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## ETERNAL SECURITY IS A COMMUNITY PROJECT

The lush and verdant Botanic Gardens, a World Heritage Site, is one of Singapore's iconic landmarks. Its ecosystem relies on a complex web of relationships and dependencies to thrive. Gigantic, hundred-year-old trees host ferns and creepers on their branches, and provide shade for other plants. Fallen leaves decompose, returning nutrients to the soil for new plants. Some plants have medicinal properties, and others are sources of fruits and vegetables.

This is also a picture of Christian community. Like plants helping one another thrive, God uses each of us uniquely, to exhort our brothers and sisters towards Christlikeness. We strengthen each other's faith through words of encouragement, and hold each other accountable when we are prone to falter. During times of suffering and trial, we offer one another comfort, pointing each other back to God's unfailing promises.

Being in community is intentional, and requires effort. As with any other group of sinners, life amidst Christian community can sometimes get messy. There are disappointments and conflicts. Roots get tangled up in each other. Plants may become overcrowded, and compete for space. Pulling out the thorns and weeds in each others' lives as we confront our sin can also be uncomfortable, at times even painful.

Yet, it is these very same entangled roots and closely intertwined branches that fortify us when the storms of life hit, so that we do not get swept away by the flood. Community shines the light and love of Christ into our hearts, when our deceitful flesh whispers the lies of this world into our minds.

In both of our lives, when Satan prowled and tempted us to despair, it was the exhortations of our brothers and sisters in Christ that convicted us to persevere, and press on.

As newly weds, we struggled with the challenges of dying to self. Our Discipleship Groups reminded us of God's unconditional forgiveness, and encouraged us (often times through their own journeys) to look beyond ourselves, to Christ's love for the church on the cross.

More recently, as Mel battled a cancer diagnosis, the support from the GLCC community provided a tangible and regular reminder of God's love and faithful provision, manifested through His people, in both word and action.

God built us for relationships and designed us for community. Like branches connected to one vine, we are to grow together, sinking deeper roots in His Word, and striving upwards towards the True Light of the World.

Connectedness provides security, and community grows fruit. We need one another to collectively wage the good fight of faith, and provoke each other to good works.

Being part of the body of Christ is not optional. It is part of our eternal destiny!

Leonard & Mel

Leonard and Mel are married and lead their respective discipleship groups. Together they have been members of Gospel Light for over 10 years.



### • 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, 17 Aug

Time: 9:00pm to 10:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 865 7673 8143

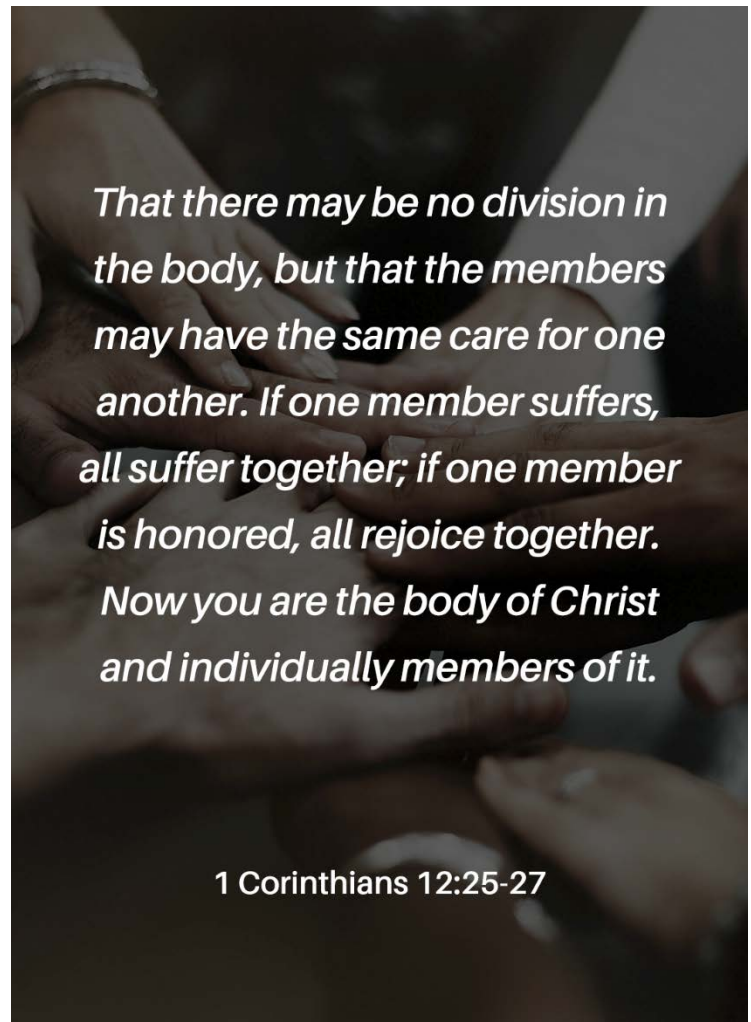
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### • CHURCH CAMP 2024

Submit your leave application next year for 12-15 June 2024 and join us for Church Camp 2024 at Melaka's Doubletree Hilton hotel. Registration details will be made available nearer the end of the year and camp registration will start in January 2024.

### • JOB RECRUITMENT

Do you love kids? Do you have a heart to impact them with the Gospel? The Lord has brought a harvest field to us through our ShineKidz Afterschool Care. If this is your heartbeat, join us to serve the children and point them to Jesus. For more details of the job position, please visit our website at [Careers](#) or email Benita Teo at [benita.teo@gospellight.sg](mailto:benita.teo@gospellight.sg).





# CLASSES & TRAININGS

## • SEEKERS CLASS

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, 3 Sep  
Time: 1:15 pm Course duration: 6 Sundays  
Venue: Hall 3, Attic  
Register at <https://bit.ly/3SZlihy>.  
Registration closes on Sun, 27 Aug.

## • 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, 27 Aug.

### Baptism Class (English)

Date: Sun, 10 Sep  
Time: 12:45pm – 1:45pm  
Venue: Light 2 (L3)

### Baptism Class (Chinese)

Date: Sun, 10 Sep  
Time: 12:45pm – 1:45pm  
Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

### Baptism Date: Sun, 29 Oct

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

## • EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tuesday, 15 August 2023, we will study John 2:1-11 and learn about the wedding at Cana. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 15 Aug  
Time: 8:00pm  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://bit.ly/3pd7C7T>  
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](mailto: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	<a href="http://bit.ly/38BU0rA">http://bit.ly/38BU0rA</a> (only available at 9am)
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 No service on 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> week	240 pax	<a href="https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3">https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3</a>
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	Sunday at 2:30pm	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	<u>Nil</u>
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

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.

(iii) Playgroup (12mths till 3yrs) at Hall 3 @ Attic.

\*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:

**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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