



The Care Group: A Microcosm Of The Church

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A microcosm encapsulates in miniature the characteristics of something much larger. A Care Group is like a miniature church. Many Care Groups make up the larger community of a local church. By extension, as the church is seen as a body with many members (1 Cor 12:12–27), a Care Group may be likened to a healthy microcosm—made up of many connected individuals. Relationships within a Care Group are vital to the church's spiritual health, reflecting the biblical call to

practice the 'one another' commands. Of the many found in Scripture, we'll focus on those most relevant to Care Groups.

"to stir one another in love and good works, to not neglect meeting together, and to encourage one another"

Not Just a Club, But Christ-Centered

Unlike a club that gathers around common interests, a Care Group is centered on Christ. We gather in smaller settings than Sunday services to consider how to "stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..." (Heb 10:24–25). These three imperatives—to stir one another in love and good works, to not neglect meeting together, and to encourage one another—are difficult to fulfill through Sunday services or private devotions alone.

While corporate worship and personal devotion are essential, Care Groups provide the intimate space where believers can truly live out the "one another" commands.

More Than Fellowship, It's Family

Brothers and sisters make up a family. Likewise, a Care Group is not merely a club where membership offers privileges; it also brings responsibility. It's about sacrifice, service, and love.

As our Lord said in John 13:34–35, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." The Lord didn't love superficially or in passing—He loved intentionally. He spent time, taught patiently, and walked with His disciples in a nurturing manner. Care Groups reflect Christlikeness and are meant to love as He did. Our expectations must follow Scripture, not personal preference.

Hospitality Without Grumbling

In 1 Peter 4:9, we are exhorted, "Show hospitality to one another without grumbling." How easy it is to appear friendly while harboring silent resentment! In Care Groups, there may be moments when words offend or situations unsettle us. Yet we are called to pursue love and peace from a pure heart—not a complaining spirit. Yes, we still sin. But the Lord desires that we practice the "one another" commands.

Loving Like Christ—Openly, Patiently, Graciously

Obedience to these commands requires a willingness to be vulnerable—to be known and to know others. It means choosing to love one another as Christ has loved us. Openly. Patiently. Mercifully. Graciously. Let our Care Groups reflect that love—Christ's love. Not only in word, but in the way we live and relate to one another.

Come experience warmth and friendship in a small community today.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY QUARTERLY EVENT

Ladies, You're Invited! 🗱 🦮

Join us for an enriching morning as we explore how we can discover the joy of using our gifts to serve the body of Christ.

Topic: Saved to Serve!

Date: Sat, 2 August

Time: 10.00am - 1.30pm (inclusive of

lunch)

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 July 2025 or when registration is full, whichever is earlier.

For more details, contact women@gospellight.sg.

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 Jul

ATime: 11.45am - 1.15pm

Venue: Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Lunch is provided.

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

If you want to find out more, email Sue.

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?

Shepherds' 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 18 June.

LOVE IN ACTION: COFFEE CONNECTS FOR GOFEED

Following Pastor Paul's sharing on the GoFeed Programme in the Philippines, **Coffee Connects** will be raising funds to support children in need.

From 15 June 2025, for two weeks, all proceeds will go directly to GoFeed — just \$10 feeds one child for a month!

Want to give more? A donation box will be available for additional contributions.

Let's sip with purpose and give with love—one child, one meal, one cup at a time.

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:

171 onsite session (7 Aug, 7.30pm - 9.15pm at Gospel Auditorium (L2)

3 online sessions via Zoom (14,21,28 Aug, 8.30pm - 10.00pm)

*Subsequent workshops will be conducted in Mar 2026

©Time: 8:30pm - 10:00pm

Duration: 4 sessions

To register, click <u>here</u>.

Registration closes Sun, 6 Jul.

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

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Conversational English focusing on Speaking Practice.

Dates: 18 Jul - 29 Aug (7 weekly sessions)

Time: 2.00pm - 3.00pm (lessons),

3.00pm - 3.30pm (refreshments)

Venue: Light 2 Auditorium (L3)

Please contact Sue @ 9776 1377 to register and for more details. Registration closes Sun, 13 Jul.

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

Yenue: 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

Yenue: Attic Level, Eshkol Valley rooms

Click <u>here</u> to register.

Registration closes Sun, 29 Jun 2025

TIMOTHY & TITUS: 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.

77 Date: 18 July - 28 November 2025

(1) 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 here. Registration closes on Sun, 29 Jun.

English

Date: Sun, 27 Jul & 3 Aug

△Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

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

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

Date	Programme
18 Jun	Movie - Letters to God (English) (9.30am - 12.00pm) *registration required.
02 Jul	Know and Deal with False E- Information and Inappropriate Content

Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF LUKE

Join us as we begin our study of the Gospel of Luke on Tue, 1 Jul. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 1 Jul

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



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.
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.



No Varsity service for the month of June

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 Whatsapp community
for regular updates

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



FULL GIVING DETAILS HERE



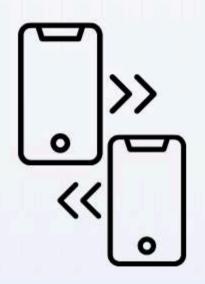
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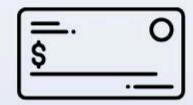
Scan With Your Bank App

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.