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WHY YOU SHOULD READ THE PSALMS THIS YEAR

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This June, our Church camp speakers will centre their theological lens on unique Psalms that elevate our adoration of God. But what is the book of Psalms and why is it such an important part of the bible? Although many believers may consider the Psalms a familiar book, often quoted, sung and read, it is also foreign as many struggle to understand the ancient poetic form, language and musical terms.

Heart of The Old Testament

Not only are the Psalms in the middle of the Bible, but readers of the Psalms cannot resist the way they work on our hearts. John Calvin said of the Psalms, “I have been accustomed to call this book not inappropriately, an anatomy of all parts of the soul; for there is not an emotion of which anyone can be conscious that is not here represented as in a mirror.”

The Psalms are a collection of 150 poems that express a wide variety of emotions, including: love and adoration toward God, sorrow over sin, dependence on God in desperate circumstances, the battle of fear and trust, walking with God even when the way seems dark. The Psalms is a tapestry of tearful laments to triumphant thanksgivings, these expressions of emotion serve as a blueprint for modern believers to connect the bible with their own struggles.

Witness Of The Messiah and Salvation

Jesus said, “everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms” (Luke 24:44). “The Psalms” or “the Writings,” which includes the book of Psalms and other books, bear witness to Jesus (John 5:39) and can “make us wise for salvation” (2 Tim. 3:15). More than any other book in the Old Testament, the Psalms are constantly quoted in the writing of New Testament authors. One-fifth of all Apostle Paul’s quotes from the Old Testament are taken directly from the Psalms! His sermon in Acts 13 alone is saturated with the language of the Psalms.

Vocabulary Of Prayer

God’s people often seem to struggle with how to pray. In corporate prayer, it’s common to hear a few short mentions of God’s holiness and sovereignty, some generic language about sin and a few thanksgivings, but a long list of appeals and prayer requests for people in various needs. But meditating on the Psalms can give the believer a powerful vocabulary for prayer. Many of the Psalms are examples of how to pray, and many are examples of how to open our hearts to God. For instance in Ps. 18, David called God his strength, his rock, his fortress, his deliverer, his refuge. How often we lack such great statements of adoration and thanksgiving!

Ready To Take The Trip?

Journeying into the Psalms teaches us that God is high and lifted up beyond all our human experiences, but also close and intimate enough for us to walk beside. We can bring all our feelings to God, now matter how negative, complaining or confused they may be – and be assured that our Father in heaven will hear and understand us. May your journey into the Psalms this year teach you more about the profound joy that awaits you amidst the trials and problems of life.



• BIBLICAL COUNSELLING MINISTRY

Gospel Light’s Biblical Counselling Ministry has supported many individuals struggling with a diverse range of personal spiritual issues. Seek counseling when you see troubling signs, such as:

- a. Stress that you have never experienced before.
- b. Unusually intense emotional episodes.
- c. Inability to cope with life and its transitions, ie. a new school, job, relationship, marriage, child, or a death in the family.

Make an appointment with a trained biblical counsellor today: bcm@gospellight.sg

• SNAP WITH US!

Our Church photography team works silently behind the scenes to capture important moments in the community life of the church. We are looking for committed volunteers who are willing to use their passion and gifts in photography to serve others. To find out more or to apply, email: shine@gospellight.sg.

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tue, 16 Apr, we will study John 7:25-36 and learn about Jesus’ encounter with some of the people in Jerusalem who wonder whether he is the Christ. We will also look at the chief priests and the Pharisees sending officers to arrest Jesus. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 16 Apr
 Time: 8:00pm
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://bit.ly/3pd7C7T>
 Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760
 Passcode: 211761

• 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>.

• 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 Wed of the month
 Time: 9:45am – 12:30pm
 Venue: Connections Corner (L1)

Upcoming events coming your way. Join us!

Contact CE at 9753 7964 for enquiries

Date	Programme
17/4/2024	Dumpling Making (Hands On)
1/5/2024	Labour Day - No Fellowship
15/5/24	Outing - National Orchid Garden To register, please call: 9753 7964



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

•HEALTH SCREENING @S11 PUNGGOL

Join us to serve 200 migrant brothers at S11 Punggol dorm for our annual health screening event. We need doctors, nurses as well as non-medical volunteers from registration, ushering, various health checks to medical consults.

Date: Wed, 22 May 2024 (Vesak Day)

Time: 4.00pm to 8.00pm

Set up time: 2.30pm

Zoom briefing: Thu, 16 May at 8.30pm

To register, please visit this link <https://bit.ly/3TSJt1F>.

•COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND MINISTRY FAIR 2024

Not all of us will cross the seas with the gospel, but all of us can cross the street with the gospel. The church is a body of believers and Christ is our head, but for the body to function, every believer has to embrace their role to serve and bless one another with their gifts.

We're excited to bring back our Community Engagement and Ministry Fair! Discover how you can be part of Gospel Light's mission to bless the community with Christ-centered service. Also, meet the volunteers who are part of our weekly Sunday Experience, and find out about their passion for service and the many areas of ministry your talents can be used for God's glory.

Date: Sun, 28 Apr

Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Venue: Foyer (L1)

•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 Apr 2024

Time: 11:45am to 1:00pm

Venue: Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Lunch is provided.

To register, please visit this link <https://bit.ly/3Sa2viF>.

Registration closes Sun, 14 Apr 2024.

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



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/+WDu3myEwijpcxZWU1
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

(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

Kindly take note of the following notices.

1. You will **no longer be required to make a booking for your child from April 2024 onwards**. Registration on Sundays will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. We will also be **ceasing our email updates from April 2024**, and moving on to a broadcast channel on WhatsApp for parents. Please join the Whatsapp community via this link <http://bit.ly/sonshineparents> to receive our regular updates.
3. We are also looking for more volunteers to join the Children Ministry team! If you would like to find out more about our volunteer opportunities, kindly email children@gospellight.sg.



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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