

## Hurt, Not Harmed

Article by Pastor Jason, Senior Pastor

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" – Romans 8:35

It is an astounding thought to know our absolute position in Jesus: that the least deserving sinner is forever loved, forever accepted, and eternally pardoned—only in Christ. No condemnation and no guilty sentencing await the child of God.

However, when God says there is no condemnation, it does not mean there is no correction. God does not allow His children

to sin without loving discipline. While punishment is the pouring out of wrath upon sin, discipline is the pouring out of love to draw us away from sin. It is a lie to say that God does not change or correct us; if He didn't, it would either show He doesn't love us or that He isn't truly holy.

"Though I may hurt my son, I never intend to harm him. He learns through hurt because I love him. In the same way, God lovingly "hurts" us to spare us from the far greater harm of sin."

"The Lord disciplines the one he loves..." (Hebrews 12:6).

Now, we often confuse hurt with harm. For instance, my wife and I may hurt our son with the rod of discipline to teach him to turn from sinful behaviour. Though I may hurt my son, I never intend to harm him. He learns through hurt because I love him. In the same way, God lovingly "hurts" us to spare us from the far greater harm of sin.

You are not condemned, but you are corrected because He loves you. The correction may be very strong at times, as we see in the word "scourging" (Hebrews 12:6). To be scourged is to be flogged—a painful process. God may use scourging in your life, but He is not condemning you; He is correcting you.

If God were to truly punish us for our sins, none of us could stand. The punishment for sin against an infinite, incorruptible God is enormous, a penalty far beyond what we could ever pay. Yet take heart: God deals with us as a Father does with His children—through correction, not condemnation.

## **FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH CLASS**

Foundations of Faith (previously known as New Believers) class. A strong foundation is crucial for any building or structure. The same goes for our spiritual life. However, not many of us have the privilege of receiving proper grounding in the faith.

The Foundations of Faith class aims to ground you in the essentials of the faith as well as inculcate the spiritual disciplines of bible reading, prayer and devotional time with God so that you will be rooted and built up in the faith.

This class is open to new believers as well as those who need grounding in the faith.

# Sundays - Commencement date: Sun, 16 Feb 2025

Course duration: 13 weeks

Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Venue: Attic Level, Eshkol Valley rooms

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# Thursdays - Commencement date: Thu, 20 Feb 2025

Homemakers \*for ladies only

Course duration: 13 weeks

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Click here to register.

Registration deadline: Sun, 2 Feb 2025

## **SEEKERS CLASS**

Are you seeking for peace and direction in life? Does God exist and does He really care about me? Is Christianity just another religion? How can Jesus help me?

Perhaps these are some of the questions that have been bugging you. Why not enrol in the Seekers class and find answers to these and other questions concerning Christianity?

Commencement date: Sun, 16 Feb 2025

Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Course duration: 6 Sundays

Venue: Attic Level, Eshkol Valley rooms

Click <u>here</u> to register

Registration deadline: Sun, 2 Feb.

## **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 (6 Mar, 7.30pm - 9.15pm at GLCC, L2 Gospel Auditorium)

3 online sessions via Zoom (13,20,27 Mar,

8.30pm - 10.00pm)

\*Subsequent workshops will be conducted in July 2025

Time: 8:30pm - 10:00pm

Duration: 4 sessions

To register, click <u>here</u>. Registration closes Mon, 10 Feb.

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

## PING PONG MINISTRY

Invite friends, neighbours, colleagues or family members who love playing ping pong to join us! The team led by Cyril Ong will be hosting sessions during the following day and time:

Venue: Level 3, Foyer

Mon and Thu: 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Sat: 10.00am - 12.30pm

To find out more, please contact: Cyril Ong - 9005 3446 Eddie Anwar - 9487 7808

## **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
5 Feb	Chinese New Year Lunch Gathering - 农历新年午餐 *registration required
19 Feb	I can do it (Health Promotion Talk)

Contact 9753 7964 for enquiries / registration.

# EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

We will take a break on 21 Jan and 28 Jan for CNY. Classes will resume on Tue, 4 Feb. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2025

Time: 8.00pm

Join **Zoom Meeting** 

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

# NEW CHILDREN'S SERVICE LAUNCHING 9 FEB 2025

We're excited to announce a **third children's service** for kids aged 36 months to 12 years (preschool and primary), supporting families attending the afternoon English service.

Time: 12.00pm – 1.15pm (Check-in counters open at 11.45am)
Venue: Attic Level, Eshkol Valley

Seats are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

With this expansion, we need more volunteers to minister to these precious young hearts. If you feel led to serve, register today!

Let's nurture the next generation in Christ together!

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

# INTRODUCING GOSPEL LIGHT'S WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We are kickstarting Gospel Light's Women's Ministry on **Saturday 15 Feb 2025** and we are prioritizing all the wonderful ladies (18 years and above) who are worshipping with us at Gospel Light.

It will be time where we gather around God's Word, have small group discussions and a time of fun and fellowship together.

Date: Sat 15 Feb 2025

Time: 10am to 12pm (followed by lunch,

which is optional)

- Ready to join? Click <a href="here">here</a> to register for 15 Feb's event: <a href="[Event registration closes on 31 Jan 2025]</a>
- Stay in the loop! Click <a href="here">here</a> to join our WhatsApp Community for updates on Women's Ministry related matters.

We can't wait to see you and embark on this exciting journey together!

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

## **CHURCH CAMP 2025**

Come spend time with the family of God from 10 - 14 June 2025.

Click on the respective camp FAQ: <u>English</u> / <u>Chinese</u>.

Click here to register.

Early bird 5 Jan - 31 Jan 2025

Normal registration 1 Feb to 28 Feb 2025

Church camp booths on Sundays will be open from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

English & Chinese Booth at Front Desk (L1)

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **COFFEE CONNECTS CLOSURE**

Please be informed that Coffee Connects will be closed on 26 Jan and 2 Feb for CNY. Here's wishing you 新年蒙福,主恩满溢,喜樂平安.

### **KITCHEN CLOSURE**

Please be informed that the Kitchen will be closed on 2 Feb and 9 Feb for CNY.



"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 PRAYER MEETING ON 29 JAN



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.



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
of the month
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**

(36 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



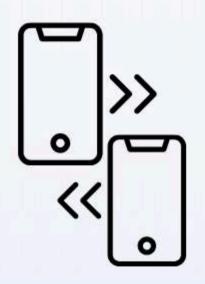
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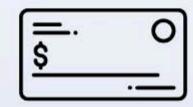
Scan With Your Bank App

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.