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LITTLE WOMEN: POWER IN SISTERHOOD

Growing up, the book “Little Women” was one of my favourites. As an only child, I was deeply struck by the unwavering love and companionship between the sisters in Louisa May Alcott’s story, as they weathered the seas of life.

I would often wonder: “What would it be like, if I had a sister?”

After becoming a Christian, God provided the answer, through sisters in Christ that He sent into my life. Over the past five years, I have journeyed with some of them in discipleship, through LOLMD (Life on Life Missional Discipleship).

Like the sisters in Alcott’s story, our journey has been one of both sunlight and storms. Life’s triumphs and struggles have been present in equal measure. There have been celebrations of new marriage, and thanksgiving for the salvation of family members; but also turmoil from failure and illnesses, and the anguish of losing unborn children and marital breakdown.

Witnessing my sisters, as they seek to glorify God in both pleasure and pain, has moved me powerfully. It has brought flesh and colour to Paul’s writings about thanksgiving and contentment in every circumstance.

Their lives have shown me vividly what biblical womanhood looks like. They have taught me that the walk of a godly woman is not one of effortless ease, gliding in a carefree manner through life. It is a daily surrender that is forged on her knees, clinging to the cross with all her might.

Their spiritual victories testify to God’s unshakeable promises, amidst a fallen world. We are little women, but our Father is the Almighty God.

Their desire for accountability also shows me the beauty of Christian sisterhood. The journey of biblical womanhood is not one of autonomous self-sufficiency, but of community, stirring up each other to love and good works. Godly women need other godly women.

After I was unexpectedly diagnosed with cancer last year, these dear sisters made sure that I kept my eyes on Jesus, even as the winds and waves raged around me.

When I was fearful, they pointed me back to God, who holds my every tomorrow, and loves me with an everlasting love. When I despaired at the wasting away of my flesh, they reminded me of the glorious body waiting for me in eternity.

Their love and service, in faithfully cooking my daily meals throughout the treatment, fed not only my body but nourished my soul.

This is the power of sisterhood in Christ. It is a love that goes beyond friendship - it is divinely appointed kinship, sealed in God’s Word and bound by the Holy Spirit. Sisters in Christ are sisters for life (and beyond). Oh, how we need one another!

Sister Mel Lim

Mel Lim has been attending GLCC since 2013, and is a LOLMD facilitator and CG member.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

• GOOD FRIDAY 2023

Why is the focus of Christianity the suffering and degradation of its God? Why is the cross the unifying symbol of the Christian faith? The message of the cross is not an inherently attractive message. Onlookers see weakness, irrationality and hate, but the scandal of the cross is the key to the most important message in history. Come join us as we celebrate the message of Good Friday.

Date: Fri, 7 Apr

Time: 8pm

English Service: Shine Auditorium, L4

Chinese Service: Gospel Auditorium, L2

• REFORMATION TODAY CONFERENCE (WITH DR JOEL BEEKE)

There is a chasm between what we know as Christians and what we practice as Christians. But this chasm is not uncrossable. For the Christian, through all of life's circumstances and ever-changing conditions, growing in grace is our priority.

The Reformation Today Conferences with Dr Joel Beeke will inform your mind and warm your spiritual affections. Come and be transformed by the Spirit's grace as we plunge into the wealth of the doctrines of God in key areas of Christian living.

Dr. Joel Beeke is President and professor of systematic theology and homiletics Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. Pastor of Heritage Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. And author and co-author of over one hundred books.

Dates: 13 – 17 Jun

Admission: Free

Registration opens 15 Mar and closes 30 May.

Conference synopsis and registration:

<https://ferc.org.sg/ReformationToday>.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

• ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Our Annual Congregation Meeting will take place on Sat 25 Mar, 10:00am to 12:00pm at Shine Auditorium, L4. *For Members and Associate Members only.

• MOBILE PHONES FOR MISSIONS

Pastor Paul and a GLCC mission team will be in Philippines from April 4 – 13.

If you have any unused, working mobile phones (with their chargers) and will like to donate them to our mission partners and beneficiaries, please bring them to GLCC front desk at L4 on Sun, 26 Mar & 2 Apr, from 8:30am to 9:15am and 10:30am to 11:15am.

