



5 February 2023

KEEPING THE FAITH IN UNIVERSITY AND ARMY

In Luke 8, Jesus tells the parable of the sower, who sows seeds which fall on different types of ground. The seeds' growth depends on the kind of soil they fall on, and some seeds grow better than others. Jesus says that the seeds represent the word of God. For some people, the seeds cannot fully grow because they do not take root, and testing of their faith reveals an improper foundation. For others, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

“ **For some people, the seeds cannot fully grow because they do not take root, and testing of their faith reveals an improper foundation.** ”

This parable describes clearly two big struggles that Varsity members face. First, a shaky foundation. Nothing reveals a shaky foundation like suffering. Nothing reveals a lack of a personal relationship with God more than suffering. Suddenly, God's character comes into question. Many ask questions. "Is God really loving? Is my faith real? How can God allow this to happen to me? How can we say that God is good if there is suffering in the world?" Second, Varsity members face a fierce battle to keep up with the world's expectations. Social media bombards them with the lie that a life of luxury, holidays, extravagant food, and a good-paying job can give true satisfaction and joy. Social media sells them the lie that they can find true satisfaction in chasing the pleasures of life. The Singapore dream is what they ultimately chase instead of God. They chase treasures on earth instead of treasures from above.

There's often not much I can do in these circumstances. I often tell others that there are three things I do, and intend to keep doing, in 2023. I preach my heart out, pray my heart out and then cry my heart out. In preaching God's word faithfully, I bring them to God's powerful word that can give life and effect change. It's really not about the attractiveness of the activities, but the powerful word of God that can effect change in their lives. Then, I pray my heart out, knowing that it is God who works in their hearts. It's a supernatural battle that they are engaged in. Only God can show Himself as more appealing than anything the world offers. Lastly, I cry tears of joy when their lives change, and I give thanks that I get a front-row seat to God's supernatural work. When they choose to walk away from the faith or make poor decisions, I cry tears of sorrow and then repeat the cycle again.

This year, would you pray with me for the Varsity ministry, that they would see Jesus as the most appealing and satisfying treasure?

In His service,

Luzerne Cheng
Varsity Shepherd

(Varsity ministry serves students in tertiary institutions and men going through national service.)



• SERVING IN THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

We are looking for godly, faithful and qualified candidates with the following professional experience to serve in the Church Committee:

- a. Finance (Accountancy / Treasury)
- b. Governance (Risk Management / Audit / Compliance)
- c. Human Resources (HR Operations / Talent Management / Learning & Development)

For more details on the requirements to serve, please click <https://bit.ly/3nLtIA2>.

Gospeliters may submit recommended names to shine@gospellight.sg by 19 Feb 2023 and state the position that the individual is recommended for.

• CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Conversational English is starting soon. We welcome your folks, helpers, neighbours or friends if they are keen to learn basic Conversational English to join us.

Date: 3 Mar to 12 May, Fridays (10 sessions) *no session on Good Fri, 7 Apr

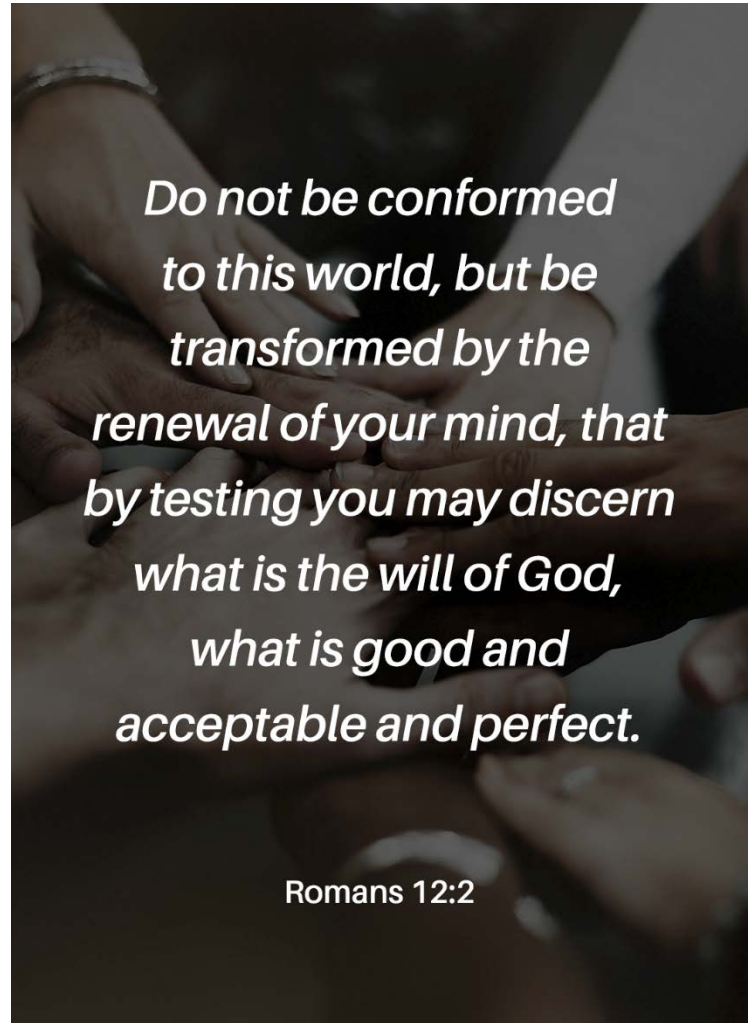
Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Venue: Attic Level, Hall 3

Please contact Sue @ 97761377 to register and for more details. Registration closes on 26 Feb 2023.

• CHURCH CAMP 2023: ONE PASSION

Church Camp registration is closed as all rooms have been fully taken up.





CLASSES & TRAININGS

• NEW BELIEVERS CLASS

Beginning a new life as a Christian is about growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Start your exciting journey of faith by learning and understanding from the Bible what the glorious life Jesus intends for us is all about. Commencement date:

Starting: Sun, 19 Feb

Time: 1:15pm – 3:15pm

(Course duration: 13 sessions)

Venue: Attic, Hall 3

Register at <https://bit.ly/2X7D0nH>

Registration deadline: Sun, 5 Feb

• 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 12 couples.

Dates: Thursdays starting 2,9,16,23 Mar via Zoom

Time: 8:45pm – 10:30pm

Duration: 4 sessions

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

Registration deadline: Mon, 13 Feb

For more enquiries, contact Sis May Lim at kayhong.lim@gospellight.sg or 9859 4684.

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS

This Tuesday, 7 February 2023, we will have an in-depth study of Romans 14:1-12, and learn that the believer should not condemn the weak brother. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows.

By: Brother Jerry Koh

Date: Tues, 7 Feb 2023

Time: 8:00pm

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://bit.ly/3Ye4OTP>

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761





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	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.

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



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.

Gospel Light Christian Church | 39 Punggol Field Walk, Singapore 828753

T: +65 6386 6702 | M: +65 9117 6000

shine@gospellight.sg | www.gospellight.sg