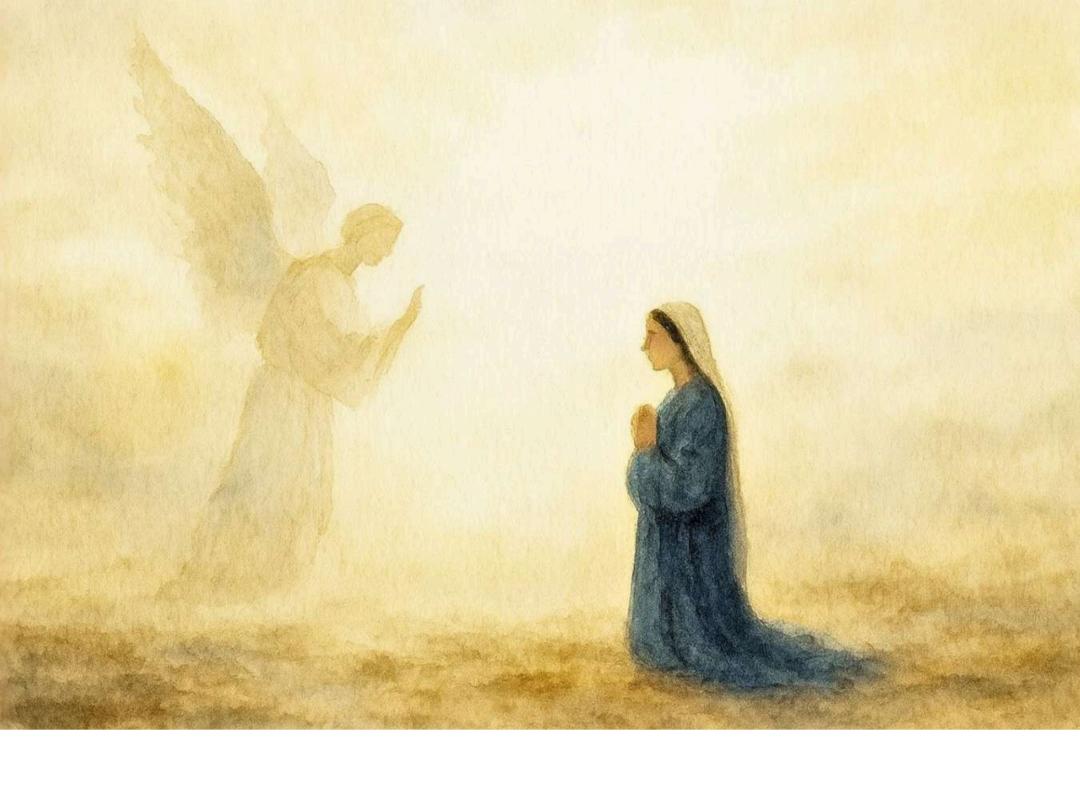
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Two Responses, One Saviour

Article by Raynor Cheng Asst Shepherd (Varsity)

Two angelic appearances. Two supernatural babies. Two responses: one scepticism, one wonder. But each of us is called to make our own response.

Every Christmas we are reminded of the fantastic story of the Eternal God stepping into lowly humanity for our rescue. What is our response to the Gospel this Christmas? Scepticism, or humble wonder?

Scepticism in the Temple

The Gospel writer Luke begins his account with juxtaposed reactions to wonderful, divine news. On one hand you have the father of John the Baptist, Zechariah the priest. His privileged vocation was to serve in the presence of God, performing the rites of relationship between God's people and the divine God. He should have known the Scriptures, especially the precedents of older, barren women conceiving (Gen. 17:15-19). Yet when faced with this precedented yet supernatural announcement, the revered priest stumbles.

He is given fantastic news! Not only is his prayer for a child answered, but his coming son would be a mighty servant of God, filled with the Holy Spirit from within the womb. Yet the priest of God is found sceptical.

Luke 1:18

And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years."

The priest who served in the temple all his life before God falters when faced with God's divine power.

Humble Wonder in Nazareth

On the other hand is Mary, the mother of Jesus. A young woman far below Zechariah in status, yet given even greater news: she will bear the Son of the Most High, the eternal Davidic King. And to this far more astonishing announcement, this lowly woman responds with deeper humility.

Luke 1:34

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

Her question is not one of scepticism or unbelief. She doesn't question the reality of it happening, but the manner of it.

The young virgin responds in humble wonder when faced with God's divine power. One was an extraordinary announcement, the other was beyond extraordinary.

One asked for confirmation for the precedented; the other asked for clarity for the unprecedented. One demanded proof; the other stated her inability to see.

