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Leading generations

**INTO A LIFE-CHANGING
RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.**





The Sword at Christmas: Hope for the Hurting

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One of the most anticipated season is finally dawning upon us. Christmas is around the corner. Friends and families are gearing up for the season, making plans to share meals and celebrate the Savior. Christmas trees and decorations will line popular public spaces. Christmas parties and traditional gift exchanges, I'm sure, loom in our schedules.

But amidst the joy and peace that Christmas brings, for some, Christmases are often fresh reminders of tragedies, pains, and struggles

—whether it's global wars and famines, the internal turmoil of grief and separation, or perhaps the immeasurable suffering wrought by sickness and diseases. And often, as we get wrapped up with the celebrations, we become blinded to the many who are hurting. And so where do we draw comfort from this Christmas? How can an occasion of joy and peace address our many pains and struggles?



“In those times where joy is shadowed by grief, loss, or personal struggles, let's remind ourselves that there is real comfort through the reality that Jesus came not just for celebration but also to bring redemption through suffering!”



The very first Christmas brought much joy. Luke introduces us to a devout man, Simeon, who had been waiting for a long time for the Messiah. The Bible says that he will never see death until he has seen the Messiah. And the day has finally arrived. Jesus was brought to the temple to be dedicated to the Lord. And upon Jesus' introduction, Simeon praised

God because his "eyes have seen his salvation." The Messiah will be a light to the Gentiles and glory for the people of Israel (Luke 2:30-32).

Yet, this expectation will be paved with much suffering. Simeon turns to Mary, Jesus' mother, and with these words, prophecies about Jesus (Luke 2:34-35):

“Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

Every mother wants the best for her child. Mary is no different. But no one could prepare her for the life that her son would live. If a good and comfortable life is what we desire for our kids today, the trajectory of Jesus' life was certainly off the beaten path.

The Messiah will not govern lands or command vast armies. But he will be like that chief cornerstone, rejected by men. He will experience suffering like no other has

experienced. He will divide Israel. While some would accept him in faith, many will reject him and therefore, fall. He will suffer opposition of various kinds. His own kinsmen will conspire and threaten his life. Friends will forsake and turn on him. But all these pale in comparison to the weight of sin that will be placed on his shoulders for the sake of lost and sinful mankind.

And so, this Christmas, what is our hope for the hurting? Not to distract ourselves with lots of Christmas shopping and parties. Not about having a pie-in-the-sky optimism that things would turn out better next year. It is all about Jesus! There is real tangible comfort found in Jesus because he is able to empathise with us in our struggles. He has gone through so much to bring us to a right relationship with God. And he is more than able to bring us to the end. In those times where joy is shadowed by grief, loss, or personal struggles, let's remind ourselves that there is real comfort through the reality that Jesus came not just for celebration but also to bring redemption through suffering.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

INVITATION TO ENROLL WITH APIIS

Dear Gospeliters,

The Asia-Pacific Institute of International Studies (APIIS), a ministry fully supported by GLCC, is excited to extend an opportunity for Gospeliters to enroll in their Master of Ministry (MMin) program.

While APIIS will not be admitting Singaporean students into this intake, they have reserved a limited number of spots for Gospeliters who would greatly benefit from this program's equipping and empowerment for ministry.

We encourage you to read this [brochure](#) carefully. If you believe this program aligns with your calling and ministry development, please reach out to Terri Wei via WhatsApp at 9658 2809 to schedule an interview with our Faculty.

Pastor Paul Choo
President Of APIIS

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, 19 Jan 2025

Time: 11.45am - 1.15pm

Venue: Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Lunch is provided.

Connect with us — [Register](#) now!

Registration closes on Sun, 12 Jan 2025.

If you want to find out more, [email](#) Sue.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2024

In a world filled with uncertainty, pain, and anxiety, we all long for hope. This Christmas, invite someone you know to see the unveiled true joy of Christmas in a hope that endures. Join us for our special Christmas service, “Hope Is Born”.

Date: 25 Dec 2024

English services

Venue: L4, Shine Auditorium

Time: 9.00am and 11.00am

Chinese services

Venue: L2, Gospel Auditorium

Time: 9.00am and 11.00am

Download and share our [invite card](#).

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

SHEPHERDS' TRAINING (SEMESTER 3)

We will be kickstarting a new semester of Shepherds' Training in Jan 2025. Word-based ministry leaders and potential leaders are invited to register and join us on this journey.

