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## Caging generations INTO A LIFE-CHANGING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.

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# Full of Himself? Understanding the God Who Seeks Glory

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To modern readers, God's commands for exclusive worship and devotion may seem self-centered. In a world that highly values humility and personal freedom, the God of the Bible—who demands that all creation glorify Him—can appear to some as egotistical. But is that truly the case?

To answer this, we need to understand two things: who God is, and what worship is really about. "God doesn't call us to worship because He needs affirmation. He is perfect in love, joy, wisdom, and power within Himself. Instead, He calls us to worship because we need Him."

#### God Is Self-Sufficient

The Bible teaches that God is entirely selfsufficient and lacks nothing. He does not rely on human beings for anything. As Acts 17:24– 25 says:

"The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything."

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#### Worship Is for Our Joy

Worship isn't about feeding God's ego; it's about filling our hearts with joy. Psalm 16:11 declares, "In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." Worship opens our eyes to what is most true and most beautiful—God Himself.

Just as we are stirred by beauty in nature or music, our souls were made to find awe and delight in God. Worship is the pathway to our deepest satisfaction because it reconnects us to the One we were created for.

#### Exalting God Heals the Soul

When we center our lives on ourselves or temporary things like success, wealth, or approval, we become restless and anxious. But when we exalt God, our hearts find peace. Worship shifts our focus from the fleeting to the eternal, from self to the Saviour.

Exalting God humbles us-and frees us. It

lifts the burden of pride, fear, and constant striving. We no longer need to be the center of everything—because God already is, and He carries that weight for us.

#### God's Glory and Our Good Go Together

Here's the beautiful reality: God's passion for His glory is not in conflict with our longing for joy. In fact, they meet perfectly in worship. As pastor and author John Piper puts it:

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him."

When we delight in God, He is glorified. And when He is glorified, we are truly satisfied. Worship is the space where heaven's purpose and our soul's hunger meet.

#### Jesus: The Humble God Worthy of Worship

Jesus, who is fully God, came not to demand service but to serve and to save. He revealed that God's greatness is expressed not in pride but in self-giving love. The One worthy of all worship became the servant of all.

#### Conclusion

So, is the God of the Bible full of Himself? No —He is full of glory, love, and joy, and invites us into that fullness through worship. Worship isn't about God's insecurity; it's the path to our deepest healing and joy.

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!" (Psalm 95:6)

#### "URGENT ROLES. ETERNAL IMPACT." STEP INTO WHERE MANPOWER NEEDS ARE GREATEST—YOUR GIFTS CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.



# APPLY FOR A ROLE HERE

### LOOKING FOR AFTER-SCHOOL CARE YOU CAN TRUST?

ShineKidz, our church-based student care centre, is hosting an **Open House!** 

If you're a parent of a primary schooler—or know one—don't miss this chance to explore a caring after-school environment where kids thrive:

Our services include:
Homework supervision
Caring guidance
Weekly Bible Teaching

Seasonal events & fun-filled activities

Invite your friends, family, and colleagues to check us out!

Date: Sat, 23 Aug
Orientation 1 - Time: 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Orientation 2 - Time: 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Venue: Light Auditorium (L3)

If you want to find out more, <u>email</u> ShineKidz.

#### HELP BRING SOMEONE TO WORSHIP Do you know someone with special needs who wants to attend church but faces mobility challenges? Whether it's a neighbour, friend, or family member, we

want to help make it possible for them to join us in person for worship.

If you know someone who would benefit from transport assistance, drop us <u>an email</u> to make arrangements.

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### HEALTH SCREENING FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS

Calling domestic workers and their friends to join our annual health screening. We encourage employers in our congregation to release their helpers for the health screening. Appended are the details

Date: Sun, 31 Aug
Time: 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Venue: Foyer (L1)

Calling doctors, nurses and general

## volunteers for the event. To register please message CE hotline: **9753**7964

#### **""BUILD UP!" : KIDS BIBLE CAMP 2025**

Join in the ultimate construction zone where we're not just building skyscrapers or towers, but lives grounded on Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone! We'll discover how Jesus is the firm foundation we can trust, and anyone who builds their life on Jesus will never be put to shame (1 Peter 2:6). Come join us for some building fun! 🛠

Date: 12 & 13 Sep 2025 (Fri & Sat)
 Time: 8.30am - 5.30pm
 Venue: Gospel Light Christian Church

#### Sign-up here Registration closes, Sun, 27 Jul (or until slots are filled) For children in Primary 1 to 5

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### 🦄 Highlights Include

- Exciting games
- Bible storytelling & small group huddles
- Building friendships in a safe, welcoming space

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity for your child to learn about Jesus, make new friends, and have an unforgettable time! Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up soon!

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#### PUNGGOL SHORE RACIAL HARMONY DAY

Volunteer to support our Community Engagement (CE) teams to engage Punggol Shore residents at this annual carnival:

Date: Sun, 27 Jul
Time: 11.00am - 5.00pm
Venue: Punggol 21 Community Club
Briefing : Thu, 24 Jul, 8.30 pm via zoom

Register via CE hotline 9753 7964 with your full name, mobile and email.

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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, drop us <u>an email</u>.

## **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 Time: 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, <u>email us</u>.

## CLASSES + MINISTRIES

**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.



## CLASSES + MINISTRIES

#### **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.



## Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

## CLASSES + MINISTRIES

### EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF LUKE

This Tue, 15 Jul, we will revise Luke 1:1-4, which we studied last week. We will then proceed to study Luke 1:5-38 on the Birth of John the Baptist, which was foretold. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 15 Jul
Time: 8.00pm
Join Zoom Meeting

#### 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)



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.

## 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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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.