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INTO A LIFE-CHANGING
RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.





The Throne I Never Owned

Article by Melanie Lim

The Illusion of Control

“You will be like God” (Genesis 3:5). These words, whispered in Eden, marked humanity’s first rebellion. When Satan tempted Eve with the forbidden fruit, he dangled the illusion of autonomy—a counterfeit promise that she could seize her own destiny, rooted in the lie that God could not be trusted.

This desire to sit atop the throne of control persists today. As women, control is often the silent idol behind our struggles. We orchestrate our lives—managing homes,

careers, relationships, and ministries—
convinced that meticulous planning
guarantees perfect outcomes.



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When Control Becomes an Idol

Control masquerades as responsibility, whispering that diligence demands unceasing vigilance. We convince ourselves we’re simply being conscientious—good stewards of what God has given us.

But responsibility clenched too tightly becomes idolatry. True stewardship accepts duty but yields outcomes to God; it works faithfully, then rests trustingly. Control, however, never sleeps. It’s a false god, demanding all our energy but offering only anxiety in return.

Shattered Illusions

When I was diagnosed with cancer, this

illusion shattered. I had always prided myself on planning—painstakingly mapping out my days, my career, my future. But cancer respects neither plans nor timelines.

In those early days, I raged against the loss of control. I desperately wanted to know why this was happening and how to fix it. But the more I grasped for answers, the heavier my helplessness became.

Finding Peace in Surrender

It was in surrender that I found peace. I remembered Christ's prayer in Gethsemane: "Not my will, but yours, be done" (Luke 22:42). In that moment, I realized that control had never been mine. My role wasn't to orchestrate outcomes but to trust the One who holds my life in His hands.

This journey hasn't been a one-time act but a moment-by-moment choice. I still wrestle with the desire to control—to demand answers and plan for every outcome. The serpent's whisper still tempts me daily, urging me to grasp beyond my boundaries.

The Call to True Stewardship

But God designed us for a different posture. Self-control—the fruit of the Spirit—directs our focus inward, calling us to “take every thought captive to obey Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5).

When I fixate outwardly, obsessing over what I cannot control, I neglect the garden of my own heart. I exhaust myself trying to control what God never entrusted to me: outcomes I can’t determine, hearts I can’t change, and futures I can’t see.

The antidote isn’t chaos or passivity but active, surrendered stewardship—tending faithfully to what God has assigned while releasing the rest. It’s remembering that He gives me choice, not control—holding my plans with open hands, trusting His purposes are always better.

An Invitation to Rest

Jesus invites us, “Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). This rest, forfeited in Eden, is what Christ promises to restore.

Sisters, what might it look like to accept this invitation today? Perhaps it's surrendering to God's timing in your career, releasing the anxiety that drives you to revise your resume for the twentieth time this week. Or entrusting your husband to God's guidance, silencing the urge to correct his driving or micromanage his parenting decisions. Or perhaps it's finding peace in knowing that your worth isn't tied to perfectly behaved children or mapping out every minute of their day.

Instead of grasping for control, God calls us to open our hands in surrender and fold them in prayer. For the One whose nail-scarred hands hold the universe will never let us go. He who secured our eternity can surely be trusted with our earthly tomorrows.

Melanie is a discipleship group leader and serves with the Women's Ministry Core team.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY QUARTERLY EVENT

Ladies, You're Invited! 🌸✨

Join us for an enriching afternoon as we explore how principles of biblical submission can bring peace, purpose and strength to our daily lives.

💬 Topic: Submission at Work and at Home

📅 Date: Sat, 3 May

🕒 Time: 2.00pm - 4.15pm (inclusive of tea)

📍 Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

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

✎ Register [here](#). Registration closes on 18 April 2025 or when registration is full, whichever is earlier.

For more details, contact
women@gospellight.sg.

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

🔗 Stay in the loop! Click [here](#) to join our WhatsApp Community for updates on Women's Ministry related matters. This is **NOT** a registration link for our events.

Save these dates!

