



28 January 2024

THE GOSPEL OF CLIMATE CHANGE

When it comes to climate change there are 2 unhealthy perspectives:

1. Immense focus on taking care of the planet, behaving like environmentalism is the church's top priority.
2. Absolute apathy towards the state of Earth. "Since Jesus is coming back, why should we preserve a sinful planet?"

What is a biblical way of viewing Climate Change?

The New Testament is generally silent on socioeconomic and political matters, putting priority instead on matters of holiness, evangelism, faithfulness, and the like. This means that we cannot definitively say that "the Bible commands us to take care of our planet" nor "God does not care about the planet"

Rather, we need to apply the indirect attitudes of Scripture to how we think of it. Here are a few considerations

1. The primary mission of the church is disciple-making

No matter our views on any issue, the Bible asserts our highest priority: The Great Commission. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus gave the church her mission for all time: to make disciples! To be engaged in the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing many more unto salvation, and to grow them into maturity. This must be the church's primary priority as it is a direct and clear task given by our Lord.

2. The responsibility given to humans was to tend to the Garden of Eden

One of the tasks in the Garden of Eden was to tend to it (Gen. 2:15), and rule over all creation (Gen. 1:28). This shows that God's desire at the beginning was for His people to rule with benevolence over His creation. But

with the Fall, our task to rule the Earth became futile, and the search for the Saviour of the world began (Gen. 3:15).

3. The world will get worse before Christ comes to renew it

Romans 8:20-22 tell us creation is presently put in a futile state of decay, waiting for Jesus who will return and make all things new. Further in 2 Peter 3:10-13, we're told upon Jesus' return, the Earth will be laid to waste, encouraging us not to focus on what will be destroyed, but on living "holy and godly lives", looking forward to the renewed creation that cannot be corrupted.

Piecing it together

Putting these considerations together, we see that Christians should adopt a positive attitude of care towards the world. We can exercise this attitude through good stewardship of our resources. Don't acquire things we don't need, maximise the use of things we have, and ultimately find satisfaction in God above material possessions. Care for Creation, care more for the new creation that is to come.

Since the primary focus as followers of Jesus is the call to obey the Great Commission and to live in holiness. This call outweighs any secular gospel of Climate Change. We don't need to despair without hope at the state of a decaying world, rather we can hope in Christ who will renew everything. No sin, no death, and no Climate Change.

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

•CHURCH CAMP 2024 – DAY-TRIPPER

Due to overwhelming response, we have managed to get 50 day-tripper slots from the hotel. These day-tripper slots do not include accommodation, transport or meals. If interested, please write in to shine@gospellight.sg to enquire about day tripper rates (inclusive of hotel charges).

•REUNION 2024 (团圆 2024)

Invite family, friends, neighbors, colleagues to our 团圆 2024 (Reunion 2024), our first CNY outreach since 2020.

Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2024

Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Venue: Gospel auditorium (L2) followed by dinner at foyer (L1)

To register, please visit this link <https://bit.ly/41GKBcm>.
Registration closes Tue, 6 Feb 2024.