Dates: 25 Jan - 31 May 2025

(Every last Saturday of the month)

Time: 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Venue: Light Auditorium (L3)

Register [here](#).

Registration is on first come first serve basis and subject to approval.

Successful applicants will be informed 2 weeks prior to the training date.

Registration closes Sun, 29 Dec.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

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. Register [here](#). Registration closes on Sun, 22 Dec.

English

Date: Sun, 19 Jan & 26 Jan 2025

Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

Date: Sun, 5 Jan & 26 Jan 2025

Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

CHURCH CAMP 2025 - FAQ

Gyms are familiar to many of us, with different machines that help to work our different muscle groups. But how often do we flex and train our spiritual muscles?

Borrowing the words of Paul in 1 Tim 4:7-8 "...Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come." Come spend time with the family of God from 10 - 14 June 2025 in "Training for Godliness". FAQs for Church Camp 2025 is given [here](#).

Registration starts on 5 Jan 2025.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY (BIBS)

Beginning Inductive Bible Study (BIBS) is an online platform where we meet to Investigate what the Bible says, so as to Interpret what the Scriptures meant, and then discuss the Implications of the Word in our daily lives. We study the word of God inductively that we may know the God of the word intimately and follow Jesus faithfully in the power of the Spirit.

BIBS January to May 2025 is as follows:

Jeremiah (Men's group): Wednesdays
9.30am - 11.30am – (Lesson starts 15 Jan)

Acts: Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am –
(Lesson starts 16 Jan)

Romans: Fridays 9.30am - 11.30am –
(Lesson starts 17 Jan)

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CLASSES + MINISTRIES

Acts: Mondays 7.30pm - 9.30pm –
(Lesson starts 20 Jan)

Romans: Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm –
(Lesson starts 21 Jan)

Your commitment each week is 1-3 hours of self-study and 2 hours online discussion. Precept NISS guide (\$15/-) is optional. The discussion leader is brother Michael Lau.

Enrol today!

Enrolment closes Sun, 29 Dec.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

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.

Register to join us!

Date	Programme
18 Dec	Christmas Lunch (圣诞午餐) *registration required

Contact 9753 7964 for enquiries / registration.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

We will take a break from end Nov to end Dec and class will resume on Tue, 7 Jan 2025. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 7 Jan 2025

Time: 8.00pm

Join [Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

Prayer



Meetings

**“We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy.”
Daniel 9:18**



Wednesday

8PM | HALL 3 (ATTIC LEVEL)

**No praying meeting on
25 Dec 2024 and 1 Jan 2025.**



Sunday

**7.45AM | CRY ROOM
SHINE AUDITORIUM
LEVEL 4**



Prayer List

**WE CAN ONLY MOVE FORWARD
AS A CHURCH BY PRAYER.**

**[SUBSCRIBE](#) TO OUR WEEKLY
PRAYER LIST**



Bereavement

**WE MOURN WITH MEMBERS
WHO'VE LOST LOVED ONES.
(ROM. 12:15) STAY [UPDATED](#)
ON CHURCH BEREAVEMENT
NOTICES.**



WORSHIP SERVICES

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](#).



WORSHIP SERVICES

Varsity @Light 1 and Light 2 (L3)

Sunday at 2.30pm *no service on 5th week
and for the month of December

[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

[Watch](#) our livestream service at 5.30pm



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

No
Children's
services on
29 Dec

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!

Giving Online

FULL GIVING DETAILS [HERE](#)



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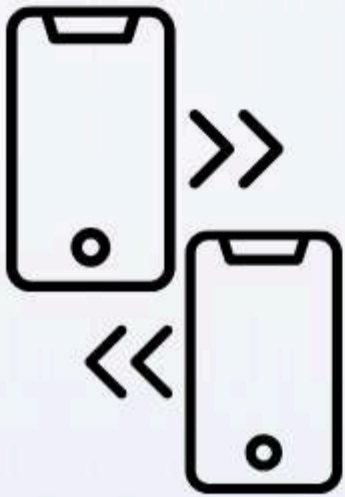
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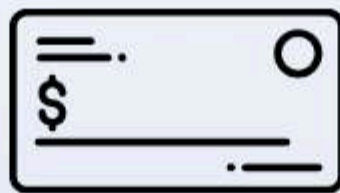
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All offerings will be directed to the “General” fund. State “Missions” in the UEN/Bill Reference No. section if you wish to designate the offering to our mission work.

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.