"How are we responding to God?... in each moment, do we meet God with scepticism or with wonder?"

Scepticism or Wonder: Our Response

What does this story mean for us today? It asks a simple but searching question: How are we responding to God? The Zechariah—Mary contrast reminds us that it's not our age, position, or years in church that matter, but this: in each moment, do we meet God with scepticism or with wonder? We may never face the same degree of supernatural

appearance in our lifetimes, but the question of which response we make will be asked throughout our lives.

Life is long and arduous. Difficult situations tempt us to doubt God's ongoing powerful work in our lives. The pleasures of this world lull us to doubt God's love for us in the Gospel. The idols of our hearts make us sceptical of the greatness of God's plan for us in Christ.

However you may have been responding to the Gospel this year, whether with sceptical nonchalance or in humble wonder, let this Christmas time be an opportunity to be confronted, and to marvel once again at the powerful Gospel plan for us who believe in Christ. Let us trust not in what we assume is possible, but root our trust once again in the all-powerful divine God who rescued us from death and seated us with Christ in the heavenly places.

This Christmas, let us once again come and adore Christ Jesus our Lord.





"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

CHRISTMAS SERVICE 25 Dec 9am, Ilam



10 - 13 Jun 2026

Parkroyal A'Famosa Melaka Resort

Theme: "Life Together"

Registration: Starts Jan 2026

For more information, please refer to the FAQ <u>here</u>.

CHRISTMAS DAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Come celebrate Christmas with us—and invite your friends too!

Hear the inspiring story of The Three Trees who served the King of Kings, and enjoy fun games and activities for all kids.

