



THE ROLES OF A GODLY MOTHER

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In the scriptures, the lives of grandma Lois and mom Eunice of Timothy provide us glimpses of what a godly mother looks like. Young Timothy grew up with them until the apostle Paul invited him to join him in his travels. Under Paul’s tutelage, Timothy became the pastor of the church in Ephesus eventually (1 Tim 1:3). Undoubtedly, Paul has honored Eunice and Lois for nurturing him in the fear of God.

For easy recall, I use the acronym ‘M.O.T.H.E.R.’ to highlight the different roles of a godly mother, namely;

Model. Paul wrote to Timothy, “I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice.” [2 Tim 1:5] They modelled to young Timothy how to ‘live out’ sincerely their faith. In parenting, who we are is more important than what we say and do, is it not?

Overcomer. Lois and Eunice were Jewish believers but Timothy’s dad was a Greek and may not be a believer. [Acts 16:1] His objection, perhaps, was the reason why Timothy wasn’t circumcised in infancy until Paul came. [Acts 16:3] At any rate, they hurdled the odds in raising young Timothy amidst a highly patriarchal heathen culture. Timothy would not have become a godly leader later if not for them, who ‘trained him up in the way he should go’. [Prov 22:6]

Teacher. They taught him faithfully the Old Testament Scriptures from childhood. They were so persistent such that he ‘has known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make him

wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.’ [2 Tim 3:14,15]. He had his best education at home, where he learned the precepts of God by heart.

Hero. They ‘lived’ out their faith which young Timothy emulated. We all emulate our heroes in one way or another. And both Lois and Eunice left indelible marks upon young Timothy’s life through their time spent with him. As an old adage says, “Love is spelled as time.” Indeed, such mothers, who spend time with their kids, breath ‘life’ in their homes.

Encourager. Because of Paul’s exhortation to Timothy in 2 Tim 1:7, many surmised that he was timid. All kids are fickle and vulnerable, even prone to wander and sin. Foolishness is bound in their hearts, isn’t it? [Prov 22:15] However, they need no condemnation and criticisms but forgiveness, encouragement and loving discipline. [Eph 6:4] Did Lois and Eunice desire that Timothy would someday become a pastor? We have no idea. But one thing is certain, encouragers like them treasure their kids as beautiful ‘heritage from the Lord’. [Psa 127:3]

Rearguard. Is not parenting a battle for our kids’ true freedom from the world’s bondage? A loving mother is like a unit stationed at the rearmost part, in order to protect the rear of a retreating force. When kids are hurt, to whom shall they go? Her shoulders are not as broad as the father’s. Yet, they are most tender, suitable for children to cry on.

Let’s pray that God would raise more godly mothers among us. A blessed Mothers’ Day to all our Gospel Light mothers.

Pastor Nazario Sinon
Filipino Congregation



• **SAVED TO SERVE!**

God has saved us so we can choose to become a servant like our servant King Jesus. Find out today how you can be part of Gospel Light's team of ministry workers who serve the church and the community.

Find out more or apply: bit.ly/savedtoserve24.

• **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 **4,11,18,25 Jul** via Zoom

*Subsequent workshops will be conducted in Nov

Time: 8:30pm – 10:15pm

Duration: **4 sessions**

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

Registration closes Mon, 10 Jun.

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

• **KNOWING JESUS: EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY**

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 hope in a world filled with brokenness and suffering.

Explore the truths of the bible in a 4-part 1-to-1 series with a personal facilitator. Join a series that has helped many come to understand the evidence for God better.

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

• **BIBLICAL COUNSELLING MINISTRY**

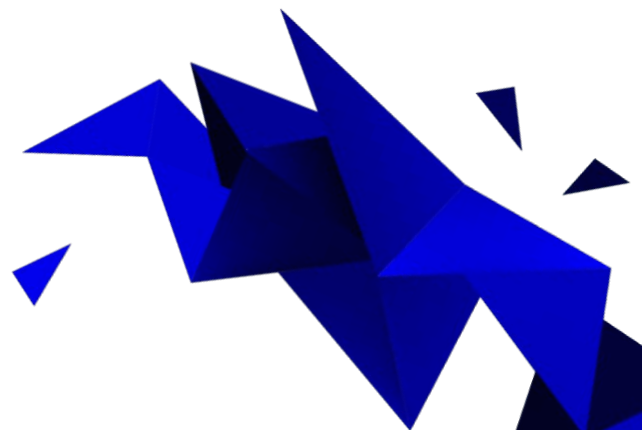
Gospel Light's Biblical Counselling Ministry has supported many individuals struggling with a diverse range of personal spiritual issues. Seek counseling when you see troubling signs, such as:

- 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.





•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>.

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tue, 7 May, we will study John 8:12-20 and learn about Jesus being the light of the world. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 7 May

Time: 8:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

•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
15/5/24	Outing - National Orchid Garden Fully registered.





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 4:30pm 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.



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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