



1 May 2022

## THE NEGLECT OF PRAYER

The disciples asked, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). Yet, during Jesus' greatest hour of need, they could not and did not pray. He said, "What, could you not watch (pray) with me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40) Here are some common reasons - apart from laziness - why prayer is neglected.

### 1) We doubt

Why pray when God doesn't seem to answer my prayer? Does God really answer prayers? These doubts may be floating at the back of our minds from time to time. We think that if God doesn't answer our prayers in the way we expect, prayer doesn't make any difference. But this is far from the truth. The Word of God tells us that He does answer prayer (1 John 5:14). However, this could come in God's timing and not our own, answered in His ways and not our ways, and always according to His will and not ours. We must remember that 'No' or closed doors are also possible answers, and not non-answers.

### 2) We have grown distant

Do we remember when we last experienced close communion and intimacy with God? Perhaps we recall a time when we experienced God's presence and power in a special way. Or a time when we had childlike faith, to come as we were before our Heavenly Father. One reason for our neglect of prayer may be that life got busier, and distractions get in our way of daily devotion to God. Perhaps we should pause and

reflect, to see if we have let the good things in life take the place of the best thing (Luke 10:42). What should we do? The Bible reminds us in Revelation 2:4-5, to remember where we have fallen, and repent and return to Him.

### 3) We rely on ourselves

As Christians, we are called and commanded to devote ourselves to prayer (Colossians 4:2) and to pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17). One of the reasons we are called to pray is because WE NEED IT! For many of us, we often think we are doing all right, and are not aware of our need for God until trouble comes. Our pride makes us think that we are in control. As John Calvin says, "Prayer is the chief exercise of faith." When we neglect prayer, we are relying on our own strength instead of exercising faith. We are deceived if we think we can do everything on our own. We need God daily, moment by moment.

Prayer is a means of grace that God has provided for us in His Son Christ Jesus, when He died on the cross. So let us come humbly, boldly, intentionally, and persistently before His presence because He is a great God!

Pastor Yu Fei  
Shepherd, Youth Congregation



### •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.

**(d)** A lady in her 20s with Cerebral Palsy, on wheelchair to and fro our 9am English service. She stays around Serangoon/Jalan Besar Area. Call Victor Lim @ 9488 8529 for more info.

### •RECRUITMENT

- 1. Finance Executive**
- 2. IT Manager**

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

*Faith and works are bound up  
in the same bundle. He that  
obeys God trusts God; and he  
that trusts God obeys God. He  
that is without faith is without  
works; and he that is without  
works is without faith.*

Charles Spurgeon



### • 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, 5 May** | Time: **9pm - 10pm**

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

Meeting ID: **865 7673 8143**

Password: **mums**

### • 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: **Sat, 21 May 2022** | Time: **11:00am**

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

Meeting ID: 856 5201 9857

Password: **chitchat**

### • CHILDREN'S SERVICE

There are 2 options for Children's Service for Primary levels:

**(i) 9am on-site.** Weekly registration will open on Sundays 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](mailto:children@gospellight.sg).





