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The Greatest Threat To The Church

Article by Pastor Mike Redick, Deputy Missions Director

What is the greatest threat to the church today? Some might say, "wokeism, materialism, or immorality." Others might

say, "an indifference toward the gospel, adopting false doctrine, or a focus on selfhelp." Although these are certainly significant issues that can harm the church and hinder its progress, I am not sure they rise to the level of being the most significant threats.

Probably the greatest danger in the church today is the curse of lukewarmness. It is

what I call "ho-hum Christianity." It is as if we were yawning in the face of God. There is no fire, zeal, passion, or enthusiasm for the things of God. The resulting tragedy is a halfhearted church in a hell-bent world.

Jesus spoke prophetically of this half-hearted church when He said:

"And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

'I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth''' (Rev. 3:14-16).

The sin of lukewarmness is so nauseating to

the Lord that He wants to vomit the lukewarm church out of His mouth.

 "Lukewarmness is the worst form of blasphemy." Lukewarm Christians say,
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The Bible expositor G. Campbell Morgan said, "Lukewarmness is the worst form of blasphemy." Lukewarm Christians say, "Jesus, I believe in You, but You just don't excite me. I believe in You, but I don't intend to serve You with fire and fervor." A lukewarm church honors the Lord with its lips, but its heart is far from Him (Mark 7:6). Its members might not regularly participate in sin, but they tolerate it. They agree with the Scripture but rarely read it. They know prayer is important but seldom pray. They understand that Christianity calls for sacrifice and sharing the gospel, but it never happens.

The reason lukewarmness is so harmful is

that it sets us up for other sins. The lukewarm Christian is a sitting duck for the flesh, the devil, and the world. When Jesus no longer excites us, we soon drift away from the Lord and find other things to take His place. Lukewarmness is the root that breeds the fruit of all other sins. When we lose our fire, zeal, and passion for the Lord, we lose our Scriptural discernment and let go of our spiritual disciplines. We start to question the principles, practices, and power of the Christian life. That is why the Lord warned the lukewarm church:

"Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent" (Rev. 3:19).

God loves us and wants to change the world through us. He encourages us to repent of our lukewarmness and warns that if we don't, He will reprove and discipline us. There is no greater way to protect the church and promote the cause of Christ than by being part of a church with a passionate love for the Lord.

Ask yourself: "Do I love the Lord my God with all my heart?" If not, repent.

CHURCH COMMITTEE & SUB-COMMITTEES

In preparation ahead of the church ACM (29 March 2025), it is now the time to begin our nomination process for potential Church Committee leaders for 2025.

We are looking for **godly**, faithful and qualified candidates with the following professional experience:

a. Finance (Accountancy / Treasury)
b. Governance (Risk Management / Audit / Compliance)

c. Human Resources (HR Operations / Talent Management / Learning & Development)
d. Building and Security (Building Operations and Maintenance/ Mechanical and Electrical/ Fire Safety/ IT/ Logistics)

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- e. IT (Infrastructure/ Cybersecurity/ Governance)
- f. Land Lease Renewal (Property Valuation)
- g. Internal Auditors (Internal Control/ Accountancy/ Regulatory Knowledge)
- Click <u>here</u> for more details on the requirements to serve.

Gospeliters may submit their own names or recommended names to **shine@gospellight.sg** by **9 Feb 2025** and state the position that the individual is recommended for.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING (ACM) Our Annual Congregation Meeting will take place on Date: Sat, 29 Mar Venue: L4, Shine Auditorium Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm, with breakfast from 9.00am onwards at L1 foyer **For Members and Associate Members only*.

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 <u>here</u>. Registration closes Sun, 23 Feb.

Baptism Class (English) Date: Sun, 6 Apr Time: 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Venue: L2, Hall 2

Baptism Class (Chinese) Date: Sun, 6 Apr Time: 12.00pm – 1.00pm Venue: L2, Hall 2

Baptism Date: Sun, 18 May Venue: L4, Shine Auditorium Time: 1.00pm

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 Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm (followed by lunch, which is optional)

 Ready to join? Click <u>here</u> to register for 15 Feb's event: [Event registration closes on 31 Jan 2025]

Stay in the loop! Click <u>here</u> 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 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 <u>here</u> to register. Early bird 5 Jan - 31 Jan 2025 Normal registration 1 Feb to 28 Feb 2025

There will be no more church camp booth this Sunday onwards. If you need assistance with registration, please write to <u>camp@gospellight.sg</u> or call 9639 6874.

OTHER NOTICES

COFFEE CONNECTS CLOSURE

Please be informed that Coffee Connects will be closed on 26 Jan, 2 Feb and 9 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.

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH (PHONICS)

- Short and long vowels
- Duration: 10 lessons

Date: 7 Mar - 16 May (Fridays) Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm (lessons); 3.00pm – 3.30pm (refreshments cum more speaking practice)

Venue: Attic Level, Hall 3 Material fee: \$5

Please contact Sue @ 9776 1377 to register and for more details. Registration closes Sun, 23 Feb.

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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 <u>here</u> to register. Registration deadline: Sun, 2 Feb.



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: L3, 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: L1, Connections Corner 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 <u>Zoom Meeting</u> Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760 Passcode: 211761





"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16



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. <u>Subscribe</u> to our weekly prayer list



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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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

Filipino @Gospel Auditorium (L2) Sunday at 2.00pm <u>Watch</u> our livestream service at 2.00pm

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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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

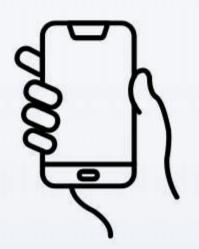
PRIMARY (Primary 1 - 6) @ Light Auditorium (L3) Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am

Join our <u>Whatsapp community</u> for regular updates

<u>Contact us</u> if you're interested to explore serving in Children's Ministry!



FULL GIVING DETAILS <u>HERE</u>



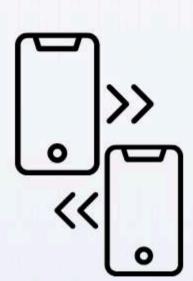
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Scan With Your Bank App

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.





> Internet Banking Transfer DBS Bank 033-021695-5

> Cheque Make Payable to: "Gospel Light Christian Church" Write "<u>Offerings</u>" 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.