recovered from Covid-19 and have a valid PET Exemption Notice; or
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B) Worship Services for Unvaccinated and Vaccinated Worshippers						
Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site Service	Registration Link for On-site Service	Livestream Link		
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m Starting 14 Aug	50 pax	https://bit.ly/2HYp5Lm Opens on Sun, 4pm Closes on Thu, 1pm	https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3		
Varsity@ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Every 1st Sunday at 2:30pm Starting 5 Sep	50 pax	For newcomers please email luzerne.cheng@gospellight.sg to register	https://bit.ly/3vTWnPy		
Bahasa @ Hall 3 (Attic)	Every 1 st & 3 rd Sunday at 10:30am Starting 5 Sep	50 pax	Register directly with Sister Fei Lin via whatsapp @ 9488 0363	NIL		
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium L2	Sunday at 2pm Starting 22 Aug	50 pax	https://bit.ly/3mnOvRK Opens on 15 Aug Sun, 4pm Closes on Fri, 9am	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU		
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium L2	Sunday at 2pm Starting 22 Aug	50 pax	https://bit.ly/33DksPq Opens on 15 Aug Sun, 4pm Closes on Fri, 9am	http://bit.ly/30G4fXl		

(C) Children Service

Children Service will remain online until further notice. Please email hannah.chee@gospellight.sg to register for online Zoom Children Service on Sundays at 11am.

• 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, 11 Sep

Time: 11:00am

Click Zoom link: http://bit.ly/3oXHQij

Meeting ID: 856 5201 9857

Password: chitchat

SERVICES AND PRAYER MEETINGS



- English Service Sunday 9am: https://bit.ly/38BU0rA
- Chinese Service Sunday 9am: https://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT
- Filipino Service Sunday 2pm: https://bit.ly/30FjYFU
- Telugu Service Sunday 5pm: https://bit.ly/30G4fXl
- Youth Service Saturday 4:30pm 6:00pm:

https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3 (Zoom ID: 659 128 5331)

Password: Gospel

(For more details contact Pastor Yu Fei @ 91285331)

- Bahasa service will be starting on 5 Sep.
- Varsity (19-25 y/o) Every 1st Sunday of the month 2:30pm - 5:00pm: https://bit.ly/3vTWnPy (Zoom ID: 447 752 1889) Password: Varsity. (For more details contact Luzerne @ luzerne.cheng@gospellight.sg)
- Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8pm:

https://bit.ly/35HS8uy

MEET YOUR PASTOR!

Date: Sun, 15 Aug | Time: 10:20am

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

Meeting ID: 836 428 872 | Password: Pastor

Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am:

https://bit.ly/3drPHPn

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

GIVING ONLINE

You may give your offerings 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"

- 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.

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