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WHY WE NEED SAINT-LED SMALL GROUPS MINISTRIES

The role of the prime minister is not easy. More than meeting foreign dignitaries or thinking about public policies, the prime minister must be involved with people on the ground.

I read an article in local news recently. It said that one of the top priorities of the newly installed prime minister, Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, is to visit different constituencies across the island over the coming months. When asked about the purpose of such engagements, PM Wong said that “my purpose was to engage and listen to Singaporeans directly. So, through the visits I hope to meet as many Singaporeans as possible.”

PM Wong is right. He will be able to meet some, but not all. To date, there are around 5.6 million local residents. He would not have the time, nor the bandwidth to engage everybody.

Perhaps at some point, this level of engagement is an expectation that we place on our pastors and/or shepherds. There is nothing wrong with this. Pastors and shepherds should engage and shepherd the people to the best of their abilities. But it is also not right for the pastors and shepherds to do this work alone. In fact, it is unwise and unbiblical. The church is simply too large. The pastors and shepherds are simply too limited.

Ephesians 4:11-12 tells us that God gave to the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers. For what reason? To equip the saints for the work of the ministry. And through the work of the ministry, Christ’s church is built (Eph. 4:12b). In other words, God has given word ministers to the church, not so that the word ministers will do the work of the ministry alone, but so that the saints will be able to do the work of the ministry themselves.

This is why the church is not dependent on the one, but the many. Think about it this way. How is it possible for the pastors/shepherds to extend care and support to each and every church-member? Again, it is possible, but unwise. What’s necessary is for the responsibilities to be distributed to the many. Hence, word ministries like care-groups, discipleship groups, or Bible study groups are so important. Operational ministries like cooking, ushering, and traffic-marshalling are as important.

Saints-led small group ministries are essential because the pastor cannot do it alone. In fact, it is impossible to run the church in such a manner. But thankfully, God has given his saints the ability to meet the needs of one and all. The Holy Spirit has gifted the church perfectly with what she needs to do what needs to be done. He has ordained the church in such a way that no one builds the church alone.

Hence, for believers, our role in the church is clear. We are not to be bystanders, spectators, or cheerleaders, cheering our pastor on as he does everything. But we are to be equipped to do the work of the ministry. Some will preach. Some will lead care-groups. Some will be a listening ear. Some will be a helping hand. It doesn’t matter. Everyone’s involved.

True gospel ministry done this way is beautiful. No one does all the work. No one does too little. Yet God gets all the glory.

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• ANDROID PHONES FOR MISSIONS

If you have any unused, working android phones (with their chargers) and will like to donate them to our mission partners and beneficiaries (Sabah schoolhouses), please bring them to GLCC front desk at L4 before the 1st service and at L5 office after the 1st service onwards on Sun, 30 Jun to 14 Jul (inclusive).

• CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Basic Convo English - suitable for those with little or no knowledge of English.

Date: 19 Jul – 27 Sep (Fridays)

Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Venue: Hall 3 (Attic level)

Duration: 10 lessons

Material fee: \$5

Higher Basic - suitable for those who can speak simple English.

Date: 16 Jul – 17 Sep (Tuesdays)

Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Venue: Hall 3 (Attic level)

Duration: 10 lessons

Material fee: \$5

Please contact Sue @ 9776 1377 to register and for more details. Registration closes Sun, 7 Jul.

• CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CLOSURE (5th SUNDAY)

Please be informed that there will not be any children's services on Sunday, 30 June 2024. You can bring your child with you to attend the worship service at Shine (English service) or Gospel (Chinese service) Auditorium. Alternatively, we will stream the English service at Hall 3, Attic level and Level 1 Canteen.

• NO VARSITY SERVICE IN JUNE

There will be no Varsity service in June. Service will resume on Sun, 7 Jul.

• CALLING ALL HUSBANDS!

Organised by the Family Life ministry Husband's group, please join us for a dinner social gathering on Wednesday, 3rd July from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Kindly RSVP through WhatsApp (9783 0984 Ken) if you are interested to attend, or to find out more.

