



25 September 2022

## HOW SHOULD CHRISTIANS DATE (PART 2)

The Bible does not give clear answers on whether Christians should date. First, we must remember that the Bible was written thousands of years ago, in a radically different time and culture. Second, the Bible was not written primarily to inform us about dating and marriage! Yes, we can glimpse from the Bible God's plan for marriage, but it is primarily written to inform us about God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ his Son.

Nonetheless, while the Bible does not give specific instructions on dating, we can derive certain principles from it. Continuing from last week's article, I'd like to frame these principles as three more questions the single Christian should reflect on.

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### Questions the dating Christian should ask:

1) Is the person you are dating or planning to date a Christian?

The Bible is explicit that Christians should only marry another Christian (2 Cor. 6:14). Therefore, if dating is with a view to marriage, then by extension Christians should only date another Christian. At this juncture, I would like to caution Christians who think that they can “convert” the person they plan on dating. This is unwise and presumptuous. I have seen many cases of well-meaning Christians date non-Christians with this mindset. None of

them had a good ending. The Apostle Paul specifically wrote about this (1 Cor. 7:16).

2) Are you seeking advice from people who love you?

All of us have blind spots. And we are often blinded by our own desires. Therefore, with regards to dating, it is always good to seek the advice of those who love you. For many young people, these are your parents. Remember that they have gone through the journey that you are starting to embark on. So, it is wise to seek their advice. Alternatively, you can seek the advice of someone mature whom you trust.

3) Do you trust God to provide?

If you have gone through the above questions and done what I suggested, then the next step is to trust God. Ask God if this is the right time to be dating. Ask God if the person you are planning to date is the right person. One way to know is to seek the counsel of a godly person who knows you well. And if God reveals His answer to you, you need to submit to Him. “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and trust that all these things will be given to you.” (Mat. 6:33).

Finally, remember that God is more concerned with our hearts and motives, than with external conformance to any rules of dating. In addition to the biblical references above, you can check out 1 Cor 6:12-18 and 1 The. 4:3-8 (on sexual purity), 1 Cor. 7 (on marriage), as well as 2 Cor 6:14 (on being unequally yoked).

His servant,  
Elder Jeff Pang  
Shepherding Elder



## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

### • CHRISTMAS OUTREACH 2022: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Gospel Light is planning a celebrative outreach event for Christmas! The production will include carolling, life stories, musical performances and a sumptuous Christmas dinner. We need volunteers for the following roles:

1. Decoration
2. Carollers
3. Ushers
4. Befriending

Register here: <http://bit.ly/GLCCxVolunteers22> or for more information email us at <mailto:shine@gospellight.sg>.

### • VISIT COFFEE CONNECTS@ L1 MEZZANINE!

Come savor our handcrafted cakes and coffee! Located at L1 mezzanine, our cosy space is ideal for fellowship and connecting. All proceeds go to Gospel Light's mission work!

### • KIDS BIBLE CAMP 2022 – GREAT BIG STORY

The bible is full of fascinating stories, amazing miracles and epic battles. But what is the Bible really about? What does it all have to do with me? Why should I read it? Come join in the excitement of discovering the answer at Kids Bible Camp (KBC)!

KBC is the perfect way for kids to spend their school vacation. With two days of interactive activities, games, quizzes and prizes to be won. Your children will have an incredible time of learning with our volunteers.

Invite your unchurched friends! You don't want to miss this opportunity for their children to hear the message of the gospel in an immersive and memorable way.

Date: 24 and 25 Nov 2022 (Thursday & Friday)

Time: 8:30am to 5:30pm each day

Venue: Light Auditorium (L3)

Fees: \$20\* (inclusive of Lunch/ Tea/Camp materials)

Register: <https://bit.ly/2K4G5ee>

\*Registration closes on **Sun, 30 Oct**

For more information, email: [children@gospellight.sg](mailto:children@gospellight.sg)

### • VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KBC 2022!

Kids Bible Camp (KBC) is Gospel Light's annual two-day kids holiday camp. We want to serve the unchurched children in the community and engage believing kids in church. We need volunteers to help us with facilitation, running games and supporting the daily activities.

Date: Thur - Fri (24 - 25 Nov 2022)

Time: 7:30am to 6:30pm

Venue: Light Auditorium (L3)

Register as a volunteer: <https://bit.ly/3qjl7Pj>

For more information, email: [children@gospellight.sg](mailto:children@gospellight.sg)



# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

## • YOUTH CAMP 2022 – SAVE THE DATE!

Calling all youth from P6 to Poly and JC. Gospel Light's Youth Camp is happening this year.

Date: Tue - Fri (20 - 23 Dec 2022)

Stay tuned for more details!!

