



7 August 2022

## SHOULD A CHRISTIAN BE PATRIOTIC?

National Day is in two days. Across the land, we see red and white flags and decorations going up. We hear national songs on the airwaves, and in shopping centres and supermarkets. I saw many emphatic social media posts on the National Day Parade Preview over the last weekend of July. When we see our national athletes do well at the Olympics, World Championships or Southeast Asian Games, most of us can't help but feel a surge of pride and joy. We celebrate in their successes, as a country. In Singapore, men go for National Service. Quite a number of us at Gospel Light Christian Church have served as regulars in the Singapore Armed Forces, or are still serving. Many of us, whether in public service or the private sector, try to fly the Singapore flag high in our field of study, or in our place of regional/international work. I feel that there is a rightful place for Christians to be thankful for the country in which God has placed us, and to work for the country's good.

“ **this world is not our eternal home, and that we “seek a heavenly country” (Hebrews 11:10,16); we are to, at the same time, ardently seek the peace and well-being of the earthly country we are placed in.** ”

Hang on. Some might ask how what I've just written compares against passages of Scripture like “my Kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36), “our citizenship is in heaven” (Phil 3:20), and “love not the world” (1 John 2:15).

I find Scripture to be very balanced in this regard. Consider Jeremiah 29:4-7:

*“Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried*

*away from Jerusalem unto Babylon; Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished. And **seek the peace of the city** whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and **pray unto the LORD** for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.”*

What Scripture is saying is that while we need to be crystal clear that this world is not our eternal home, and that we “seek a heavenly country” (Hebrews 11:10,16); we are to, at the same time, ardently seek the peace and well-being of the earthly country we are placed in. And this is exactly what many past generations of Christians did.

Singapore is a very prosperous country. We need to take care that patriotism does not give way to pride or prejudice. Remember that Galatians 3:28 says “there is neither Jew nor Greek...for ye are all one in Christ”, and Revelations 21:24 paints a scene in Heaven at the end of time where “the nations of them that are saved shall walk in it”.

So yes, for this National Day, let's don our red and white, and be proud to be Singaporeans. And pray that God will continue to bless Singapore and guide our leaders (1 Tim 2:1-2); and for Christians in Singapore to be salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16); to do justly, walk humbly and to love mercy (Micah 4:6); and to be a blessing to those around us.

Elder Fred Chew  
Chairman, Church Committee



# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

## • KIDS BIBLE CAMP 2022 – SAVE THE DATE!

P1-P5 children & parents take note! KBC will be back in 2022.

Date: Thursday - Friday (24 - 25 November 2022)

Venue: Church

More details to follow soon, stay tuned!

## • CHURCH CAMP 2023 – SAVE THE DATE!

Church camps can be huge catalysts for change. Studies show that convictions for change happen best in environments away from day-to-day life. A 4-day camp can possibly reignite your spiritual flourishing more than just months of church attendance.

Date: Wed - Sat (7-10 June 2023)

Venue: Four Points Sheraton, Desaru

Registration begins in January 2023. More details to follow.

## • CHILDREN'S SERVICE

(i) **Primary Levels (7-12 years):** 11am on-site (Level 3).

(ii) **Preschool Levels (3-6 years):** 11am on-site (Hall 3 @ Attic). No registration required for all levels.

*\*If your child is born in 2019 (i.e. turning 3 years old this year) but is not yet 36 months old, we will require a caregiver to accompany the child throughout the preschool children service.*

From **4 Sept 2022**, there will be two children's services at 9am and 11 am for:

(i) Primary Levels (7 - 12 years) at Level 3; and

(ii) Playgroup (~ 18 months till 2+) at Hall 3 @ Attic

For Preschool Levels (3-6 years), it will remain at 11am until more volunteers are raised.

We're looking for volunteers to join us!

Contact [children@gospellight.sg](mailto:children@gospellight.sg) for more information to volunteer with us.

## • SHINEKIDZ EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT

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](mailto:benita.teo@gospellight.sg). Details of the job position are available via our website at [Careers](#).



• **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.

