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LETTING POPULAR CULTURE SHAPE OUR CHILDREN

In the second of my two-part article on parenting mistakes, I will discuss the third common mistake. In addition, I will also discuss the authoritative parenting style.

Common Mistake No. 3

Popular culture has good and bad elements. However, my observation is that many parents do not take deliberate steps to establish a family culture, that is, they allow popular culture to have a big influence over their children. This is especially pertinent for younger children who do not have the maturity to discern culture's good and bad elements. Psychologist Thomas Lickona puts it this way:

"Cultures shape character. Parents cannot count on the wider culture to help them raise kind and respectful kids. A media-driven, materialistic, and hypersexualized world bombards children with negative messages and models that can easily have a bigger role in shaping their values and character than parents do."

What should parents do? According to Lickona, parents have to be more intentional and vigilant than ever before. This means taking pro-active and deliberate steps "to create a positive family culture strong enough to withstand the unhealthy influences of the wider culture." He suggests the following:

1. Intentionally create "connective rituals" such as family mealtime, bedtime reading, praying and worshipping together, birthdays and holiday celebrations (such as Christmas and New Year), shared activities, and meaningful one-on-one time. Such connective rituals strengthen family bonds and increase parental influence over their children.

2. Clearly and regularly communicate your family's beliefs and values. For example, why is marriage good? Why is sex outside of marriage bad? Why is pornography harmful? Why must children obey their parents? Communicate clearly that a person's value is inherent in the fact that he or she is created in the image of God, and not derived from his or her looks, abilities, or material possessions.

3. Have strict rules about smart devices. Decide when, where and how much smart devices can be used. Do not allow them to dominate family life and replace face-to-face conversations that are critical for imparting values.

4. Create a family mission statement or vision statement to express the kind of family that you want to be. This can be a series of "we" statements such as, "we say sorry when we are in the wrong" and "we show kindness to one another in words and actions."

Authoritative Parenting Style

According to psychologist Diana Baumrind, the authoritative parenting style is the preferred approach. Authoritative parents set clear boundaries, but encourage children's independence within those limits. Discipline is more corrective and supportive than punitive. What can parents do to be more authoritative? Lickona suggests being warm and loving toward their children, setting age-appropriate limits, gently but firmly demanding respect from their children, and regularly praising and validating their children.

Elder Jeffrey Pang
Shepherd Elder



• GOOD FRIDAY 2022

Which is the darkest moment in history? Is it the Covid-19 pandemic, which has claimed over 6 million lives? Was it World War 2 which saw 70 million lives perish? Instead, why does the bible center the darkest moment in history on the death of one man? Why will no event, past or future ever eclipse the tragedy of this Friday so long ago? Join us as we gather to remember why we call that tragic Friday, 'Good'

Date: **Fri, 15 Apr** | Time: **8pm**

English Service: Shine Auditorium

Chinese Service: Gospel Auditorium

• RECRUITMENT

1. **ShineKidz Executive**

2. **Finance Executive**

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.

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

Acts 20:35





CLASSES & TRAININGS

• SILVER JOY MINISTRY TALKS

Topic: **Otago-Based Falls Prevention Exercise (Via YouTube)**

Date: **Thur, 7 Apr 2022**

Time: 10:00am to 11:30am

Speaker: Dr. Tiffany Shubert

Registration is required via <https://bit.ly/3GGCUXR>

Topic: **Smiling Through The Silver Years**

Date: **Thur, 21 Apr 2022**

Time: 10:00am to 11:30am

Speaker: Dr Joshua Chong, Dental Surgeon

Registration is required via <https://bit.ly/34Zl9Gi>

More info at gospellight.sg > **Connect** > **Community Engagement** > **Silver Joy Ministry**

• SEEKERS CLASS – COME EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY!

Where can I find lasting happiness? What is the meaning and purpose of life? Does God truly exist? There is a God-shaped hole in everyone's heart and only the Bible has the answers to fill it. If you are exploring Christianity, sign up today.

