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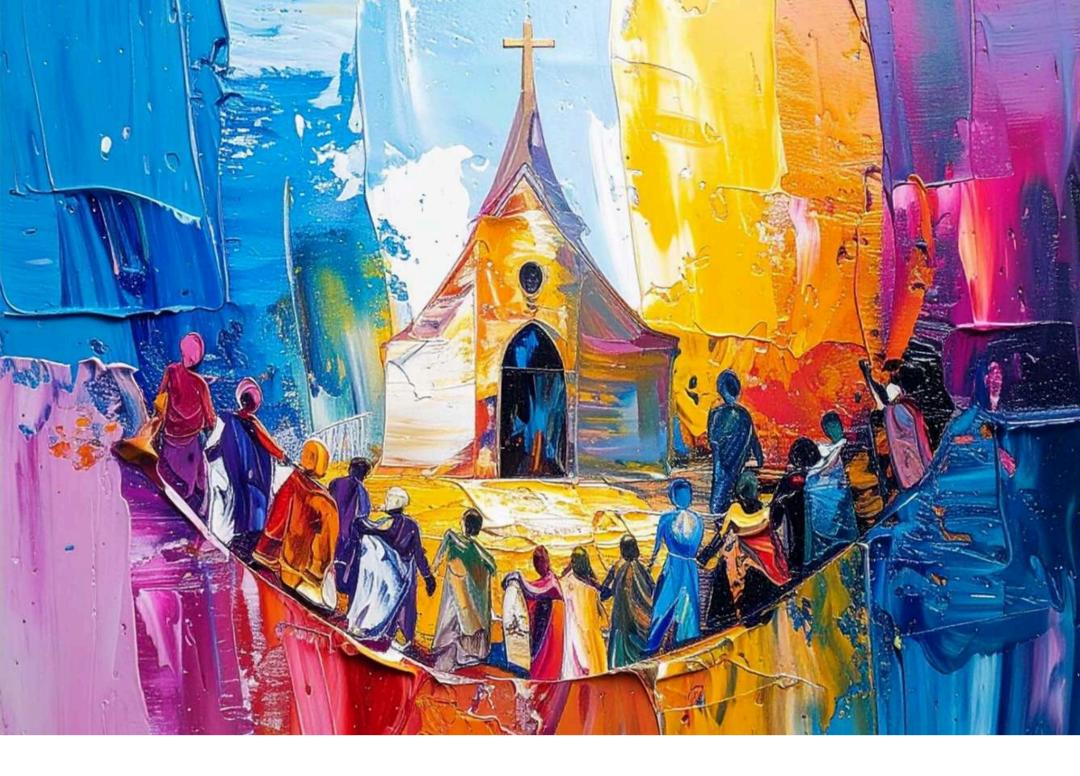
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It Takes a Church to Raise a Christian

Article by Pastor Paul Choo Founding Pastor

The saying "It takes a village to raise a child" is an age-old truth. Children do not grow in isolation; they are shaped by the people around them. So too does a Christian. A strong faith is cultivated not in isolation, but within a supportive spiritual family.

The Power of Community

Education doesn't stop at the classroom just as spiritual growth doesn't stop at sermons. While many assume knowing more about God equals maturity, information alone doesn't transform. Real growth happens in community, where believers learn through shared life, service, and encouragement—much like a village where people grow through both instruction and interaction.

Jesus' Model for Discipleship

Jesus didn't teach through lectures alone— He invited His disciples to follow Him, observe His life, and learn through daily experiences. They heard His words and saw His example, and in doing so, were transformed. Likewise, Paul urged believers to "Follow me, as I follow Christ" (1 Cor 11:1),

reminding us that faith is not just taught but caught through life-on-life discipleship.

The Danger of Isolation

Modern society, with its emphasis on individualism, often leads Christians to believe they can grow spiritually on their own. However, Scripture warns against this mindset. Proverbs 13:20 states, "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm." Likewise, 1 Corinthians 15:33 reminds us, "Do not be deceived: 'Bad company corrupts good morals.'"

Just as a child is shaped by their environment, so too is a believer influenced by the people they surround themselves with. If we are constantly immersed in a culture of materialism, fear, and selfishness, it will inevitably impact our faith. However, if we choose to invest in godly relationships and commit to a spiritual family, we will be strengthened in our walk with Christ.

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Commitment to the Church

The church is not merely a place to attend once a week; it is a family to belong to. Christianity was never meant to be lived in isolation. God designed His people to grow together, to sharpen one another, and to bear one another's burdens. The local church provides the support, encouragement, and accountability needed for spiritual growth. Committing to a church community requires intentionality. It means showing up, building relationships, and being willing to learn from others. It means serving, even when it's inconvenient, and loving, even when it's difficult. Just as a child flourishes when surrounded by a caring village, a Christian thrives when deeply rooted in a godly community.

