



17 December 2023

## THE HOPE OF CHRISTMAS IN THE FALL

The third chapter of Genesis is a sad, if not, the saddest narrative in human history. For what reason? The beauty of God's communion with man and creation was tarnished by sin. That single act of man's rebellion was like dropping a crystal ball causing thousands of splinters to splatter. The fall seems irreparable.

Were both Adam and Eve given hope after they sinned? Yes, definitely! God walked around seeking them while hiding in shame under thick foliage. The Lord called Adam, "Where are you?" Did not God know where they were and what they did earlier? Of course, nothing is hidden before God. Make no mistake about it. God took the initiative. Sadly, they refused the grace from God and played the blame game. As a consequence, God drove them away from the garden. And, He pronounced curses to the serpent, Satan, man, and woman, respectively.

The scene of the angel with a flaming sword driving man and woman away, both clutching each other with shrugged shoulders is distressing. It's like watching helplessly a dying flame about to be swallowed up by darkness. Is there a glimmer of hope for a doomed mankind? [Rom 5:12] Thankfully, God would begin His relentless pursuit of redeeming Adam's sinful lineage. Amidst the terrifying voice of God's curses, especially to the serpent, is this wonderful promise of God, to wit;"

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." [Gen 3:15]

From this time onward, there would be an irreconcilable, and deadly antagonism between the offsprings of Satan and the woman. Interestingly, God zeroed into one of Eve's offsprings in the future, Jesus Christ, born of a woman in 'the fullness of time.' [Gal 4:4]. Although Satan would bruise His heel, He would crush Satan's head. Noticeably, Jesus dubbed His human enemies as belonging to Satan, their father, in John 8:44. While hanging at the cross, did not Satan hurt Jesus temporarily? But, three days later, He rose again from death to vanquish sin, death, and Satan ultimately. By claiming His victory, we can resist the devil now. [Jas 4:7] Yes, Jesus went back to heaven but is coming again for us in order to celebrate the victory with Him for eternity.

*"Dear God, this Christmas season we thank you that you have never stopped in your pursuit of redeeming mankind since the fall. We celebrate the arrival of your son, the hope of all humanity. We thank you that in his life, death and resurrection we can be assured of loving reconciliation with you our Holy God. Amen."*

Pastor Nazario Sinon  
Pastor Filipino Congregation



# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

## • CHINESE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – A BIRTH OF HOPE

A Christmas outreach service will be held on 24 Dec Sunday at our 9am and 11am Chinese worship services. Seize this opportunity to invite your family and loved ones to hear the good news of the gospel preached in Chinese.

## • IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME

On this side of eternity, Christmas is a promise. The Savior brings peace to those who receive him, but the story isn't finished until there is peace on earth. Every Christmas is still a 'turning of the page' until Jesus returns. Every 25 December marks another year that draws us closer to the fulfilment of the ages. May the babe of Bethlehem who gave his life on the Cross of Calvary bring you love, joy and peace from now and into eternity.

*"...BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11*

Date: Mon, 25 Dec 2023

Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

Admission is free. Please register for ticket.

To register for ticket, please visit this link <https://bit.ly/45ZaCnD>.

Ticket registration closes, Mon, 18 Dec.

## • COFFEE CONNECTS

Coffee Connects will be closed on 17, 24 and 31 Dec. We thank you for your support and look forward to serve you again in 2024.

## • 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, 21 Jan 2024

Time: 11:30am to 1:00pm

Venue: Gospel auditorium (L2) followed by lunch at foyer (L2)

To register, please visit this link <https://bit.ly/3Sa2viF>. Registration closes Sun, 14 Jan 2024.

If you want to find out more, please write to [sue.choo@gospellight.sg](mailto:sue.choo@gospellight.sg).

## • CHURCH CAMP 2024 – GREATEST HITS

Hit songs from every generation have left their mark. But for the believer, the ageless songbook of all time is the Psalms.

The Psalms, God's divinely authored songbook, draws our adoration and worship to Him in joy, lamentations and heartfelt prayers.