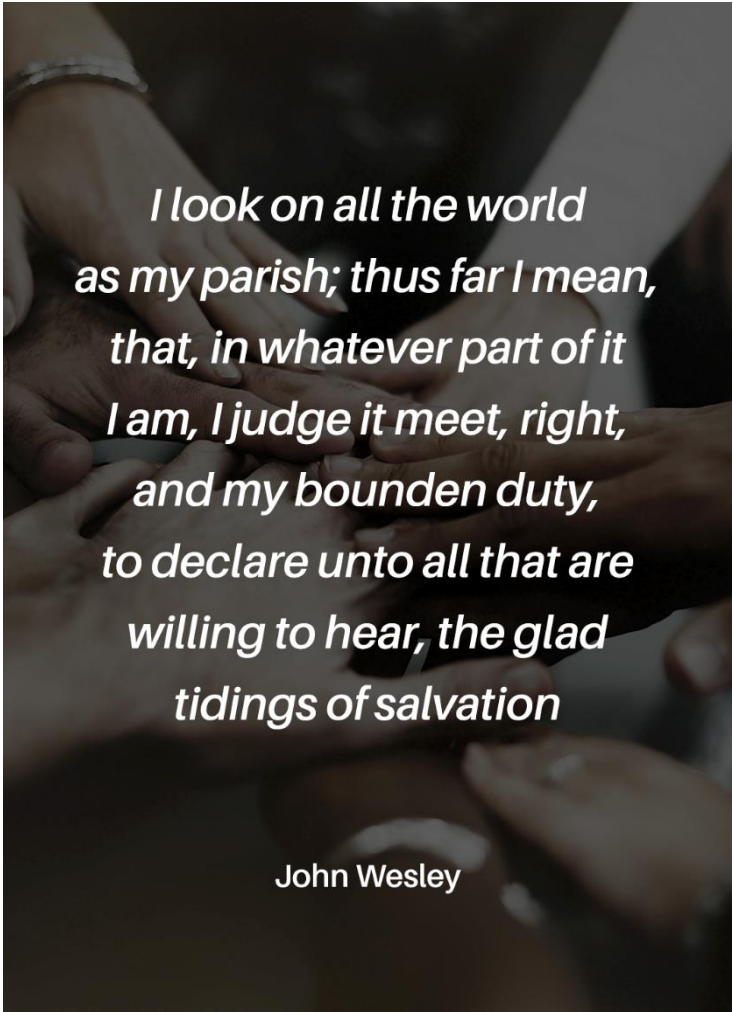
If you want to find out more, please write to community@gospellight.sg.

•KITCHEN CLOSURE (CNY)

Please be informed that kitchen will be closed on 11 and 18 Feb 2024.

•COFFEE CONNECTS CLOSURE (CNY)

In line with the closure of the kitchen for CNY, Coffee Connects will also be closed on 11 and 18 Feb 2024.



*I look on all the world
as my parish; thus far I mean,
that, in whatever part of it
I am, I judge it meet, right,
and my bounden duty,
to declare unto all that are
willing to hear, the glad
tidings of salvation*

John Wesley



CLASSES & MINISTRIES

•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, 3 Mar.

Baptism Class (English)

Date: Sun, 7 Apr

Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Class (Chinese)

Date: Sun, 7 Apr

Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Date: Sun, 12 May

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

•NEW BELIEVERS CLASS

Beginning a new life as a Christian is about growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Start your exciting journey of faith by learning and understanding from the Bible what the glorious life Jesus intends for us is all about. Commencement date:

Sundays - Commencement date: Sun, 18 Feb

Course duration: 13 weeks

Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Venue: Hall 3 (Attic Level)

Thursdays - Commencement date: Thu, 22 Feb

Homemakers *for ladies only

Course duration: 13 weeks

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/2X7D0nH>

Registration deadline: Sun, 4 Feb 2024.

•BULLETPROOF MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Who should attend? Pre-Marriage prep and married couples who want to work on their marriage. We would like to emphasise that it is a 4 session commitment and a subsequent 1:1 journey of several months with an assigned marriage mentor couple.

Registration is limited to 10 couples (first come first serve).

Dates: **Thursdays** starting **7,14,21,28 Mar** via Zoom

*Subsequent workshops will be conducted in Jul

Time: 8:30pm – 10:15pm

Duration: **4 sessions**

To register, please visit this link: <https://bit.ly/39bBsPt>

Registration closes Tue, 20 Feb.

For more enquiries, contact Ken at 9783 0984 or Caroline at 9616 8403.



•SILVERJOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY

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

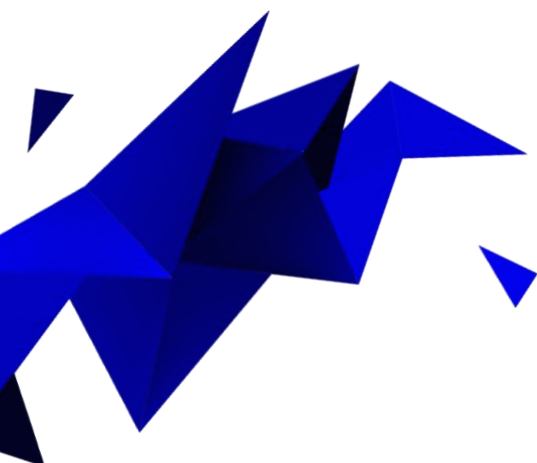
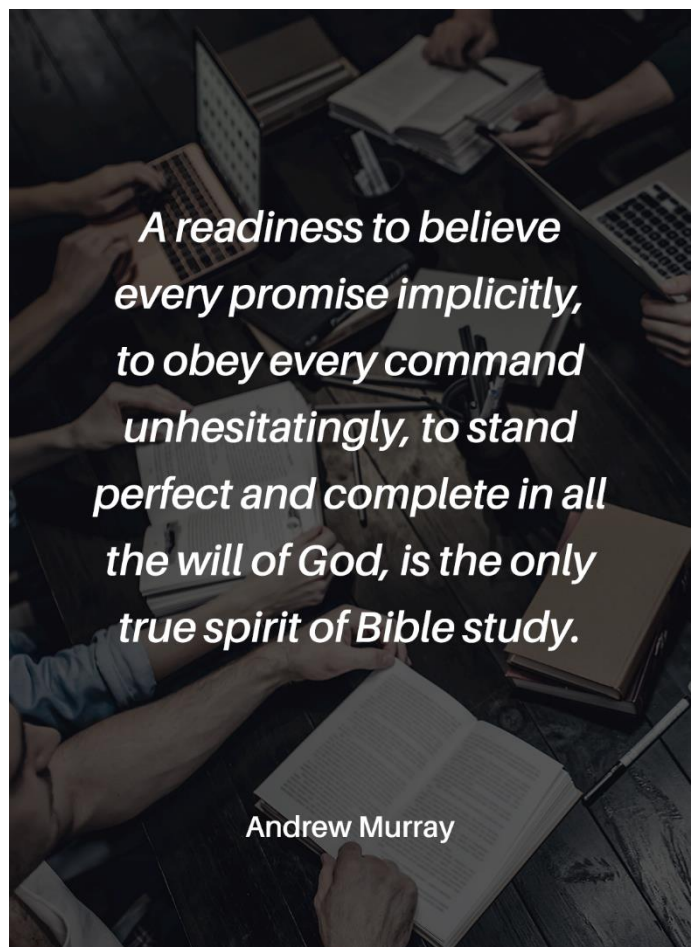
Upcoming events coming your way. Join us!
Contact CE Hotline – 9753 7964 for enquiries

Date	Programme	Activity
31/1/2024	CNY Handicraft	Art & Craft

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tue, 30 January 2024, we will study John 6:16-21 and learn about Jesus walking on water. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 30 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 – 7:45am**

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	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm	https://bit.ly/3SH45uZ (only available at 10:15am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 8:30am and 10:15am	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 10:15am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 2pm	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m No service on 4 th & 5 th week	Subscribe to Youth announcement channel https://t.me/+Yd524QzAjKk2Yzll
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	Sunday at 2:30pm	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwipcXZUW1
Bahasa @ Reception Room (L1)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	For more information about our services contact 9628 5061/ 9117 6000
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 7:30pm	http://bit.ly/30G4fXI

Notice – Service timings on CNY Sun, 11 Feb

English service – 8:30am and 10:15am only

Chinese service – 8:30am only

Youth service – no service on Sat, 10 Feb

Varsity service – no service

Filipino (2:00pm), Telugu (5:00pm and 7:30pm) and Children's (8:30am and 10:15am) service as per usual

(B) Children Service

Children's services are at **8:30am and 10:15am**:

(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

BOOKING FOR PRESCHOOL/ PRIMARY SERVICES

Bookings opens on Wed, 8:30am for 1st service and Wed, 10:15am for 2nd Service

- Follow this link to complete your booking: bit.ly/cmbooking

- Bookings will be valid till the respective service start time, thereafter they will be released for walk-ins.

- Children with no bookings are welcome to walk-in but subject to available capacity

A step-by-step guide and FAQ can be found at bit.ly/cmbookingfaq. For assistance email us at children@gospellight.sg.



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:

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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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