



Care Groups: Myths, Misconceptions, and the Truth

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Care groups exist in the church to foster deeper fellowship in small communities. However, when someone joins a care group for the first time, expectations may vary. Below are three common myths—or misconceptions—about care groups.

Myth 1 - Care groups exist to meet my needs

The term care group might suggest that these communities are primarily about receiving care and support. While care groups do provide encouragement, they are

not just about others meeting your needs. They are also a place for you to love God by loving His people—the church.

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Myth 2 – Care groups should be free of messy relationships

Some people expect care groups to be a haven of perfect love and harmony, unlike the world. However, care groups are made up of sinners, and relationships will not always be easy. Members may encounter unkind words, difficult personalities, or even overbearing complaints.

Yet, God desires close fellowship among His people (cf. Heb. 10:24-25). He calls us to grow through grace and to live out the gospel in our relationships. The New Testament contains many "one another" commands—"forgive one another," "love one another," "admonish one another," "serve one another," "honor one another," and "bear one another"—just to name a few. Care groups are where God's grace enables us to navigate relational challenges and become more Christlike.

Myth 3 – Care groups should only focus on Bible study

Bible study is essential in care groups and should never be neglected. However, Bible study is not just about knowing God's Word—it's about living it. Studying Scripture should lead to transformation, helping us apply biblical truths to our struggles with sin, relationships, work, and daily life.

That's why care groups should go beyond Bible study. They should be a place to build friendships, encourage one another, serve the community, and share the gospel with unbelievers. A care group centered on Christ will naturally overflow with love for both the church and the world.

Conclusion

Care groups are not about self-centered expectations, flawless relationships, or academic Bible studies alone. They are about growing in Christ, loving one another, and living out the gospel in real and tangible ways.





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WOMEN'S MINISTRY QUARTERLY EVENT

Ladies, You're Invited!

Join us for an enriching afternoon as we explore how principles of biblical submission can bring peace, purpose and strength to our daily lives.

Topic: Submission at Work and at Home

Date: Sat, 3 May

Time: 2.00pm - 4.15pm (inclusive of tea)

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

Don't miss this time to fellowship and learn with other sisters-in-Christ!

Register <u>here</u>. Registration closes on 18 April 2025 or when registration is full, whichever is earlier.

For more details, contact women@gospellight.sg.

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Stay in the loop! Click here to join our WhatsApp Community for updates on Women's Ministry related matters. This is **NOT** a registration link for our events.

Save these dates!

- Sat, 02 Aug 2025: 10.00am 12.00pm (Followed by another scrummy lunch!)
- Sat, 1 Nov 2025: 2.00pm 4.15pm (Yes, more tea!)

As we get this ministry rolling, our priority will be all the wonderful ladies (18 years old and above) who are currently worshipping with us at Gospel Light, so let's come together to grow, support each other spiritually, and have a blessed time!

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, 20 Apr 2025

___Time: 11.45am - 1.15pm

Venue: Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Lunch is provided.

Connect with us − <u>Register</u> now! Registration closes on Sun, 13 Apr 2025.

If you want to find out more, email Sue.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ACM)

Our Annual Congregation Meeting will take place on

Date: Sat, 29 Mar

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm, with breakfast from 9.00am onwards at L1 foyer

*For Members and Associate Members only.

The Church Committee will be holding a session for members who wish to seek clarifications on the proposed changes to the Church Constitution.

Date: Sun, 23 Mar

-9.45am - 10.15am in Hall 1 (L2)

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 7-13 YEARS-OLDS!

In today's fast-paced world, kids grow up quickly—but as parents, we can make a lasting impact when we lean on God's Word and step out in faith. At this pivotal age, children seek role models and face peer pressure. How can we guide them in their choices? Why do some embrace the Gospel while others turn away?

► Join us for an engaging, hands-on session hosted by the Family Life and Children's Ministries, equipping you with practical biblical insights. Last time, 48 parents attended and found it invaluable—don't miss this opportunity!

Date: Sat, 5 April

Venue: Light 1 & 2 Auditorium (L3)

____Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

DON'T MISS YOUR FULL-TIME MINISTRY CALLING!

Your journey starts here.

Step into a life-changing season of growth and discovery with Gospel Light's Internship Programme—designed for those with a heart for shepherding, pastoral care, and kingdom service. Walk alongside experienced pastors, shepherds, and operations leaders, gaining hands-on church ministry experience, spiritual mentoring, and a deeper understanding of God's calling for your life.

If you're standing at the crossroads of your future, take this opportunity to explore where God may be leading you. Your calling is worth discovering.

Find out more and take the first step, register today.

CLUB 39 (YOUTH CLUB)

Come hang out with your friends in Club 39 (youth club). Play Pool, Pickle Ball, Table Tennis, Rummikub, Catan, X360, Nerf shooting or just study or do homework.

- Join us in Hall 1 (L2) for the Reboot on Fri, 25 Apr from 2.00pm.
- Looking for young and older adults (especially ladies) to come guide/supervise and provide oversight of our club activities. Drop us a message via the CE Hotline to find out more at 9753 7964.

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

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

Date: Sun, Sun, 27 Apr & 4 May

____Time: 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: Every Wed of the Month

Time: Refer to the table below

Yenue: Gospel Light Christian Church Upcoming events coming your way.

Register to join us!

| Date | Programme |
|--------|--|
| 26 Mar | Rummikub Game (From 9.00am to 12.00pm) |
| 2 Apr | Healthy Minds for Healthy Lives (Bilingual) (From 9.30am to 1.00pm) |

Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

We will take a break this Tuesday and class will resume on 1 Apr 2025. The Zoom dialin details for our session are as follows:

"Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2025

ATime: 8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

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



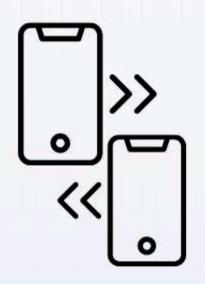
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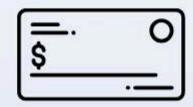
Scan With Your Bank App

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.