- Sat, 02 Aug 2025: 10.00am - 12.00pm (Followed by another scrummy lunch!)
- Sat, 1 Nov 2025: 2.00pm – 4.15pm (Yes, more tea!)

As we get this ministry rolling, our priority will be all the wonderful ladies (18 years old and above) who are currently worshipping with us at Gospel Light, so let's come together to grow, support each other spiritually, and have a blessed time!

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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 Apr 2025

 Time: 11.45am - 1.15pm

 Venue: Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Lunch is provided.

👉 Connect with us — [Register](#) now!
Registration closes on Sun, 13 Apr 2025.

If you want to find out more, [email](#) Sue.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING (ACM)

Our Annual Congregation Meeting will take place on

 Date: Sat, 29 Mar

 Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

 Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm, with breakfast from 9.00am onwards at L1 foyer

**For Members and Associate Members only.*

The Church Committee will be holding sessions for members who wish to seek clarifications on the proposed changes to the Church Constitution.

 Date: Sun, 16 Mar

👉 Session 1:

9.45am - 10.15am in Hall 1 (L2)

👉 Session 2:

11.30am - 12.00pm in Hall 2 (L2)

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 7-13 YEARS-OLDS!

In today's fast-paced world, kids grow up quickly—but as parents, we can make a lasting impact when we lean on God's Word and step out in faith. At this pivotal age, children seek role models and face peer pressure. How can we guide them in their choices? Why do some embrace the Gospel while others turn away?

👉 **Join us** for an engaging, hands-on session hosted by the Family Life and Children's Ministries, equipping you with practical biblical insights. Last time, 48 parents attended and found it invaluable—don't miss this opportunity!



Date: Sat, 5 April



Venue: Light 1 & 2 Auditorium (L3)



Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

LIGONIER CONFERENCE SINGAPORE 2025

Gospel Light is honored to be the venue host of Ligonier's first-ever conference in Asia.

Theme: The Holiness of God

Our holy God dwells in unapproachable light. Even the angels cover their faces in His presence. Yet, in His mercy, the Lord has chosen to redeem a people for Himself. Christians are called to reflect His holiness—growing in Christlikeness and proclaiming the good news of salvation to all.

About Ligonier Ministries

Founded by Dr. R.C. Sproul, Ligonier Ministries is dedicated to equipping believers with the deep, timeless truths of the Christian faith through the teaching of gifted pastors and theologians.

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Speakers

 Sinclair Ferguson

 Michael Reeves

 Joel Kim

 Chris Chia

 Date: 19 - 20 Sep

 Venue: Gospel Light Christian Church

 **Register now** and view the full schedule.

SAVE THE DATE - KIDS BIBLE CAMP 2025

 Date: 12 and 13 September
Stay tuned for more details!



CARE GROUPS



THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY
IS PERSONAL, BUT NOT
PRIVATE. WE NEED ONE
ANOTHER IN OUR
JOURNEY WITH JESUS.

TRUE CONNECTION
AND VULNERABILITY
ARE FOSTERED IN
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FOR DEEPER
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COME AND EXPERIENCE
THE WARMTH AND
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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, 30 Mar.

English

 Date: Sun, 27 Apr & 4 May

 Time: 1.30pm – 2.30pm

 Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

 Date: Sun, Sun, 27 Apr & 4 May

 Time: 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: Every Wed of the Month
 -  Time: Refer to the table below
 -  Venue: Gospel Light Christian Church
- Upcoming events coming your way.
Register to join us!

