



16 April 2023

TICK TOCK... (OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME)

A child is listening to his teacher. He wonders, "when will this end?". He glances at the wall clock. He had been listening to such talks for five years. If it's not Science, it's Social Studies or English.

In an office block, a manager tries to be attentive to a regional executive's briefing. His thoughts shutter between the briefing slides and his dinner appointment. It is 7:00pm and the briefing is nowhere near the end. His days are filled with briefings, meetings or reports. Sixteen years have slipped by.

Gazing out the window, an elderly couple at home laments about things they should have done differently. Their paths in life changed as they matured. Along with proper spiritual direction and godly counsel, they charted a "meeting of hearts". He turns towards her and says, "I wish I had taken care of you better. I won your heart in the initial years but I, like so many, failed to cherish you over the years. I am glad we are ending well, but we lost 25 good years."

These are not isolated incidents, but remarks by the same man, from his childhood to the day of his retirement. He is referring to a treasure that often goes unnoticed.

We often think of treasure as possessions, achievements, positions, and valuables. Sometimes, we may include loved ones, relationships, keepsakes, and memories. I say "sometimes" because we do not even usually see these as treasures. I too am guilty, and used to have a very shallow understanding of "treasures" and a narrow perception of what I deemed priceless.

Take the example of time. God has given it in the same daily proportion to all. No one can bottle it for sale. Time is free, like air, yet it is priceless. I have often taken it for granted. I have realised that many treasures, when lost, misplaced or stolen, can be replaced. But time, once gone, can never be replaced or retrieved. It marches only forward. Understanding this has changed my appreciation and value of time. It is not unlimited or re-usable.

These three guidelines can help us embrace time to its fullest:

1. Treasure it wisely

It is an earthy trust which invested wisely, will produce eternal treasures.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psa 90:12

2. Use it intentionally.

It is a limited resource extended only by giving the first part back to the Lord.

"Honour the Lord... with the firstfruits..." Pro 3:9-10

3. Guard it zealously

It is a daily priceless treasure (from our LORD) which attracts many robbers.

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil ..." Eph 5:16

Elder Thomas Teh
(Head) Biblical Counselling Ministry



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

• GOSPEL LIGHT'S GOT TALENT (FAMILY DAY 2023)

We want to see you showcase your talent! Do you have a special talent, passion, skill that you would like to share with others?

We enjoy all the array of talent God's given to everyone. Audition on video and share your talents at Gospel Light's Family Day!

For more info, visit: <https://bit.ly/418jru4>
Registration closes Fri, 5 May

• CHIT CHAT! (NEWCOMERS EVENT)

Are you new to Gospel Light? Did you discover us through a friend, our online services or social media? We'd love for you to get to know us better! Chit Chat is an informal social session onsite where you get to mingle with our Pastor, Elders and leaders. Ever wondered what kind of church we are and where are our roots? What does our mission and vision statement mean? Save the date and we look forward to a great time of chit chat!

Date: Sun, 30 Apr
Time: 12:30pm to 2:00pm
Venue: Shine auditorium (L4) followed by lunch at foyer (L3)
To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3Kd9015>
Registration closes Sun, 23 Apr

If you want to find out more, please write to sue.choo@gospellight.sg.

• COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND MINISTRY FAIR 2023

Not all of us will cross the seas with the gospel, but all of us can cross the street with the gospel. The church is a body of believers and Christ is our head, but for the body to function, every believer has to embrace their role to serve and bless one another with their gifts.

We're excited to bring back our Community Engagement and Ministry Fair! Discover how you can be part of Gospel Light's mission to bless the community with Christ-centered service. Also, meet the volunteers who are part of our weekly Sunday Experience, and find out about their passion for service and the many areas of ministry your talents can be used for God's glory.