Conclusion

Growing in faith is not a solo journey—it takes a spiritual village. Jesus modeled discipleship through life-on-life relationships, and Scripture affirms the necessity of learning from and walking with other believers. If we want to grow strong in our faith, we must invest in the right community, commit to a church family, and be willing to learn from those who are following Christ.

May we choose to be part of God's family, learning and growing together, as we journey toward Christlikeness.



"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)



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



Bereavement we mourn with members who've lost loved ones. (rom. 12:15) stay <u>updated</u> on church bereavement notices.

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, 6 Jul 2025 Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Course duration: 6 Sundays Venue: Attic Level, Eshkol Valley rooms

Click <u>here</u> to register
Registration closes Sun, 29 Jun.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH 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, 6 Jul 2025

Course duration: 13 weeks Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm Venue: Attic Level, Eshkol Valley rooms

Click <u>here</u> to register. Registration closes Sun, 29 Jun 2025

BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY (BIBS)

Beginning Inductive Bible Study (BIBS) is an online platform where we study Paul's letters to Titus and Timothy using an inductive method. Examining what the Bible says, understanding its meaning, and applying it to life. Each week includes one to two hours of personal study and two hours of online discussion, with morning or evening sessions available. Our goal is to know God more intimately and follow Jesus faithfully through the Spirit's power.

Date: 18 July - 28 November 2025
 Monday evenings: 7.30pm - 9.30pm or
 Friday mornings: 9.30am - 11.30am
 Discussion Leader: Brother Michael Lau

Precept study guide NISS (\$15) is optional.

Enrol today!
Registration closes Sun, 29 Jun.

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 <u>here</u>. Registration closes on Sun, 29 Jun.

English

Date: Sun, 27 Jul & 3 Aug Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Venue: Hall 2 (L2)



Date: Sun, Sun, 27 Jul & 3 Aug 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: Weds, excluding the 5th Wed of the month Time: Refer to the table below

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

Date	Programme
04 Jun	Identify & Act Against Common Scams (9.30am to 12.00pm)
11 Jun	Rummikub Game (9.00am to 12.00pm)

Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tue, 3 Jun, we will go through John 21:15-25 to learn about Jesus and Peter, and Jesus and the Beloved Apostle. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 3 Jun
Time: 8.00pm
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760
Passcode: 211761



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KIDS BIBLE CAMP 2025

Our annual Kids Bible Camp is returning in September! We need YOU to help make it an unforgettable experience for our children. This is a wonderful opportunity to impact the lives of children from our church & the community with the love & truth of the Gospel • Come sign up today and join us on this adventure!

Kids Bible Camp 2025
 Date: Fri, 12 Sep and Sat, 13 Sep
 Time: 7.30am – 6.30pm
 Venue: Gospel Light Christian Church

To register and find out more about the available roles, click <u>here</u>.

If you have any queries, please write to children@gospellight.sg.

SIP WITH PURPOSE – SUPPORT CHURCH MISSIONS

This June, Coffee Connects invites you to partner in our church's mission work in a simple yet meaningful way. Enjoy a cup of our limited-time Iced Matcha Oat Latte, lovingly prepared by our team.

All nett proceeds from this seasonal drink go directly toward supporting our church's mission efforts. Your support makes a difference-not just in your day, but in someone's eternity.

Available at Coffee Connects -Mezzanine (L1).

SHEPHERDS' TRAINING - NOW OPEN TO ALL!

Do you have a hunger to go deeper in your faith and grow in your understanding of God's Word?

Shepherd's Training is back for Semester 4 and it's now open to all who are eager to learn. Whether you're in leadership or simply desiring a deeper walk with God, this monthly training dives into rich theological truths that equip you to serve, lead, and live with clarity and conviction.

Led by our pastors, elders, and guest

teachers, each session offers a mix of teaching and hands-on workshops, spanning topics from sanctification to ecclesiology, counselling, worship, and more.

Sign up and be stretched, equipped, and built up for the work of the ministry.

Semester 4 runs from July to November. Registration Closes 15 June.

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, 1 Jun.

Baptism Class (English) Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2025

Time: 1.30pm – 2.30pm Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Class (Chinese)
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2025
Time: 12.00pm – 1.00pm
Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Date: Sun, 17 Aug 2025 Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)





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TRUE CONNECTION AND VULNERABILITY ARE FOSTERED IN SMALL GROUP SETTINGS, ALLOWING FOR DEEPER RELATIONSHIPS



COME AND EXPERIENCE THE WARMTH AND FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD'S PEOPLE IN A SMALL COMMUNITY TODAY.

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 @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

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, 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

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



FULL GIVING DETAILS <u>HERE</u>



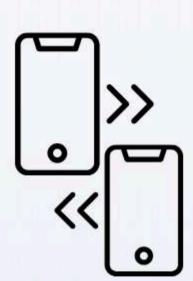
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Scan With Your Bank App

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.