## • CHILDREN'S SERVICES!

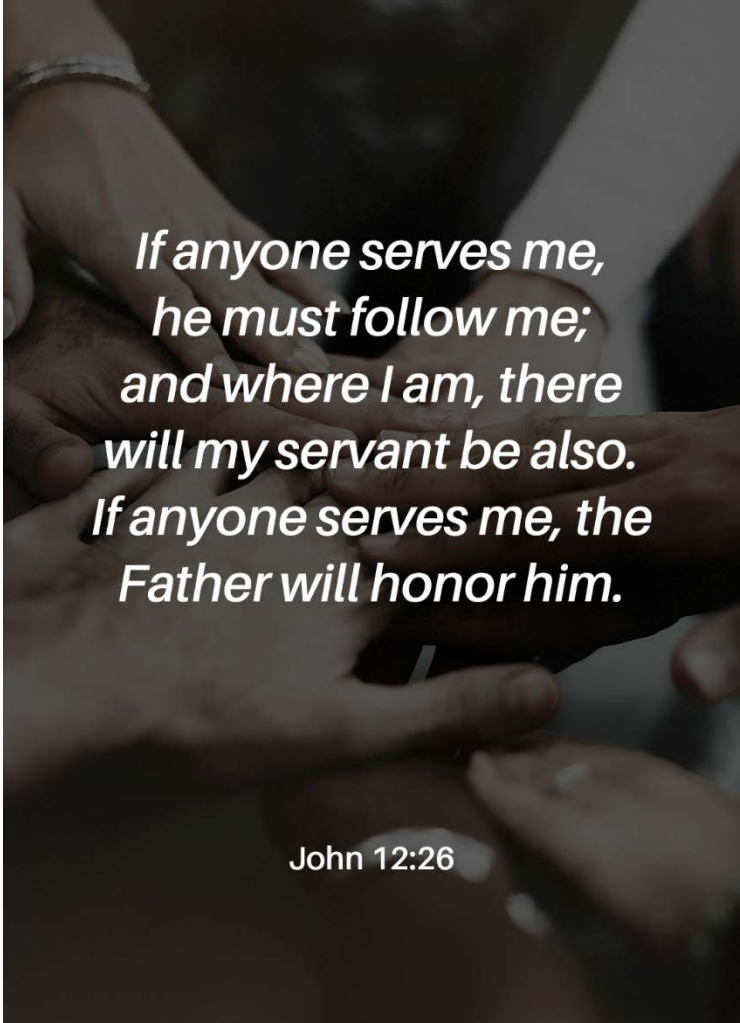
There are two children's services at 9am and 11am for:  
(i) Primary Levels (7 - 12 years) at Level 3; and  
(ii) Playgroup (~ 18 months till 2+) at Hall 3 @ Attic

Preschool (3-6yrs)\* will remain @ 11am due to a lack of volunteers

\*If your child is born in 2019, but not yet 36mths of age, a caregiver must accompany the child for the duration of the service.

## • VOLUNTEER FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

Children are precious to Jesus and they must be precious to the Church. Our Children's ministry is in urgent need of committed and devoted volunteers. Apply today or find out more by contacting Hannah at [children@gospellight.sg](mailto:children@gospellight.sg).



*If anyone serves me,  
he must follow me;  
and where I am, there  
will my servant be also.  
If anyone serves me, the  
Father will honor him.*

John 12:26



# CLASSES & TRAININGS

## • BULLETPROOF MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Who should attend? Pre-Marriage prep and married couples who desire to strengthen their marriage. We would like to emphasize that it is a 4-session commitment plus, a 3-6 months of journey with a marriage mentor couple assigned to each couple.

**Registration is limited to 10 couples.**

Dates: Wednesdays starting **2,9,16,23 Nov** via Zoom

*\*Subsequent workshops will be conducted in March*

Time: 8:45pm – 10:30pm

Duration: 4 sessions

Click to register: <http://bit.ly/39bBsPt>

Closing date of registration: **17 Oct**

For more enquiries, contact Sis May Lim at [kayhong.lim@gospellight.sg](mailto:kayhong.lim@gospellight.sg) or 9859 4684.

## • 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

<https://bit.ly/3Ft6DEw>.

Registration closes on **Sun, 9 Oct.**

\*Registrants must be fully vaccinated.

Classes are conducted on-site.

### Baptism Class (English)

Date: Sun, 16 Oct

Time: 12:45pm

Venue: Light 1 (L3)

### Baptism Class (Chinese)

Date: Sun, 16 Oct

Time: 12:45pm

Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

### Baptism Date: Sun, 18 Dec

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

## • EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS

This Tuesday, 27 September 2022, we will have an in-depth study of Romans 10:14-21 and learn that faith comes through the Word of God. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

By: Brother Jerry Koh

Date: Tues, 27 Sep 2022

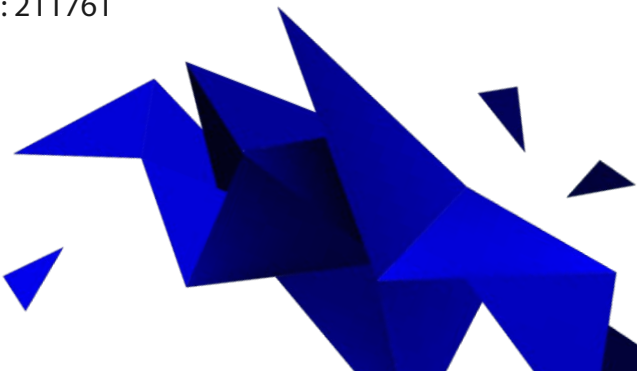
Time: 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3dz0qNy>

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761







# WORSHIP SERVICE

- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm**

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15pm**

Venue: 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)

## (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 8pm	240 pax	<a href="http://bit.ly/30G4fXI">http://bit.ly/30G4fXI</a>

## (B) Children Service

For details on Children's Service, please refer to page 3 of this bulletin.



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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