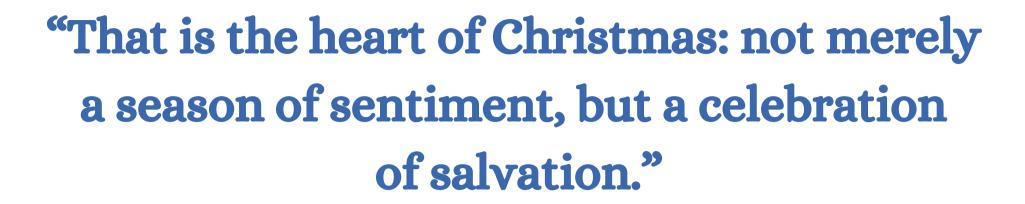




Christmas and the Heart of the Gospel

Article by Pastor Yu Fei Youth Pastor

"Unto you is born this day... a Saviour," heralds the angel (Luke 2:11). "You shall call his name Jesus," the messenger says to Joseph, "for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Jesus, the Hebrew Yeshua, means "Yahweh saves."



That is the heart of Christmas: not merely a season of sentiment, but a celebration of salvation.

God sent Moses as his instrument to save his people from Egypt. He raised up Joshua, the judges, and the kings as instruments of rescue at key moments in history. But at Christmas, God himself comes and he has come to save. This is what Christmas is all about.

Christmas and the Gospel Made Near

Christmas is our way of remembering the coming of Christ to this world. We celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, born in the

likeness of men, to live a perfect life and die that the world might be saved through him (cf. John 1:14; 1 Timothy 1:15).

I love what Tim Keller said about Christmas: "Christmas makes the gospel accessible." How true that is. In the incarnation, God draws near to us before we ever reach up to him.

A Unique Season for Witness

There is no other season to bring the gospel to the masses like Christmas. This time of year, believers and non-believers alike will happily sing, "Glory to the newborn King." Those who may find no other opportunity to hear about Christ on ordinary days will still celebrate the season.

So let us make use of every opportunity to share the joyous message that Christ came to save. Pray for one person, invite one person, and be ready to explain why Jesus came.

Carols as Conversation Starters

Perhaps we could even use the lyrics of famous Christmas carols as starting points for gospel conversations. As "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" chimes overhead in malls, supermarkets, and along Orchard Road, may we ask: Who is this Jesus that Christmas songs are all about?

He is the everlasting Lord who came down from highest heaven to reconcile God and sinners. He laid his glory by so that we who deserve death might receive new life. Life so radical it can only be called the second birth.

Celebrating What Matters Most

Christmas is a time of celebration. Lest we get caught up with feasting and gift exchange, let us celebrate most of all the message that Christ came to save. May this gospel be evident in our gatherings and conversations, and may we make full use of

this season to share why Christ has come with our loved ones.

Lord, make our celebrations echo your salvation.







"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!

THINK + THRIVE: AHEAD — Parenting Workshop <a>♠;<a>♠

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.

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, 18 Jan

Time: 11.45am - 12.15pm (Welcome and intro leaders)

Lunch: 12.15pm - 1.15pm (Lunch fellowship)

Venue: Gospel Auditorium (L2)

←Connect with us — <u>Register</u> now! Registration closes on Sun, 11 Jan.

If you want to find out more, connect with Sue at **9776 1377** or **email**.

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.

COFFEE CONNECTS - YEAR-END BREAK

Please be informed that Coffee Connects will be closed on 21 & 28 December.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year. Every piece of cake or coffee purchased help us to get closer to our mission goals. Your contribution is very much appreciated.

The coffee Connects team wish you a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

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)

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.

*Silver Joy activities will resume Jan 2026.

Contact 9753 7964 for enquiries.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

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

There will be no prayer meeting on 24 & 31 Dec.



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

No Youth service on 13,20 & 27 December

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



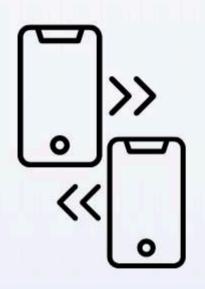
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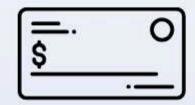
Scan With Your Bank App

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 "<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.