Date: **17 Apr – 22 May** (6 weeks)

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Register at gospellight.sg >

Connect > **Events** or scan the QR Code.

Registration deadline: Sun, 10 Apr



• MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Membership in Gospel Light is only for baptized believers of the Lord, and must be of age 16 and above. Attendance at both membership classes 1 & 2 is a prerequisite for membership application.

English

Date: **Sat, 14 & 21 May**

Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Venue: Zoom

Chinese

Date: **Sun, 15 & 22 May**

Time: 10:45am – 11:45pm

Venue: Level 2, Gospel Auditorium Cry Room

Register at gospellight.sg > **Connect** > **Events** or scan the QR code.

Registration deadline: **Sun, 17 Apr**



• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS

This Tuesday, 29 March 2022, we will be covering Romans 3:21-26, where we will be looking at God justifying everyone who believes in Jesus. Do come and join us. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

By: Brother Jerry Koh

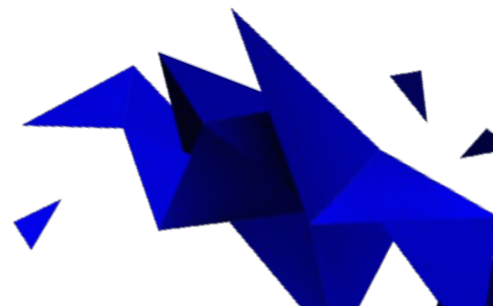
Date: **Tues, 29 Mar 2022**

Time: 8pm

<https://bit.ly/3qw4P7k>

Meeting ID: **857 2178 4895**

Passcode: **092156**



• WORSHIP SERVICE

Following the latest measures by MCCY (11 Mar 2022), some of the key changes we will be implementing with effect from 15 March 2022 are:

- 1) No need for online registration to attend worship services.
- 2) Free seating, no zoning required.
- 3) Capacity limits for the various congregations are revised and listed in the table below.

(A) Worship Services for **Vaccinated Worshippers ONLY**

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am	600 pax	http://bit.ly/38BU0rA
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am	180 pax	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium L2	Sunday at 2pm	180 pax	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m	180 pax	https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3
Varsity @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 2:30pm *no service on 5 th week	600 pax	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Hall 3 (Attic)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	50 pax	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm	180 pax	http://bit.ly/30G4fXI

• Vaccinated individuals refer to those who have:

- o Been fully vaccinated, i.e. has received the appropriate regimen of World Health Organisation Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines including their respective duration post-vaccination for the vaccine to be fully effective, and had their vaccination records ingested in MOH's national IT systems; or
- o Recovered from COVID-19 within the last 180 days

• From 14 February 2022 onwards, persons aged 18 years and above who have completed the primary vaccination series of COVID-19 vaccines and are eligible for booster vaccination will be considered as fully vaccinated for 270 days after the last dose in their primary vaccination series. The same will apply to persons aged 12-17 years old from 14 March 2022. Persons who have recovered from COVID-19 and have completed their primary series vaccination do not require an additional booster dose at this point in time.

- 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 vaccination criteria will be turned away on-site.
- There will be no change to our Sunday morning prayer meeting at 8:15am via Zoom.
- English Meet the Pastor Session will be at 10:20am.

(B) Children Service

Children Service will remain online until further notice. Please email hannah.chee@gospellight.sg to register. Online Zoom Service on Sundays as follows:

- 11am for Primary, and
- 10:15am for Preschoolers age 3-6 years

For detailed advisory, please visit gospellight.sg>visit>service venues and timings



WEEKLY MEETINGS

- **Meet Your Pastor! – Sunday 10:20am:** <https://bit.ly/2SMYSH4>
Meeting ID: 836 428 872 | Password: Pastor
- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm:** <https://bit.ly/35HS8uy>
Meeting ID: 812 885 158 | Password: Wednesday
- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am:** <https://bit.ly/3drPHPn>
Meeting ID: 858 855 0326 | Password: Sunday

- 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) PayNow

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

- State "NA" - Offering will go towards General Fund
- State 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:

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

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