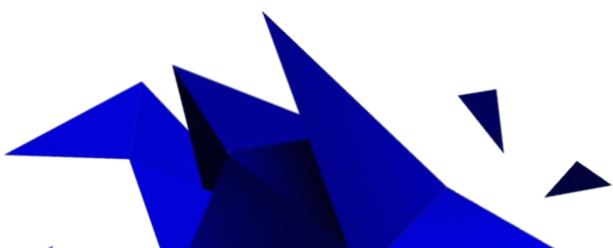
At Church Camp 2024, come hear our speakers teach us from well-known Psalms, and draw near to God!

Click here for the camp FAQ: <https://bit.ly/3SFvjIK>.

Registration starts on 7 Jan 2024.

Early bird 7 Jan - 31 Jan 2024.

Normal registration 1 Feb - 17 Mar 2024.





### • **MINISTRY - SERVE WITH US!**

Abundant opportunities await us as a church as we move towards three services in 2024. But workers are needed to step up to serve! Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.", and this appeal continues today. If you feel inadequate or unready to serve, we encourage you not to look at your LACK, but look to the LORD.

Find out about the many roles today:

<https://bit.ly/3uM3MFr>

or email/whatsapp your questions to  
shine@gospellight.sg / 9117 6000.

### • **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, 21 Dec

Time: 9:00pm to 10:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 865 7673 8143

Password: mums

### • **BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY 1&2 KINGS / DANIEL / GOSPEL OF JOHN**

Begin the New Year with Inductive Bible Study online. Study the Word of God inductively and know the God of the Word intimately.

We are studying 1&2 Kings, Daniel and the Gospel of John in 2024. This study requires your commitment of 2-3 hours of personal study with Precept New Inductive Study Series (NISS) guide and 2 hours of small group sharing and discussion each week via Zoom. The schedule for the study follows:

#### **Daniel**

Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.30pm OR Friday mornings  
10am to noon

16 January - 31 May 2024

To register, please visit this link:

<https://bit.ly/49AHXsm>.

Registration closes, Sun, 17 Dec.

#### **1&2 Kings**

Wednesday mornings 10:00am - 12:00pm (For man only)

17 January - 29 May 2024

To register, please visit this link:

<https://bit.ly/49hofl4>.

Registration closes, Sun, 17 Dec.

#### **Gospel of John**

Monday evenings 7:30pm -9.30pm

15 January - 27 May 2024

To register, please visit this link:

<https://bit.ly/3SMKLg7>.

Registration closes, Sun, 17 Dec.

Discussion Leader: Brother Michael Lau.

The cost is \$15 each for Precept study material.

You will receive eBook to help you begin your inductive Bible study: **How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth**  
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### • 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, 28 Jan & 4 Feb  
Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm  
Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

#### Chinese

Date: Sun, 28 Jan & 4 Feb  
Time: 11:45pm – 12:45pm  
Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

To register, please visit this link: <https://bit.ly/3TaiYEb>.  
Registration closes on Sun, 31 Dec.

### • SILVERJOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY RELAUNCH

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: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wed for the month of Jan 2024  
Time: 9:45am - 12:30pm  
Venue: Connections Corner (L1)

### Upcoming events coming your way. Join us!

Contact CE Hotline – 97537964 for inquiries

Date	Programme	Activity
3/1/2024	How to reduce my risk of vascular dementia	Talk
17/1/2024	3D Jelly Floral Art (Demo only)	Baking
31/1/2024	CNY Handicraft	Art & Craft

### • EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

We will be taking a break for the month of December and will resume class on 2 January 2024. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2024  
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	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	<a href="https://bit.ly/3SH45uZ">https://bit.ly/3SH45uZ</a> (only available at 9am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	<a href="http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT">http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT</a> (only available at 9am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 2pm	<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	Subscribe to Youth announcement channel <a href="https://t.me/+Yd524QzAjKk2Yzll">https://t.me/+Yd524QzAjKk2Yzll</a>
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	No service for the month of December	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel <a href="https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1">https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1</a>
Bahasa @ Hall 1 (L2) *For more info, please contact 9117 6000 / 9628 5061	No service for the month of December	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 8pm	<a href="http://bit.ly/30G4fXl">http://bit.ly/30G4fXl</a>

## (B) Children Service

Children's services are at **9am and 11am**:

- (i) Playgroup (12 months - 35 months): Hall 3 at Attic Level
- (ii) Preschool (36 months - 6 years): Eshkol Valley premise at Attic Level
- (iii) Primary (Primary 1 to Primary 6): Light Auditorium at Level 3





# 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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