• **SILVER JOY MINISTRY TALKS**

Topic: **Otago-based Falls Prevention Exercise (Workout #2, via YouTube)**

Date: **Thur, 5 May 2022**

Time: 10:00am to 11:30am

Speaker: Dr. Tiffany Shubert

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

Topic: **Otago-based Falls Prevention Exercise (Workout #3, via YouTube)**

Date: **Thur, 19 May 2022**

Time: 10:00am to 11:30am

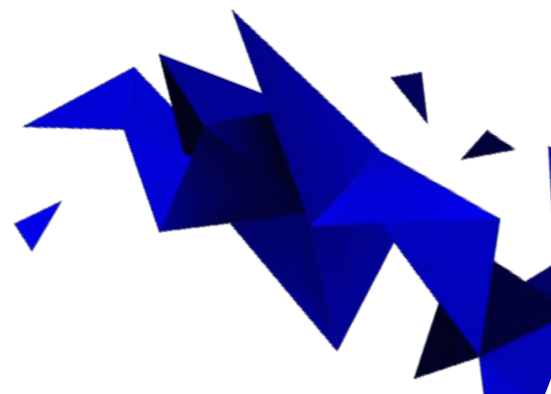
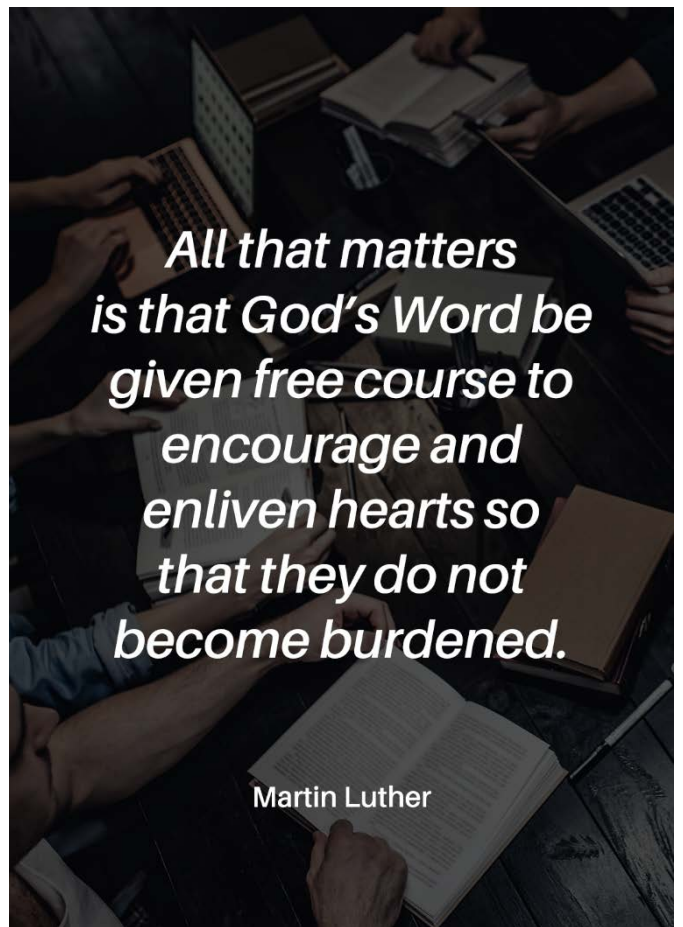
Speaker: Dr. Tiffany Shubert

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

More info at [gospellight.sg](http://gospellight.sg) > **Connect > Community Engagement > Silver Joy Ministry**

• **EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS**

We will be taking a break on Tues, 3 May and will resume on 10 May.





## • WORSHIP SERVICE

Measures that were announced in our earlier advisory as given below still apply with updates shown in blue below:

- Additional English and Chinese services at 11am from 1 May 2022 onwards
- Food will be served after the 9am worship service (simple breakfast) and after the 11am worship service (lunch) from 1 May 2022 onwards. **All previous restrictions on food have been lifted.**
- On-site prayer meeting on Sundays at 8.15am in Shine Auditorium.
- No need for online registration to attend worship services.
- Free seating, no zoning required.
- Capacity limits for the various congregations are revised and listed in the table below.
- Congregational singing is permitted with masks on.

### (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	800 pax	<a href="http://bit.ly/38BU0rA">http://bit.ly/38BU0rA</a> (only available at 9am)

- 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.

### (B) Worship Services for **Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Worshippers**

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site	Livestream Link
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	240 pax	<a href="http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT">http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT</a> (only available at 9am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium L2	Sunday at 2pm	240 pax	<a href="http://bit.ly/30FjYFU">http://bit.ly/30FjYFU</a>
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m	240 pax	<a href="https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3">https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3</a>
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	Sunday at 2:30pm *no service on 5 <sup>th</sup> week	140 pax	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel <a href="https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1">https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1</a>
Bahasa @ Hall 1 (L2)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	20 pax	Nil
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 7pm	240 pax	<a href="http://bit.ly/30G4fXl">http://bit.ly/30G4fXl</a>

### (B) Children Service

For details on Children's Service, please refer to page 3 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, Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)**

• If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email [shine@gospellight.sg](mailto: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:

**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 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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