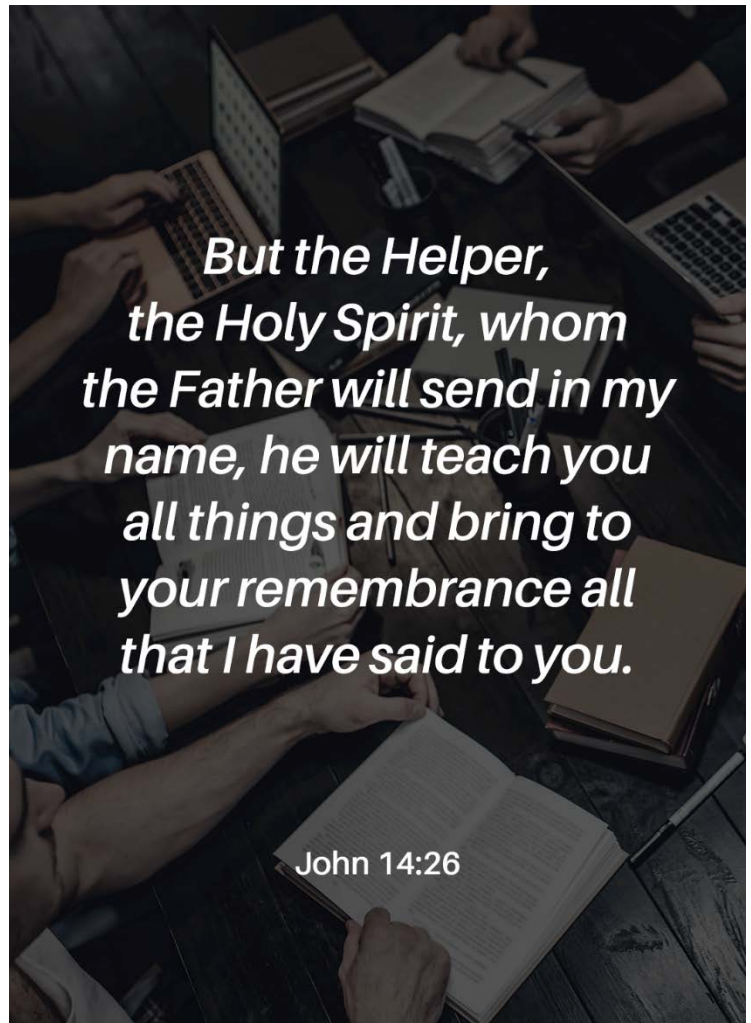
Date: **28 Aug – 2 Oct** (6 Sundays)

Time: 1:15pm - 3:15pm

Venue: TBC

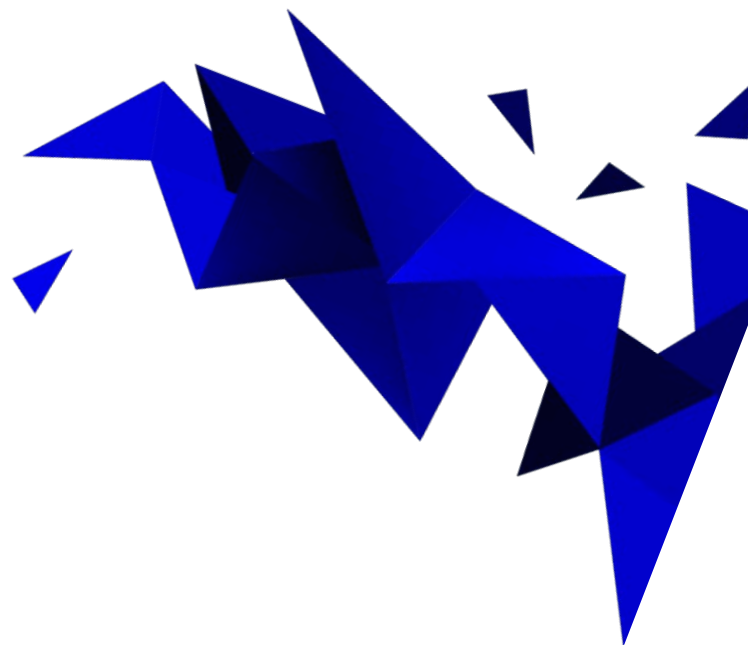
Click <https://bit.ly/3ovpmaal> to register.

**Registration deadline: Sun, 21 Aug**



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

We will take a break on Tues, 9 Aug and will resume class on Tues, 16 Aug.



## • WORSHIP SERVICE

- No need for online registration to attend worship services.
- Free seating, no zoning required.
- Congregational singing is permitted with masks on.
- On-site prayer meeting on Sundays at 8.15am in Shine Auditorium.
- Food will be served after the 9am worship service (simple breakfast) and after the 11am worship service (lunch).

### (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	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 8pm	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 2 of this bulletin.



## WEEKLY MEETINGS

- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm**

**Venue: Hall 3, Attic**

- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am**

**Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)**

- **Our weekly Meet the Pastor has ended. But do check back [here](#) for future Q&A sessions with Pastor Jason Lim. For further questions about, the Church, God and the bible, please drop us an email at [shine@gospellight.sg](mailto:shine@gospellight.sg)**

- **Varsity Ministry Sermon Series – Exodus: Freed to Follow**

• 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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