

21 July 2024

COMPELLING GOSPEL COMMUNITY

“Is care group worth joining?”

In today’s world of fleeting connections, you may have convinced yourself that there is no value in being part of just another group. After all, you may have other social circles and a few Christian friends that you keep up with already, so why bother?

Well, I had similar sentiments. In fact, it took me two whole years before I committed to being part of a care group. And I’ve learnt something remarkable during my time with the group: Care groups are intended to be supernatural communities that reveal the gospel.

Care groups are primarily gospel-revealing communities

Paul reminds us of God’s plan for the local church in Ephesians chapters 2 and 3, beginning with the gospel where we were once “dead in transgressions and sins” (v.1) but God “made us alive with Christ” (v.5). Indeed, in the gospel is supernatural forgiveness that God pours out to His people.

But the gospel extends beyond salvation; it carries a transformative message of unity. Paul vividly illustrates this further down in Ephesians 2, where he describes God breaking down the wall of hostility between Jews and Gentiles, creating one man in place of the two and reconciling us to Himself. This unity serves a profound purpose, as Ephesians 3:10 reveals: through the church, God intends to display His manifold wisdom to rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. Thus, God’s church—and by extension, our care groups—are designed to exemplify supernatural gospel unity, demonstrating God’s power and wisdom to a watching world.

Gospel-revealing communities display supernatural love

So, if the gospel is the foundation of our understanding of God’s community, what implications does it hold for us? As Christians who have received Christ’s forgiveness, our response is clear: to love God and to love one another. The gospel secures for us the freedom to embrace one another despite our differences. Indeed “we love because He (God) first loved us.” (1 John 4:19).

The gospel also allows us to go beyond the superficial, and to love one another deeply and sacrificially. We can celebrate another’s marriage even if we struggle with singleness. We can cry with a brother over their loss or wrestle alongside them in their journey with God. A gospel-driven love emboldens us to speak truth with grace, to extend mercy to those grappling with doubts, and to generously support those in need within our community.

Yet when we find it difficult to love, let us dive back into the gospel to rediscover the profound forgiveness we share in Christ. We love one another, not in our own efforts, but through the supernatural empowerment of God who has given us His Spirit.

Gospel-revealing communities will be attractive to others and the watching world

Dear friends, a care group is worth your time and commitment because the gospel is worthy. Despite challenges and difficulties that may arise within the group, it is precisely in those moments that the gospel can shine brightly to an observing world. Let us, therefore, not grow weary in loving this supernatural community that God has called us to, as we wait for His coming.

Belvin Yeo
Care Group Leader



•SEEKERS CLASS

Have you been seeking after God and He feels far away? Have you wondered if God really cares about you? Don't all religions teach you to do good to get to heaven? Perhaps these questions and others have been bugging you. Why not discuss this in a group setting by enrolling in the Seekers class?

Start date: Sun, 25 Aug

Time: 12.15pm

Course duration: 6 Sundays

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

Register at <https://bit.ly/3SZlihy>.

Registration closes on Sun, 11 Aug.

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tuesday, 23 Jul, we will study John 11:17-44 and continue to learn about the story of Lazarus and Jesus raising him from the dead. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 23 Jul

Time: 8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

•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 Sun, 18 Aug.

Baptism Class (English)

Date: Sun, 29 Sep

Time: 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Class (Chinese)

Date: Sun, 29 Sep

Time: 12.00pm – 1.00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Date: Sun, 10 Nov

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

•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
7 th August	Steps in Estate Planning Talk
21 st August	Mid-Autumn Lantern making



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

• 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, 18 Aug 2024

Time: 11.45am to 1.15pm

Venue: Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Lunch is provided.

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

Registration closes Sun, 11 Aug.

If you want to find out more, please write to

sue.choo@gospellight.sg.

• EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY

Are you a seeker with doubts or skeptical about the claims of Christianity?

Exploring the faith may seem daunting, but we're here to help! We want you to know the hope of the bible in a broken world.

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

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

• HANDCHIMES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

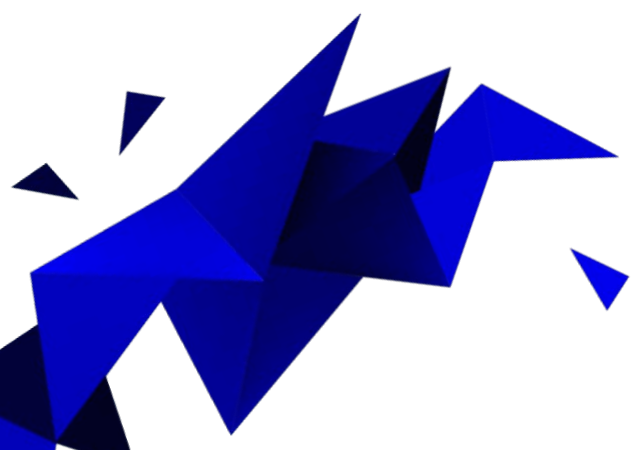
We are looking for volunteers to learn Christmas carols on Handchimes and bless our community with music this Christmas season.

Rehearsals begin on 4 Aug (Sundays)

Time: 12.00pm – 1.30pm

Venue: Light 1 (L3)

Please contact Anne @ 9879 2318 to register and for more details. Registration closes Sun, 11 Aug.





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 2.00pm	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 on 5 th week	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwipcxZWU1
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 5.00pm and 7.30pm	http://bit.ly/30G4fXI

(B) Children Services

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 Ministry? 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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