



Love Your Spouse God's Way

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A middle-aged husband sat before me, distraught. His marriage was falling apart, and after two hours of conversation, we hit a dead end. He stared blankly into the distance, seemingly lost in his thoughts. Breaking the silence, I asked him, "Since you knew about your wife's issues before you married her, why did you go through with it?"

He shook his head and sighed, "I thought I could change her."

His problem was foundational.

In almost every wedding ceremony, we hear the vows: man and woman promising to love each other unconditionally—"for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part." Yet, tragically, in many marriages, these promises begin to fade in just a few short years. Why? Because, too often, they stem from insincere hearts.

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Marriage vows do not come with conditions or "ifs." They are not transactional agreements; they are a covenant—a solemn promise—between a man and a woman to love each other unconditionally. God's design for marriage is clear: the two must "leave" their parents and "hold fast" to each other (Genesis 2:24). This is not a decision to take lightly. Marriage is a lifelong commitment—no "return or exchange" policy, no fine print

with an expiration date.

But some might ask, "What if they married young and made a mistake in choosing their spouse?" Even then, their union is final. Once a man marries his wife, it is his responsibility to guard their relationship and nurture it, strengthening it day by day. As Jesus says, "What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matthew 19:6).

When a man marries, he must accept his spouse as she is. Marriage is not a mistake, although both partners will make mistakes. Having a wife is like receiving a special gift from God, wrapped in layers. Each day, as God reveals more of who she is, the husband's adventure of unconditional love continues. Her imperfections may surprise him, but they should never lead to regret. He must have already embraced these quirks before discovering them. Perhaps the saying "love is blind" holds more truth than we realize.

From the very beginning, an unmarried believer should approach marriage with a

commitment to love their spouse unconditionally. After all, isn't this the kind of love that fosters the "naked and unashamed" relationship that God intended? (Genesis 2:25)

In every marriage, there will always be faults to uncover and countless reasons to walk away. Yet, when a couple builds a relationship founded on honesty, humility, and forgiveness, their bond will flourish. There is no greater key to a thriving marriage. After all, doesn't Jesus love the Church despite her imperfections?

YEAR-END LOVE GIFT

We are collecting our year-end love gift for overseas mission workers and local workers via our General Fund account.

Collection Start Date: Sun, 20 Oct 2024
Collection End Date: Sun, 3 Nov 2024
* Love gifts received after 3 Nov 2024 will
go towards the general offering.

You may give in the following ways:

- i) Internet banking PayNow and internet bank transfer. Indicate "Love Gift" or "LG" at the bill reference section.
- ii) Cheque Indicate "Love Gift" or "LG" on the reverse of the cheque.
- iii) Offering boxes Enclose your offering in a sealed envelope and indicate "Love Gift" or "LG" on the envelope.

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If you would like to specify the recipient of the love gift, please indicate as follows:

- 1) Indicate "LG overseas" for overseas mission workers
- 2) Indicate "LG local" for local workers

YOUTH WHATSAPP CHANNEL

You can now stay updated with all announcements, activities and latest events on our newly launched Youth WhatsApp Channel!

JOB RECRUITMENT

IT MANAGER

We are looking for an IT manager to handle our day to day IT operations, oversee all IT projects and coordinate IT work with 3rd party providers, serve as technical and IT advisor to all church departments.

TECHNICIAN

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

For more details about the above job position, please visit our website at Careers or Email Benita Teo.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KIDS BIBLE CAMP (KBC) 2024

We are excited to announce our annual 2-day kids holiday camp and we need YOU to help make it an unforgettable experience! This is a wonderful opportunity to impact the lives of children from our church & the community with the love & truth of the Gospel. Sign-up today and be a blessing to the next generation!

Date: Fri, 22 Nov - Sat, 23 Nov

Time: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Venue: 39 Punggol Field Walk, Singapore

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Apply for the various roles. To find out more write to us today!

VOLUNTEER TO BLESS OUR MIGRANT WORKER COMMUNITY!

Volunteer for our Migrant Worker health screening at Westlite Woodlands. We need a team of 6 doctors; 8 to 10 nurses plus 25 non-medical volunteers. A volunteer briefing via zoom will be conducted on Thu, 24 Oct at 8.30pm.

Date: Thu, 31 Oct

Time: 4.00pm - 8.00pm

Venue: Westlite Woodlands

The team will rally in church (39 Punggol Field Walk) at 2.00pm. Set up time at Westlite is 3.00pm.

Register as a volunteer today!

BULLETPROOF MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Who should attend? Pre-Marriage prep and married couples who want to work on their marriage. We would like to emphasize 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).

Workshop format:

1 onsite session (7 Nov, 7.30pm - 9.15pm at GLCC, L2 Gospel Auditorium)

3 online sessions via Zoom (14,21,28 Nov, 8.30pm - 10.00pm)

*Subsequent workshops will be conducted in March 2025

Duration: 4 sessions

Register today!

Registration closes Mon, 14 Oct. For more enquiries, contact Ken at 9783 0984 or Caroline at 9616 8403.

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 9753 7964 for enquiries.

Date	Programme
16 Oct	Photo Frame Decoration *call 9753 7964 to register

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tue, 8 Oct, we will study John 14:1-14, and learn about what Jesus said that "I am the way, and the truth, and the life". The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 8 Oct

Time: 8.00pm

Join **Zoom Meeting**

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761



English @Shine Auditorium (L4)
Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm
Watch our livestream service at 10.15am only

Chinese @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am
Watch our livestream service at 10.15am only

Filipino @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Sunday at 2.00pm
Watch our livestream service at 2.00pm

Youth @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Saturday at 4.30pm
Subscribe to our announcement channel on
WhatsApp or Telegram.



Varsity @Light 1 and Light 2 (L3)
Sunday at 2.30pm *no service on 5th week
Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel

Bahasa @Reception Room (L1) Every alternate Sunday 10.30am For more info, please contact 9117 6000 / 96285061

Telugu @Gospel Auditorium (L2) Sunday at 5.00pm and 7.30pm <u>Watch</u> our livestream service at 5.30pm



PLAYGROUP

(12 - 35 months) @ Hall 3 (Attic) Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am

PRESCHOOL

(35 months - 6 years) @ Eshkol Valley Premises (Attic) Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am

PRIMARY

(Primary 1 - 6) @ Light Auditorium (L3) Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am

Join our Whatsapp community
for regular updates

Contact us if you're interested to explore serving in Children's Ministry!



FULL GIVING DETAILS HERE



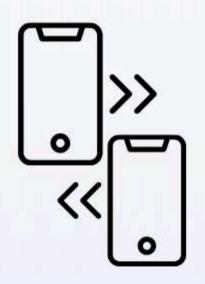
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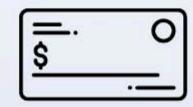
Scan With Your Bank App

All offerings will be directed to the "General" fund. State "Missions" in the UEN/Bill Reference No. section if you wish to designate the offering to our mission work.

Giving Online



> Internet Banking Transfer DBS Bank 033-021695-5



> Cheque
Make Payable to:
"Gospel Light Christian Church"
Write "Offerings" behind.

For internet banking transfer, indicate "General" or "Mission" to designate where the offering goes to

For cheques, you can further indicate on the reverse: "General Fund" 033-021695-5 or "Missions Fund" 001-042653-2.

Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.