Date: Thu, 25 Dec

Time: 9.00am or 11.00am

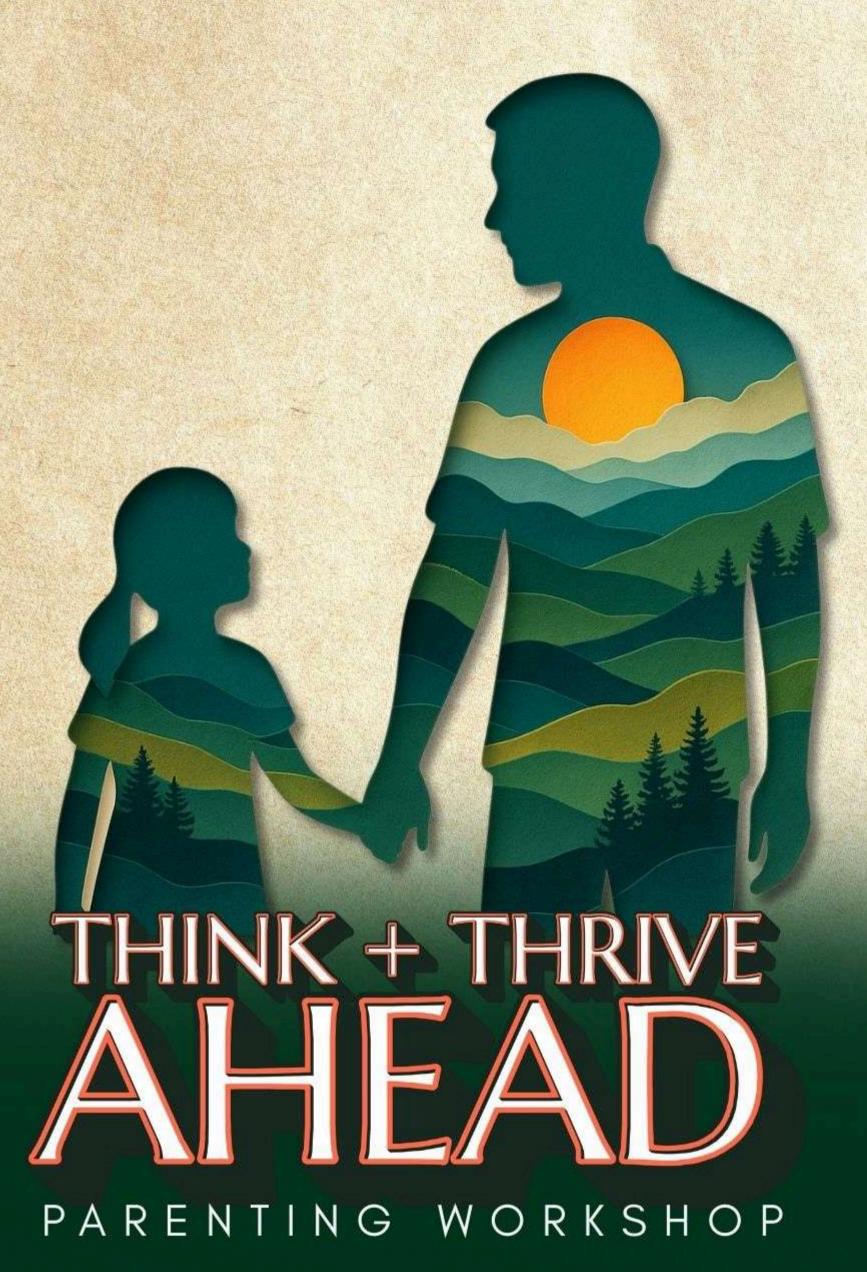
Preschool (3-6 years): Attic Level

Primary (7-12 years): Light Auditorium (L3)

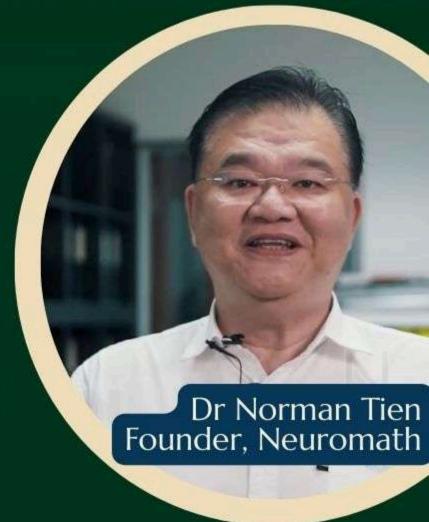
■We need volunteers!

We're still short of station masters and group leaders, and we would love your help to bless the children this Christmas.

If you can serve, even for one service, please click <u>here</u> to sign up now. Your help will make a big difference!



Sat, 3 Jan 2026 9.30am to 12.30pm



P1-P3 feels manageable, but **P4 surges**: more work, tougher problems, exams ... and homework battles.

The issue isn't potential; it's missing thinking skills. This workshop equips parents to build reasoning skills early so kids face challenges confidently and turn learning from stress to strength.

Who's leading:

Led by Norman Tien, the Math Talent Architect known for training the brain to think before solving. His approach has helped 10,000+ students move from struggling to thriving.

Who it's for:

Hosted at **Gospel Light, this** friendly **community outreach** is open to all families. Perfect for inviting a parent you care about.



Event details

📆 Date: Sat, 3 Jan

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: Light 1 & 2 Auditorium (L3)

Register Today! (Fee: \$10)
Invite a friend, come as you are, and help your child think better, not harder.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

As 2026 is just around the corner, we're excited to share that the Women's Ministry will be hosting our very first gathering of the year on Saturday, 17 January!

We warmly welcome all ladies to come, connect, and begin the new year together with us.

As women, we often wear many hats and find our time pulled in many directions. At this event, we'll hear from godly sisters at different life stages as they share how they prioritise God amidst the many demands of life. There will also be space for meaningful conversations in small groups, where we can encourage and learn from one another.

Topic: God First, in Every Season

Date: Sat, 17 Jan

Time: 2.00pm - 4.15 pm (followed by

tea)

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

We look forward to spending this meaningful afternoon with you!

Register <u>here</u>. Registration closes on 28 Dec 2025 or when registration is full, whichever is earlier. For more details, drop us an <u>email</u>.

WE'RE HIRING! CHILDREN MINISTRY ASSISTANT

Do you possess good communication skills? Do you enjoy organising events? Do you have an eye for detail for administrative work? If so, we would like to invite you to apply for Gospel Light's Children Ministry Assistant position.

For more details, please click here.

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 here. Registration closes Sun, 7 Dec.

Baptism Class (English)

Date: Sun, 11 Jan

Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

Baptism Class (Chinese)

📆 Date: Sun, 11 Jan

Time: 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Date: Sun, 22 Feb 2026

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

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, 28 Dec.

English

Date: Sun, 18 Jan & 25 Jan

____Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

mDate: Sun, 18 Jan & 25 Jan

ATime: 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
10 Dec	Rummikub Game (9.00am - 12.00pm)

Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF LUKE

We will take a break and class will resume Tue, 6 Jan. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 6 Jan

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 December

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



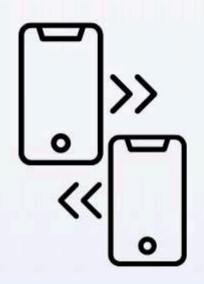
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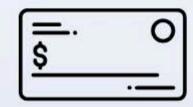
Scan With Your Bank App

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.