



8 January 2023

GOD'S CALLING IN 2023

Who should I marry? Which career or academic path should I pursue? How do I know if I am called to full-time ministry or global missions? As we advance in life, perhaps these are significant questions that we have asked. And in many ways, there are no simple fool proof answers. Yet, to many, knowing God's calling is important. Many have made life-altering decisions on the basis of God's calling for their lives.

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So, how should we understand "calling"? It's critical to know that Scripture describes it to be more than simply God's guidance to a particular spouse, job, or ministry. It refers to God's operative work of salvation in bringing (or calling) men from darkness into light. This is why Paul could say that the universal church are "called to be saints" (1 Cor. 1:2, 2:22-24). And, indeed, that all who love God are "called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

There is a theological point here. God calls people to be his own — to be part of His family. And such a calling far outstrips our limited view of "calling" as mere career choices or committing to a ministry or mission-field. God fundamentally calls you into His own kingdom.

Does this mean then that God doesn't care about the direction of my life, or my major decisions? Absolutely not. God immensely cares for us, right down to basic necessities like food, shelter, and clothing (Matt. 6:25-26). God cares because we are His, and because He has given all things to His Son, king Jesus, to be the preeminent ruler of the whole universe (Col. 1:15-20). This is the clear message of Scripture: Jesus is Lord of all. And as an implication, the Lordship of Jesus then wonderfully shapes our calling, and all the minor and major decisions that we make daily.

If Jesus is Lord of all, then his interests must be at the heart of our calling and/or the decisions that we will make. Not by getting behind the mind of Jesus and asking "What would Jesus do?", or by looking out for speculative yet visible signs telling us where to go. But by prioritizing His desires and wants in accordance with what God says in His Word. This means going beyond what we want, what's practical for us, and the benefits we will receive. Sometimes, such cruciform, God-shaped decisions may even carry a cost.

So, how do I know God's calling for me now? For sure, there are helpful tell-tale markers that include prayer, the Word, peace, affirmation by fellow Christians, and desire. But more than simply identifying "Six ways to know about God's calling for your life" or "Three steps to be in the center of God's will", ask yourself whether this decision or direction gives God utmost pleasure and glory.

Haniel Sinon
Care Group Leader



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

•CHINESE SERVICE UPDATES FOR 22 JAN

Due to Chinese New Year celebrations, there will be no 11am service, however, 9am service will continue as per normal. Both regular service times will resume on Sun, 29 Jan.

•CHILDREN SERVICE UPDATES FOR 22 JAN

Due to Chinese New Year celebrations, there will be no Primary Level, Preschool and Playgroup services. Regular service will resume on Sun, 29 Jan.

•KITCHEN CLOSURE

Please be informed that Kitchen will be closed on:

CNY - 22 Jan and 29 Jan 2023.

•COFFEE CONNECTS

Please be informed that Coffee Connects will be closed on:

CNY- 22 Jan 2023.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your past patronage. We look forward to serve you and your support this year.

•CHURCH CAMP 2023: ONE PASSION

At this year's church camp, our preachers are tasked to condense their life's passion for God's word into standalone sermons that convey what matters the most for God's glory. Find out what is their singular heartbeat for the gospel and how they have been mastered by it to live for God's glory. Join us as the church family meets together for a time of refreshment and enrichment.

Date: 7 to 10 June 2023

Venue: Four Points by Sheraton Desaru, Johor, Malaysia

Read the church camp FAQ [here](#).

Register at <http://bit.ly/3C5Gzyx>.

OR you may visit the Church Camp booth every Sunday (starting 1 Jan to 12 Mar) at Level 1 Front Desk, between 10:30am to 1:15pm to register.

Registration deadline: Sun, 12 Mar.



• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS

This Tuesday, 10 January 2023, we will have an in-depth study of Romans 13:1-7, and learn that the righteous obeys human government. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

By: Brother Jerry Koh

Date: Tues, 10 Jan 2023

Time: 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3i9eaRD>

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

• MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

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. Classes will be conducted on-site.

English

Date: Sun, 19 Feb & 26 Feb

Time: 12:45pm – 1:45pm

Venue: Light 2 (L3)

Chinese

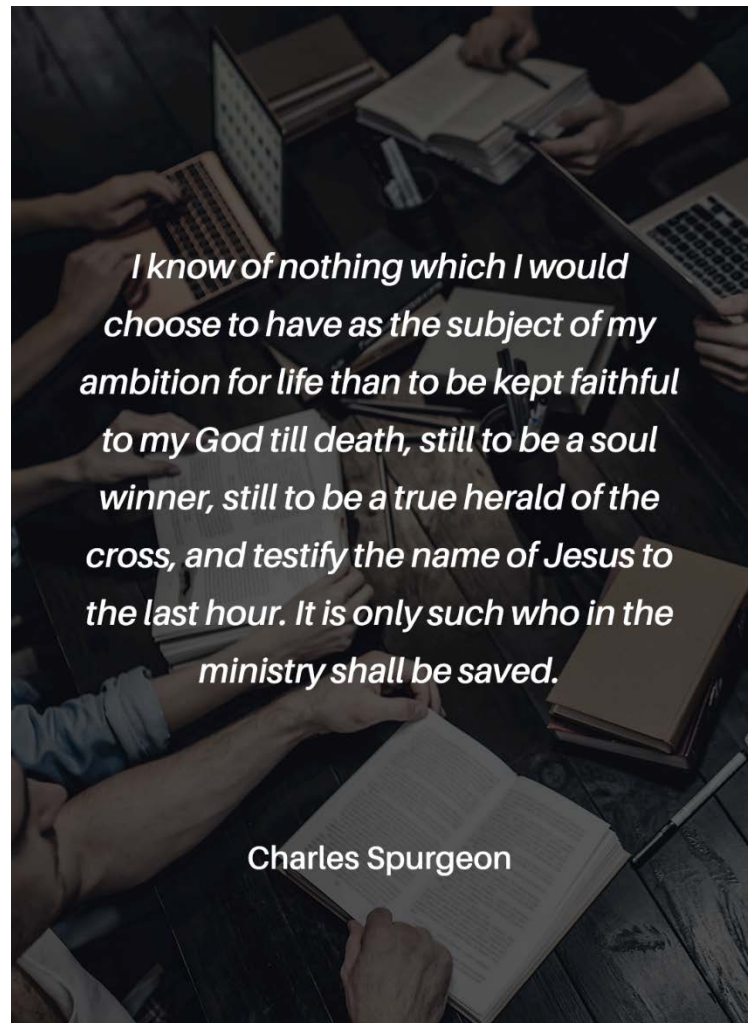
Date: 19 Feb & 26 Feb

Time: 12:45pm – 1:45pm

Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

Register at <https://bit.ly/3WO71VL>.

Registration deadline: Sun, 22 Jan.





WORSHIP SERVICE

- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm**

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am**

Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)

If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg

(A)Worship Services

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	800 pax	http://bit.ly/38BU0rA (only available at 9am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am and 11am *22 Jan – 9am only	240 pax	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 9am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 2pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m	240 pax	https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	Sunday at 2:30pm	140 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 8pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30G4fXl

(B) Children Service^

All children's services are at **9am and 11am**:

- (i) Primary Levels (7 - 12 years) at Level 3.
- (ii) Preschool* (3-6 yrs) at Attic.
- (ii) Playgroup (12 mths till 3yrs) at Hall 3 @ Attic.

^22 Jan – No children services for all levels.

*Preschool are for children age 36 mths to 6 yrs.





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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