



17 April 2022

THE WAR IN UKRAINE; OUR RESPONSE

Armed conflicts are common. Lately, the war in Ukraine has had more media attention than others, perhaps because it happened in the West. As expected, Christians have varied reactions. But, the question we should ask is *"How should we respond?"*

The finger-pointing in condemning despotic leaders comes almost naturally, doesn't it? But, as Christians we should respond biblically. First, let's not be surprised, yet be good-tempered. Jesus warned us that *'wars and rumors of war'*¹ would escalate in these last days. We should empathize with the innocent victims. Otherwise, we won't bother to pray and find ways to help them.

Let's respect geopolitical expert analysts' perspectives about the 'whys' of conflicts, according to their ideologies and worldviews. However, the biblical view differs. Simplistic as it sounds, sin is the origin of conflict. Isn't an unregenerate man, at his best, self-seeking? As James said, *"For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice."*² Cain murdered his brother Abel for this reason. Furthermore, James asked, *"What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel."*³

Sadly, as we see the devastations of war, the question *'Why is it happening?'* is irrepressible. The grotesque images are hard to bear. Nevertheless, we take solace that God is always 'too good to be unkind and too wise

to commit mistakes.' God didn't move an inch from His throne as His Son was brutally nailed at the cross. He allowed this for His own sovereign glory. As the psalmist declares, *"Surely the wrath of man shall praise you."*⁴

Lastly, we should not overlook the story in Luke 13. Some asked Jesus whether the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices were worse sinners than others. And, whether the eighteen people killed when the Siloam tower fell were worse offenders than others. Jesus did not answer directly. Instead, He pointed them to their greatest need, saying, *"No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."*⁵ In other words, in tragedies, whether instigated by man or nature, it's not our priority to seek who to blame. But, it is to examine our hearts and ask, "Have I repented of my sins and made my heart right with God?" I pray and hope we all do.

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¹ Matt 24:6,7

² Jas 3:16

³ Jas 4:1,2

⁴ Psa 76:10a

⁵ Luke 13:3,5



• CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Starting 1 May 2022, there will be 2 options for Children's Service for Primary levels:

- (i) **9am on-site.** Weekly registration will open on Sundays (from 24 April) and close on the following Thursday. To register, click <https://bit.ly/3DisxJk>.
- (ii) **11am on Zoom**

Preschool will remain online at 10:15am until further notice. To register, please write to children@gospellight.sg.

• YOUNG MUMS PRAY AND SHARE

Are you a young mum of a newborn or primary school children? Mothering is a high calling and not an easy one. We understand and hope to support you in your parenting journey. Join us twice a month on Zoom to connect, be encouraged and equipped to be the mum that God wants you to be!

Date: Thu, 21 Apr | Time: 9pm - 10pm

Click Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/39TmGNO>

Meeting ID: **865 7673 8143**

Password: **mums**

• RECRUITMENT

1. 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.

• VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

(a) Visual Ministry

The Visual ministry is a key part of the Sunday Experience! We exist to enhance the worship and teaching of God's Word. Apply for our ministry to support the visual experience of our worshippers! Basic knowledge of the computer, powerpoint is sufficient. More training will be provided!

(b) Offering Counting Team

If you are meticulous when it comes to handling money and also a member of the church, we would love to have you serve with us in our offering counting team.

Please write in to shine@gospellight.sg or call 9117 6000 to indicate interest, for all of the above.

• TRANSPORT NEEDED (SPECIAL NEEDS)

Volunteers needed to ferry

(a) Visually handicapped brethren to and fro our 9am English service. She stays 2 to 3 bus stops away from church. Call Sue @ 97761377 for more info.

(b) Elderly lady in her 80s to and fro our 11am Chinese service. She stays at Jalan Kukoh. Call Hin Hee @ 92736368 for more info.

(c) Elderly lady in her 80s with her son and daughter (50s) to and fro our 11am Chinese service. She and her son are partially blind. They live in Toh Guan. Call Hin Hee @ 92736368 for more info.



• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS

This Tuesday, 19 April 2022, we will be covering Romans 4:9-12, where we will learn that Abraham was justified before he was circumcised. Do come and join us. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

By: Brother Jerry Koh

Date: **Tues, 19 April 2022**

Time: 8pm

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

Meeting ID: **898 0366 0780**

Passcode: **944142**

• SILVER JOY MINISTRY TALKS

Topic: **Smiling Through The Silver Years**

Date: **Thur, 21 Apr 2022**

Time: 10:00am to 11:30am

Speaker: Dr Joshua Chong,
Dental Surgeon



Register at gospellight.sg >

Connect > Community

Engagement > Silver Joy Ministry or scan the QR Code.