• JOB RECRUITMENT

Are you good with your hands and have training in electrical engineering? If so, join us to look after the house of God.

1. Technician

For more details of the job position, please visit our website at [Careers](#) or email Benita Teo at benita.teo@gospellight.sg.





CLASSES & MINISTRIES

• NEW BELIEVERS CLASS

The journey of the Christian life is both an exciting and challenging one. The new believer, however, is often left alone to figure out how to live the Christian life. Just as a building without a strong foundation will collapse so the believer will soon fall away without proper grounding in the faith.

The New Believers class seeks to address this by journeying with you to ground you in the faith. Come and be nurtured.

Sundays - Commencement date: Sun, 7 Jul

Course duration: 13 weeks

Time: 12.15pm – 2.15pm

Venue: Hall 3 (Attic Level)

Thursdays - Commencement date: Thu, 11 Jul

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 closes Sun, 23 Jun.

• BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

Date: 8 July - 22 November 2024

Discussion Leader: Brother Michael Lau

Study the Word of God inductively and know the God of the Word intimately.

We will be reading and observing the books of **Hebrews, Lamentations, Second Kings** and **Revelation** using *Precept New Inductive Study Series (NISS)* guides. What did God say and do in his relationship with the people, and what might we learn about God from His word and His works?

Your weekly commitment is 1-3 hours of personal reading and 2 hours of discussion in small groups. The cost is \$15/per book for the *NISS study guide* and Observation Worksheet (Optional).

Discussion sessions:

1. **Hebrews** Mondays: 7.30pm - 9.30pm
(08 Jul - 18 Nov 2024)
2. **Lamentations** Tuesdays: 7.30pm - 9.30pm
(09 Jul - 22 Oct 2024)
3. **Lamentations** Fridays: 9.30am - 11.30am
(12 Jul - 25 Oct 2024)
4. **Second Kings** Wednesdays: 9.30am - 11.30am
(10 Jul - 20 Nov 2024)
5. **Revelation** Thursdays: 9.30am - 11.30am
(11 Jul - 21 Nov 2024)

To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/44Bp7iB>

Registration closes Sun, 30 Jun.





• 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 Jul & 4 Aug

Time: 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

Date: Sun, 28 Jul & 4 Aug

Time: 12.00pm – 1.00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

To register, please visit this link: <https://bit.ly/3lkxtWk>.
Registration closes Sun, 30 Jun.

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tuesday, 25 Jun, we will study John 9:13-41 and continue to learn about Jesus healing a man born blind. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 25 Jun

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

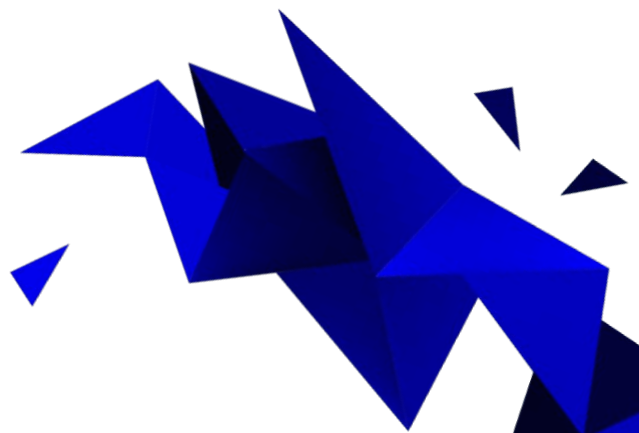
Time: 9.45am – 12.30pm

Venue: Connections Corner (L1)

Upcoming events coming your way. Join us!

Contact CE at 9753 7964 for enquiries

Date	Programme
3 rd July	Importance of Estate Planning Talk
17 th July	Fun Times
7 th August	Steps in Estate Planning Talk
21 st August	Mid-Autumn Lantern making





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 *No service in June. Service resumes Sun, 7 Jul	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 Services - *No children's service on Sun, 30 Jun

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

(iv) Join our Whatsapp community for regular updates: <http://bit.ly/sonshineparents>

(v) Interested to explore serving in in Children's Minisrny? 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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