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THE HARD AND WONDER-FILLED WORK OF SERVING CHILDREN

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To many of us, children's ministry sounds exhausting. Week on week we're dealing with kids running around or others who are disinterested and disengaged. We're grappling for their attention and participation as they sit in a daze. We are constantly working to find volunteers and it always seems we're still short. Perhaps we might not even know if the kids are actually getting anything from our teaching as we work hard to scatter the gospel seed prayerfully, not knowing what sort of soil it will ultimately fall upon.

Yet, this hard work is a wonderful, wonder-filled work.

Ministering to children is an intentional work, to do relational evangelism and discipleship. It is a long journey of obedience, in response to God's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), and to feed His lambs (John 21:15). It is a wonder at all that God would save us, and call us to Himself, and now we have the awesome privilege to share His love with the little ones.

Leading children into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ compels us to rely on God – the only Author of change. It requires our absolute dependence on Him to do only what He can. It is a wonder that we may witness life-change, as we see both ourselves and the children grow in faith.

Labouring in gospel ministry to the kids is not just for the twelve years when they're with us – it has eternal implications. It is a wonder that we get to support fellow brothers and sisters in the church to nurture and point their kids to Christ, and to see the church grow from generation to generation to the glory of God.

There are many pros and cons, reasons for and reasons against that we could come up with to serve in children's ministry. We are praying that more may step up to serve, not just because you love kids (although it'll be great if you do!) or because the church needs volunteers (although we do!) but because the wonder of the gospel of salvation has caught hold of your heart and impacted your life to participate in the mission of the church. Would you prayerfully consider to join us?

Hannah Chee
Children's Ministry Shepherd

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ROLE	DESCRIPTION	COMMITMENT	NO. OF NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2024
Sonshine Primary Small Group Leaders^	SGLs facilitate discussion and/or activities with a group of 8-10 children with the goal relating with the kids and pointing them to the gospel	Sundays, one service timing, 2x per month	8
Sonshine Primary Front Desk Helpers	Front Desk team sets up and oversees the check in/out process and supports the ministry by welcoming and dismissing the kids	Sundays, one service timing, 2x per month	5
Sonshine Preschool Shepherds^	Shepherds assist and guide the kids to participate in the service with the goal relating with the kids and pointing them to the gospel	Sundays, one service timing, 2x per month	9
Sonshine Preschool Front Desk Helpers	Front Desk team sets up and oversees the check in/out process and supports the ministry by welcoming and dismissing the kids	Sundays, one service timing, 2x per month	4
Sonshine Playgroup Lesson leaders^	Lesson leaders prepare and lead the song and lesson activity to engage the parents and children	Sundays, one service timing, 2x per month	4
Sonshine Playgroup AV/Logistics team	AV/logistics team sets up and pack up the AV and play areas	Sundays, one service timing, 2x per month	4
Eshkol Valley Preschool Bible Storytellers^	Bible storytellers prepare and share the Bible story of the week to engage the kids and point them to the gospel	Fridays, 9-9.30am, 1-2x per month	3
Shinekidz after-school care Bible Storytellers^	Bible storytellers prepare and share the Bible story of the week to engage the kids and point them to the gospel	Fridays, 3-5pm, 1-2x per month	3

^Volunteer must be a GLCC member

•SERVE WHERE THE 'SON' ALWAYS SHINES!

Sonshine club, Gospel Light's children's ministry is the epicenter of where faith and fun collide! Every week we have the privilege of impacting preschoolers and primary school kids with the gospel. Join us to minister to the spiritual needs of our children, in the spirit of Jesus' calling to, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them." (Mat. 19:14)

To find out more about the volunteer experience email: children@gospellight.sg.

Apply as a volunteer by following this link: <https://bit.ly/joinsonshine>.



Leading Generations into a Life-changing Relationship with Jesus Christ



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

•KIDS BIBLE CAMP (KBC) 2023 'SHINE'

Come, invite your friends to join in the fun and to hear all about people in the Bible who have met with Jesus and the life-changing experience He brings!

Date: Thu, 23 Nov & Fri, 24 Nov 2023

Time: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Camp Fees: \$25 (includes 2 lunches, tea breaks and a camp T-shirt)

Venue: 39 Punggol Field Walk, Singapore 828753

To register, please visit this link

<https://bit.ly/kbc23register>

Registration deadline: Thu, 12 Oct.

If you want to find out more, please write to

children@gospellight.sg.

•VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KBC 2023!

