



4 February 2024

## STANDING FIRM IN THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

Our Christian journey is likened to running a race (Hebrew 12:1), fighting a good fight (1Tim 4:7) and standing firm (Eph 6:13). These imageries are portrayed in the bible to encourage Christians because our earthly journey is indeed fraught with temptations, trials, and tribulations. But take heart, because God has equipped His children with the whole armor of God (Eph 6: 14-18); and all we need to do; is to put the armor on and stand firm.

### Know Your Enemy

When we put the armor on, let us first consider, who and what do we fight against, and what do we fight for. We fight against the schemes of the devil, and the devil is described like a roaring lion waiting to devour us. Yet, do not fear, because God has equipped us with the whole armor of God to withstand against the wiles of the devil.

Positionally, the devil no longer has the power to command us to sin against God. We have been set free from the dominion of his power through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. But we do need to stay vigilant, and constantly guard ourselves against the lies of Satan which can be divided into two main groups.

### Satan's Main Deception

First, Satan deceives us into believing that when we sin against God or suffer from pain, hardship, or illnesses, it is because we are no longer worthy of God's love and/or God does not love us anymore. This is a cunning lie. Indeed, we cannot expect a sweet fellowship with God when we sin against Him. But God is always ready, and eagerly yearns to forgive us and restore our fellowship with Him, if only we would humble ourselves, confess

our sins, repent, and seek His forgiveness. Additionally, God chastens those He loves, and rest assured that not a single ounce of suffering is in vain, because everything is working for good for those who love God.

### Satan's Main Encouragement

The second lie that Satan would want us to believe is that if God loves us so much, we can deliberately keep on sinning, and without due consideration of any consequences that it carries. Again, this is another crafty distortion of truth. For no one who deliberately keeps on sinning is of God. Moreover, our primary motivation for obeying God is that we love Him.

### Fight For God's Glory

Finally, why do we even fight? We fight not only to avoid destruction by the devil. We fight also for the glory of God. This means that the glory of God means so much to us that every decision that we make, we seek to please Him and glorify His precious name. So, my brothers and sisters in Christ, let us stand firm in the gospel, and put on the whole armor of God so that we can resist the lies of the devil and enjoy the sweet victory that God promises us through Him.

And may I end off with a quote from Timothy Keller which has helped me tremendously in my fight. It says: "The gospel says you are simultaneously more sinful and flawed than you ever dared believe, and yet more loved and accepted than you ever dared hope." So, let's keep the good fight, keep believing and trusting in our heavenly Father, because He is sovereignly good and His everlasting love endures forever.

In Christ,  
Deacon Lim Chwee Ming



# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

## • WOMEN'S SURVEY

Calling all ladies out there at Gospel Light! We would like to invite you to fill up a simple survey to ascertain the spiritual needs of the ladies here at Gospel Light. An explanation on the purpose of the survey can be found at the beginning of the survey.

Please visit this link: <https://bit.ly/42pOXoM> to fill up the survey by Thu, 15 Feb.

## • 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](mailto: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.

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

## • KITCHEN CLOSURE (CNY)

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

## • 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.



# CLASSES & MINISTRIES

## •CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

**Course 1 (Basic)** - suitable for those with little or no knowledge of English.

Date: 1 Mar - 10 May

Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

Duration: 10 lessons

Material fee: \$5

**Course 2 (Higher Basic)** - suitable for those who can speak simple English.

Date: 5 Mar - 16 Apr

Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

Duration: 7 lessons

Material fee: \$5

Please contact Sue @ 9776 1377 to register and for more details. Registration closes Sun, 25 Feb.

## •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.





# CLASSES & MINISTRIES

## • 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.

## • EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

We will be taking a break for CNY and will resume class on Tue, 27 Feb.



*Do not expect to grow in holiness if you spend little time alone with God and do not take His Word seriously.*

Joel Beeke

- **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](mailto: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	<a href="https://bit.ly/3SH45uZ">https://bit.ly/3SH45uZ</a> (only available at 10:15am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 8:30am and 10:15am	<a href="http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT">http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT</a> (only available at 10:15am)
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)	Sunday at 2:30pm	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel <a href="https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1">https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1</a>
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	<a href="http://bit.ly/30G4fXI">http://bit.ly/30G4fXI</a>

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> service and Wed, 10:15am for 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

- Follow this link to complete your booking: [bit.ly/cmbooking](http://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](http://bit.ly/cmbookingfaq). For assistance email us at [children@gospellight.sg](mailto: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:

**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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