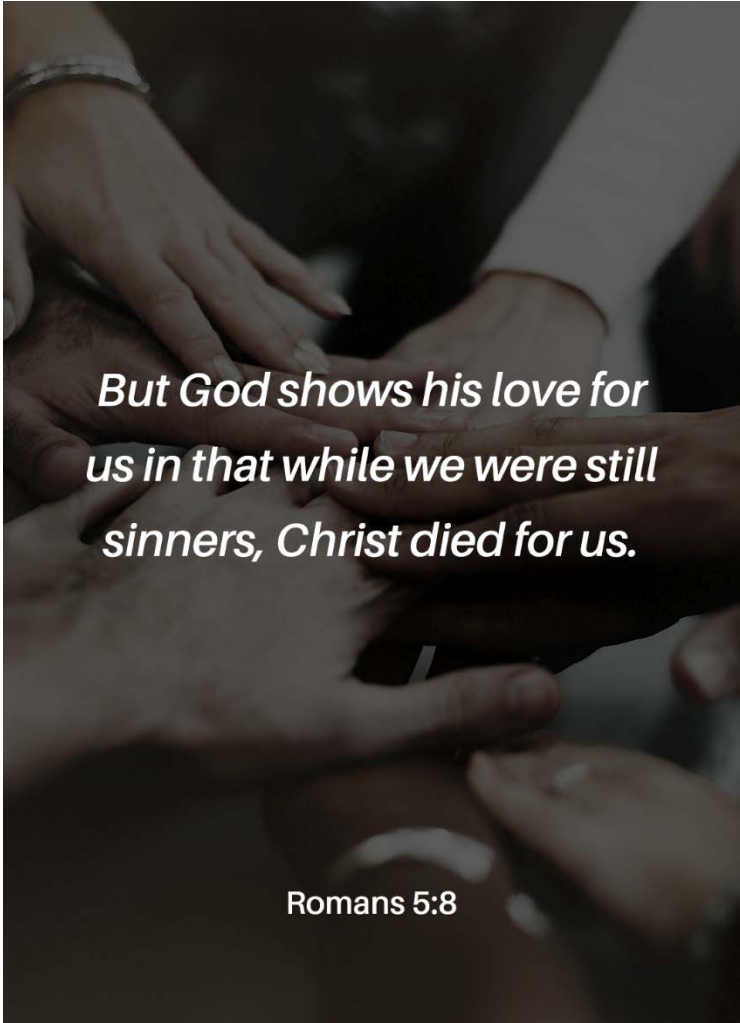
• JOB RECRUITMENT

1. Junior Exec (Finance & HR)
2. ShineKids Executive

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. Details of the job position are available via our website at [Careers](#).

• HOSPITALITY FOR MISSIONARIES

From time to time, missionaries pass through Singapore and need a place to stay. If you have a spare room(s) and are willing to bless these missionaries by hosting them, please let us know by filling up the form <https://bit.ly/3Se5o28>.



But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8



• SEEKERS CLASS: GROUP STUDY

Have you been seeking after God but He feels far away? Have you wondered if God really cares about you? Don't all religions teach you to do good to get to heaven?

Perhaps these questions and others have been bugging you. Why not discuss this in a group setting by enrolling in the Seekers class?

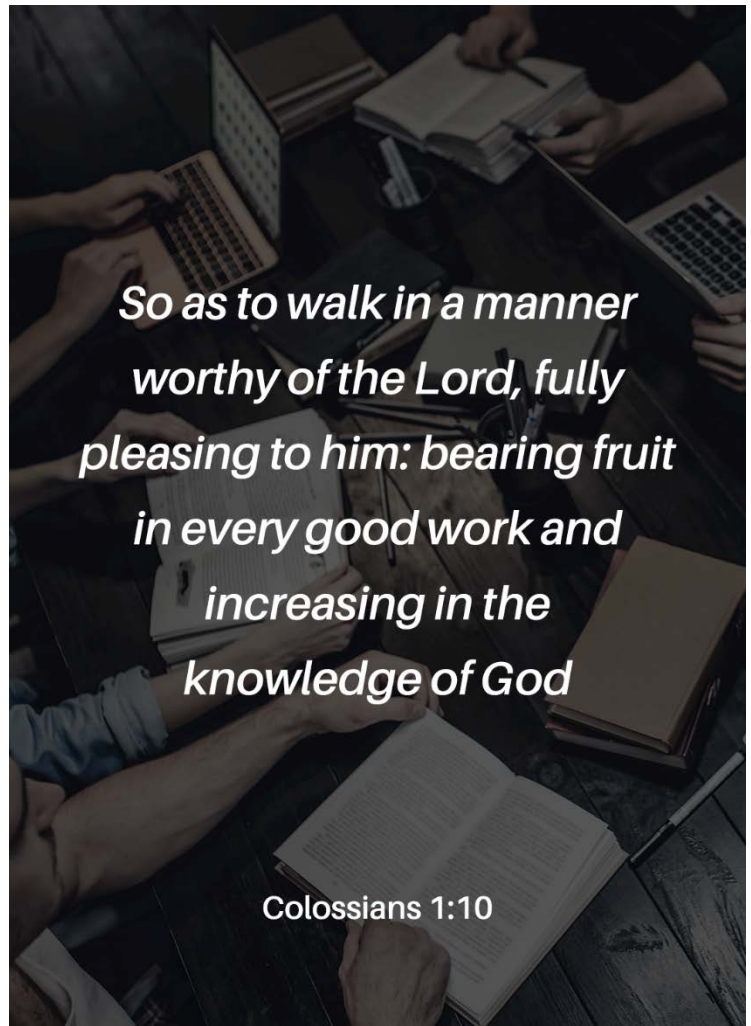
Start date: Sun, 9 Apr

Time: 1:15 pm Course duration: 6 Sundays

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

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

Registration closes on Sun, 2 Apr.





CLASSES & TRAININGS

• 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. Classes are conducted on-site. Register and download application forms via our website at <https://bit.ly/3Ft6DEw>. Registration closes on Sun, 2 Apr.

Baptism Class (English)

Date: Sun, 9 Apr
Time: 12:45pm – 1:45pm
Venue: Light 2 (L3)

Baptism Class (Chinese)

Date: Sun, 9 Apr
Time: 12:45pm – 1:45pm
Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

Baptism Date: Sun, 28 May

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

• 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, 7 & 14 May
Time: 12:45pm – 1:45pm
Venue: Light 2 (L3)

Chinese

Date: Sun, 7 & 14 May
Time: 12:45pm – 1:45pm
Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

Register and download application forms via our website at <https://bit.ly/3TaiYEb>. Registration closes on Sun, 9 Apr.

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS

This Tuesday, 21 March 2023, we will have an in-depth study of Romans 15:30-33 and learn that the believer should strive in prayer for God's will. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows.

By: Brother Jerry Koh
Date: Tues, 21 Mar
Time: 8:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://bit.ly/3T5F2zV>
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:

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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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