

# Reawakening Our Hearts to God's Beauty

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Burnout can happen to anyone, including believers. It happens when we run too hard. Our Lord diagnosed Martha as "distracted with much serving." In the very presence of Jesus, she became "anxious and troubled about many things" (Luke 10:38–42). If we keep running too hard for too long, we become spiritually dull. The warning signs appear when you regularly feel overwhelmed, weary, or emotionally flat. The prolonged intensity of life's noise, speed, or

sorrows can cause a numbness in our souls and dull our senses to God's presence.

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### When We Try to Outrun the Numbness

The strange thing is that, when this happens, we often run even harder or faster in life. We seek more activities to distract us. We scour the internet for more information to find a cure. We look for more entertainment to soothe our tired and troubled hearts. While these may stimulate or console us for a while, they rarely satisfy the deeper cry of the soul. In such times we need to awaken to the call to draw near to God. Only in the presence of the beauty of the Lord (Psalm 27:4) can our souls find true security and satisfaction.

#### Paul: A Tireless Servant Who Flourished

Consider someone who ran harder and longer than almost anyone since the birth of the New Testament church. If anyone could burn out—or want out—the apostle Paul would be a prime candidate. He worked tirelessly to spread the gospel, plant churches, and minister to believers, yet suffered all kinds of persecutions and setbacks. Instead of ending like a dried-up prune, he flourished continually like a fruitful vine in the house of the Lord. What was the secret spring in his heart? How did he keep his soul from becoming a dry and parched land?

### Paul's "One Thing"

Up to the end of his life, Paul said, "Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on..." (Philippians 3:13–14). What is this "one thing"? He explains: "I count everything as loss because of the

surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (v. 8); "that I may gain Christ" (v. 9); and "that I may know him" (v. 10). Paul strove to know Christ all his life. He was continually awakened to the beauty and power of Christ as he gazed upon Him.

### Counting Every Gain as Loss

Paul learned not to take pride in achievements of the flesh—his own strength. Even his attainments in the Law he counted as rubbish for the sake of gaining Christ. At this point in his life, he also did not parade his achievements as a servant of Jesus Christ. All the wonderful activities and amazing experiences—as accomplished apostle, faithful preacher, loving pastor, courageous missionary—were not on his mind. Only Jesus, and knowing Him, mattered in Paul's heart.

#### A Call to Refocus on Christ

If you are feeling spiritually numb or distant from God, it is not because Christ is not powerful, beautiful, or sufficient. It is Paul did, and ask: What should matter to me today? What should I be striving after? What should be my goal in life? What is the "one thing" for me? Take time; slow down; gaze upon the beauty and power of Jesus in the Scriptures, "until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:19). When your soul is awakened once again to the beauty and glory of God in Christ, it will be the beginning of a better day in your walk with Him.





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COME AND EXPERIENCE
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PEOPLE IN A SMALL
COMMUNITY TODAY.

### **WOMEN'S QUARTERLY EVENT**

Ladies, come join us! 🗱 🔭

Have you struggled with the challenges of living a holy life in a fallen world? Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and sharing, as we explore why and how to rejoice, when we suffer for righteousness.

Topic: Suffering for Good

Date: Sat, 1 November

Time: 2.00pm - 4.15 pm (followed by a simple tea)

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

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

Register here. Registration closes on 12 Oct 2025 or when registration is full, whichever is earlier. For more details, drop us an email.

## 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.

Location	Hourly Rate	Walking Time
GIIS	\$1.20	5min
Blk 126	FREE	7min
Blk 166	FREE	8min
Blk 167	FREE	8min
Blk 169	\$1.20	6min

LET'S SPREAD OUT AND MAKE THE PARKING EXPERIENCE PLEASENT FOR EVERYONE.



### **NEW ALTERNATE PARKING OPTIONS**

Blk 128 carpark continues to face congestion issues. To help ease traffic and create a pleasant experience for residents and new visitors. We encourage parking at these alternative locations.

View the detail **here**.

- Global Indian International School (\$1.20/hr)
- Blk 126 (Free)
- Blk 166 (Free)
- Blk 167 (Free)
- Blk 169 (\$1.20/hr)

# MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL: DISCOVER HOPE AND JOY

Date: Sat,4 Oct

Time: 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Venue: Shine Auditorium & Level 1

Join us for an evening of Worship, Hope, and Culture!

Bilingual Worship & Gospel Sharing

Free Dinner & Mid-Autumn Dishes

Cultural Fun: Calligraphy, Lantern Riddles, Musical Performances & More!

Kids' Program (Ages 4-12)

Invite your unchurched friends, relatives or colleagues to this life changing event!

\*\*RSVP here and Join us for this joyful and meaningful celebration!\*\*

### **J**Seeking Musicians!

If you play a Chinese musical instrument, we'd love your help! Contact David at 8758 2050.

### 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

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

Date	Programme
17 Sep	Craft - Pencil Holder
24 Sep	Rummikub Game (9.00am - 12.00pm)

Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

### CLASSES + MINISTRIES

## **EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF LUKE**

This Tue, 16 Sep, we will study Luke 2:22-38 where we will study Jesus being presented at the temple. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 16 Sep

**A**Time: 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.



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)

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



### FULL GIVING DETAILS HERE



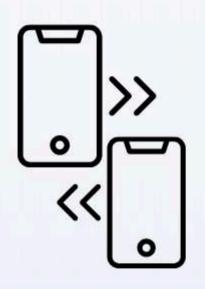
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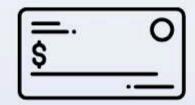
Scan With Your Bank App

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 "<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.