• 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

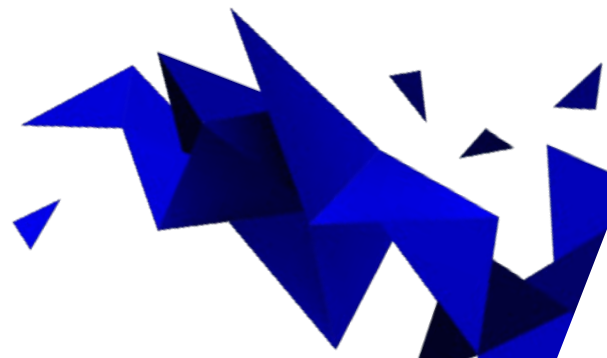
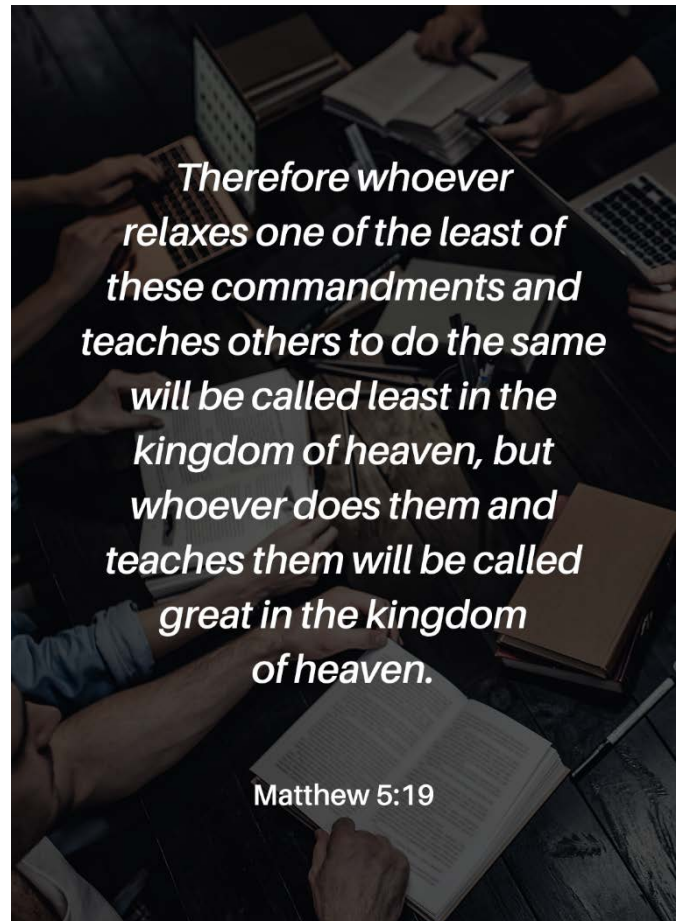
Date: **Sun, 15 & 22 May**

Time: 10:45am – 11:45am

Venue: Level 2, Gospel Auditorium Cry Room

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

Registration deadline: **Sun, 17 Apr**



• WORSHIP SERVICE

We are pleased to announce the following from 1 May 2022 onwards,

1. Additional English and Chinese services at 11am.
2. Food will be served after the 9am worship service (simple breakfast) and after the 11am worship service (lunch).
3. On-site prayer meeting on Sundays at 8.15am in Shine Auditorium.

Measures that were announced in our earlier advisory as given below still apply:

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.
4. Congregational singing is permitted with masks on.
5. Post service fellowship is permitted but limited to group sizes of 10, with 1m distancing between groups.
6. Food consumption on-site is subject to the following:
 - a. Food must be in individually packed portions, no sharing of food;
 - b. Group size is limited to 10 pax, with 1m distancing between groups;
 - c. No intermingling of groups whilst consuming food;
 - d. Food must be consumed whilst stationary, no walking about; and
 - e. Write in to shine@gospellight.sg to book venue and indicate that your group will be consuming food

(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 and 11am	640 pax	http://bit.ly/38BU0rA (only available at 9am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	220 pax	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 9am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium L2	Sunday at 2pm	220 pax	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m	220 pax	https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3
Varsity @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 2:30pm *no service on 5 th week	640 pax	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Hall 1 (L2)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	20 pax	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 7pm	220 pax	http://bit.ly/30G4fXl

- 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.
- English Meet the Pastor Session will be at 10:20am.

(B) Children Service

For details on Children's Service, please refer to page 2 of this bulletin.



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
**Sunday prayer meeting will resume on-site with effect 1 May 2022*

- 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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