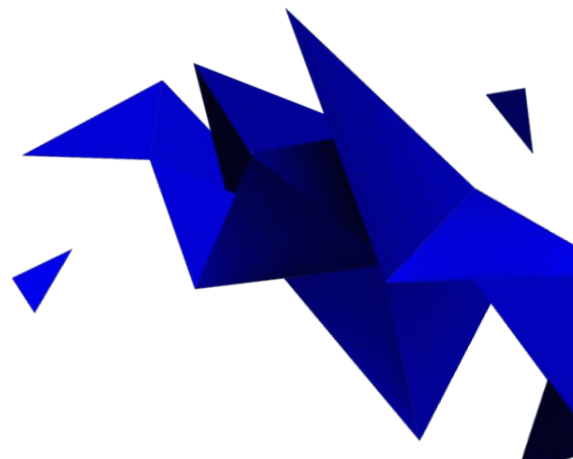
Date: Sun, 30 Apr
Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm
Venue: Foyer (L1)

FAMILY DAY 2023

Being a Christian is about being part of a bigger church family. A family that cares and invests time in one another. But as a church grows in size, relationships can shrink in depth. Gospel Light's Family Day is an event for everyone! Jump into the excitement as we bond over a program of non-stop fun for all ages.

Activities: Bouncy Castle, Movie Screening, Handicraft, Talent Show, Games and prizes, Baking Class, Flea Market, Dinner!

Date: Sat, 27 May
Time: 3:00pm to 8:00pm
To register visit: <https://bit.ly/3U9r2FP>
Registration closes Fri, 5 May.





CHURCH HAPPENINGS

• REFORMATION TODAY CONFERENCE (WITH DR JOEL BEEKE)

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: Tue, 13 to Sat, 17 Jun

Admission: Free

Registration opens Wed, 15 Mar and closes Tue, 30 May.

Conference synopsis and registration:
<https://ferc.org.sg/ReformationToday>.

• JOB RECRUITMENT

1. 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](#).

• YOUNG MUMS PRAY AND SHARE

Are you a young mum of a newborn or primary school children? Mothering is a high calling and not an easy one. We understand and hope to support you in your parenting journey. Join us twice a month on Zoom to connect, be encouraged and equipped to be the mum that God wants you to be!

Date: Thu, 20 Apr

Time: 9:00pm to 10:00pm

Click Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/39TmGNO>

Meeting ID: 865 7673 8143

Password: mums



CLASSES & TRAININGS

• BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY (BIBS) – REVELATION

Revelation is a letter from John to the seven churches in Asia in the first century. The purpose of the book is the revelation of Jesus Christ vis a vis the prophecy of things that must soon take place so that the churches may be faithful to persevere through the persecution and tribulation and overcome as conquerors.

The four visions that John saw are for our encouragement today, so that the called, chosen and faithful may overcome, living godly lives and watchfully waiting for Jesus' return with the clouds. Maranatha.

Cost: \$15/- for the study guide and study materials.

Option 1

Dates: Fridays, starting 23 Jun

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Option 2

Dates: Mondays, starting 26 Jun

Time: 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Instructor: Brother Michael Lau

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Register at <https://bit.ly/3UnqzA1>.

Registration closes Sun, 4 Jun

• BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY (BIBS) – 1 & 2 SAMUEL (FOR MEN ONLY)

1&2 Samuel might seem like a historical record of Israel, of Samuel the Seer, of Saul the first king, and of David a man after God's heart. But theologically the book is about the LORD who *will give strength to His king, and will exalt the horn of His anointed... Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his offspring forever.*

Join us as we study 1&2 Samuel inductively and unpack the theme of the kingdom and the new covenant in Jesus Christ.

Cost: \$15/- for the study guide and study materials.

Date(s): Wednesdays, starting 17 May

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Instructor: Brother Michael Lau

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Register at <https://bit.ly/42K8obu>.

Registration closes Sun, 7 May.

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS

We will take a break on 18 Apr. Class will resume on 25 Apr.

By: Brother Jerry Koh

Date: Tues, 25 Apr

Time: 8:00pm



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.