



Holding Wealth Lightly, Clinging to Christ Tightly

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Idolatry is not just bowing to statues; it can take subtle and dangerous forms in our hearts. John the Apostle warns in his letter with a surprising exhortation: "Little children, keep yourselves from idols" (1 John 5:21). This is curious, as the letter makes no explicit mention of idols beforehand. Yet John's words stand as a crucial reminder.

The prophet Jeremiah warned God's people about forsaking Him and turning to false gods:

"Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit... For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jeremiah 2:11, 13). Just as Israel traded God for false gods, Christians can exchange Him for material wealth, making possessions our modern-day idols.

Job of Uz, renowned as the greatest of the people in the East, was blameless and upright. He feared God and shunned evil (Job 1:1). His reputation was impeccable even among his peers. However, calamity struck Job unexpectedly. He lost all his children—seven sons and three daughters (Job 1:18-19). He lost all his possessions—seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred female donkeys, along with many servants (Job 1:3, Job 1:14-17).

In the face of such immense loss, Job responded not with bitterness, but with

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worship: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). How could a man worship God after such devastation? Job could because he feared the Lord (Job 28:28). He knew God as his Redeemer (Job 19:25), the true God who holds eternal life. Job had a profound understanding of possessions: "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away" (Job 1:21). Job's response shows us that possessions are temporary, but trust in God is eternal. His heart remained anchored in God, not in what he owned.

How we view possessions is ultimately a

matter of the heart. It is the Creator God who gives us gold, silver, and precious children (Psalm 24:1). When we elevate these or any other created thing above God in our hearts, we fall into idolatry. What holds first place in your heart—God or your possessions?

We may not worship statues of wood or stone, but possessions can easily become our idols. When gold and silver become our obsession and security, when our children become the source of our pride and hope instead of God, we are heading down the slippery slope of idolatry.

However Christ has given us true understanding so that we may know and worship Him alone (1 John 5:20-21). Everything we have is from God; we are not owners but stewards. Possessions are temporary, but our calling is eternal. So let us hold them loosely, give generously, and use all we have for His glory.

True worship belongs to Jesus alone. Let's hold onto Him, not our possessions.

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Date: 12 and 13 September Stay tuned for more details!

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

LIGONIER CONFERENCE SINGAPORE 2025

Gospel Light is honored to be the venue host of Ligonier's first-ever conference in Asia.

Theme: The Holiness of God

Our holy God dwells in unapproachable light. Even the angels cover their faces in His presence. Yet, in His mercy, the Lord has chosen to redeem a people for Himself. Christians are called to reflect His holiness—growing in Christlikeness and proclaiming the good news of salvation to all.

About Ligonier Ministries

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Speakers

- Christopher Chia
- Sinclair Ferguson
- Michael Reeves
- >> Joel Kim

Date: 19 - 20 Sep

Yenue: Gospel Light Christian Church

Register now and view the full schedule.

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, 30 Mar.

English

Date: Sun, 27 Apr & 4 May

____Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

TVenue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

Date: Sun, Sun, 27 Apr & 4 May

ATime: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

SILVER JOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. Silver Joy 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

Yenue: L1, Connections Corner Upcoming events coming your way. Register to join us!

Date	Programme
5 Mar	How am I feeling today? (Health Promotion Talk)
19 Mar	Outing: Peranakan Museum * registration required

Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

RUMMIKUB CLUB

Silver Joy will be playing Rummikub in Feb. Invite your friends, neighbours, family members who are Rummikub fans to join Sister Linn and Sister Vivienne. Great opportunity to introduce the game to those who are new as it is great way to connect. Join the team to build bridges for Gospel opportunities as He leads.

Date: 2nd & 4th Wed of the month (except public holiday)

ATime: 9.00am - 12.00pm

Venue: L1, Connections Corner

Contact 9753 7964 for enquiries.

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

We will take a break and class will resume on Tue, 18 Mar. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

***Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2025

ATime: 8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

YOUNG MUMS PRAY AND SHARE

Are you a mum of a newborn, preschool, school-age, or teenage children? Being a God-honoring wife and mother is not easy with the many ups, downs, and transitions in life. So if you are seeking to connect with other mothers in this journey of faith, join us as we pray, encourage, and support each other to be the mum that God wants us to be!

We meet online and in-person:

- Zoom @ 9.00pm 10.15pm, every2nd Monday of the month
- GLCC @ 10.15am 11: 20am, every last Sunday of the month.

For dates and details please contact Caroline Ong at 9616 8404.



God has saved you.

God has saved you for His glory.

What an amazing gift.

What a great responsibility.

What you do with this gift,

can impact everyone around you.

FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN BE PART OF GOSPEL LIGHT'S TEAM OF SUNDAY MINISTRY WORKERS.

Prayer Meetings

"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





NOTICES.



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



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 @Hall 1 (L2)
Every alternate Sunday 10.30am
For more info, please contact
9117 6000 / 9628 5061

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, 10.15am and 12.00pm

PRIMARY

(Primary 1 - 6)

@ Light Auditorium (L3)

Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm*

*12.00pm service held at Eshkol Valley Premises (Attic)

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

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



FULL GIVING DETAILS HERE



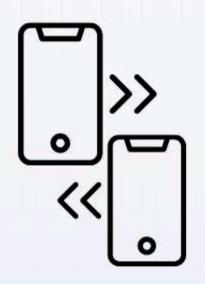
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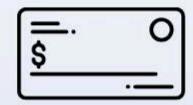
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All offerings will be directed to the "General" fund. State "Missions" in the UEN/Bill Reference No. section if you wish to designate the offering to our mission work.

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.