Kids Bible Camp (KBC) is Gospel Light's annual two-day kids holiday camp. We want to serve the unchurched children in the community and engage believing kids in church.

We need volunteers to help us with facilitation, running games and supporting the daily activities.

Date: Thu, 23 Nov & Fri, 24 Nov 2023

Time: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Venue: 39 Punggol Field Walk, Singapore 828753

To register as a volunteer, please visit this link

<https://bit.ly/kbc23volunteer>.

Registration deadline: Thu, 12 Oct.

If you want to find out more, please write to

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•YEAR-END LOVE GIFT (COLLECTION STARTS 22 OCT)

We are collecting our year-end love gift for overseas mission workers and local workers via our General Fund account.

Collection Start Date: Sun, 22 Oct 2023

Collection End Date: Sun, 5 Nov 2023

** Love gifts received after 5 Nov 2023 will go towards the general offering.*

You may give in the following ways:

- i) Internet banking - PayNow and internet bank transfer. Indicate "**Love Gift**" or "**LG**" at the bill reference section.
- ii) Cheque - Indicate "**Love Gift**" or "**LG**" on the reverse of the cheque.
- iii) Offering boxes - Enclose your offering in a sealed envelope and indicate "**Love Gift**" or "**LG**" on the envelope.

If you would like to specify the recipient of the love gift, please indicate as follows:

- 1) Indicate "**LG overseas**" for overseas mission workers
- 2) Indicate "**LG local**" for local workers





•CHRISTMAS CAROLLING OUTREACH IN DECEMBER

The choir ministry will be carolling for the community around us. Rehearsal starts this Sunday 8 Oct

For details of practices/rehearsals and registration, please visit this link

<https://bit.ly/3Q1iC2S>

Registration deadline: Sun, 15 Oct.

•SILVERJOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY RELAUNCH (1 NOV)

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. SilverJoy isn't just a place for seniors to gather, it's a spiritual community of friendship and support.

Invite your pre-believing friends, neighbours or family members.

Date/Time: Every 1st & 3rd Wed of the month
(10:00am - 12:00pm)

Venue: L1 Connections Corner

Program:

10:00am – 10:30am: Light exercise

10:30am – 11:45am: Health talk (1st Wed); Crafts or Games (3rd Wed)

11:45am – 12:00pm: Wind down

12:00pm – 13:00pm: Lunch fellowship

Quarterly outings will be planned for 5th Wed.

Contact CE Hotline – 97537964 for inquiries.

•HEALTH SCREENING FOR DOMESTIC HELPERS

The Migrant Care Ministry is organizing a health screening for domestic helpers within our congregations. Invite your non-church friends and join us on:

Date: Sun, 22 Oct 2023

Venue: L1 foyer (semi-circle area)

Programme:

- Health & Dental talk

- Medical screening (BMI, Blood Pressure, Blood Glucose)

To register, please visit this link

<https://bit.ly/3PS72XO>.

Registration closes Sun, 15 Oct.

•BLESSINGS IN HARMONY

Blessings in Harmony 2023 is a social outreach project initiated by Al Islah Mosque in collaboration with members of the Punggol Racial and Religious Harmony Circles. Together with 7 other religious organizations, we will be distributing food items to 1950 needy families/households across all 7 rental blocks in Punggol.

Date: Sat, 28 Oct 2023

Distribution Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Appreciation Tea Reception: 3:00pm – 4:00pm at Al-Islah Mosque

To register as a volunteer, please visit this link

<https://bit.ly/44P6hmG>.

Registration closes Fri, 13 Oct.

Volunteer Zoom Briefing: To be confirmed via email.



CLASSES & TRAININGS

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tue, 10 Oct, we will study John 4:1-26 and learn about Jesus rescuing the Samaritan woman. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows

Date: Tue, 10 Oct

Time: 8:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3pd7C7T>

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

• EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY: LIFE ISSUES 1-TO-1 STUDY

Whether you're a seeker with doubts or a skeptic about Christianity, we're here to help! Exploring the faith may seem daunting, but we want to help you find answers to the most important questions in life.

Life Issues is a 4-part booklet 1-to-1 series, that allows you to explore the faith with a personal facilitator. Study the evidence for God at your own pace with the help of a mature believer.

For more information, email: sue.choo@gospellight.sg or call 9776 1377.





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 No service on 4 th & 5 th week	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) *For more info, please contact 9117 6000 / 9628 5061	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	20 pax	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 8pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30G4fXI

(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.

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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