Date	Programme
19 Mar	Outing: Peranakan Museum * registration closed
26 Mar	Rummikub Game (From 9.00am to 12.00pm)

 Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tue, 18 Mar, we will go through John 19:16b-27 to learn about the crucifixion of Jesus. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:



Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2025



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.**



WORSHIP SERVICES

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

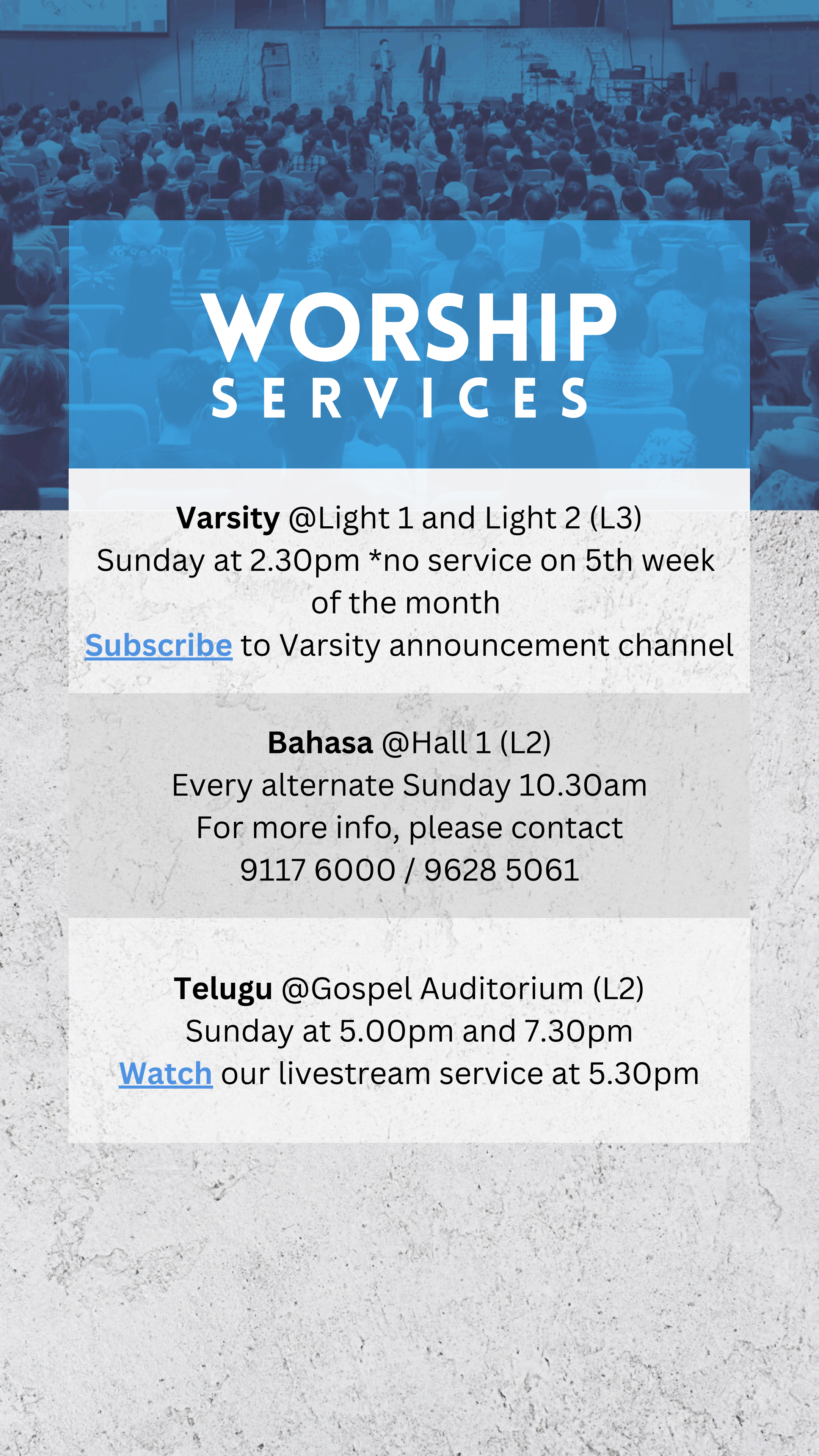
[Watch](#) our livestream service at 2.00pm

Youth @Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Saturday at 4.30pm

Subscribe to our announcement channel on

[WhatsApp](#) or [Telegram](#).



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

[Watch](#) our livestream service at 5.30pm



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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!

Giving Online

FULL GIVING DETAILS [HERE](#)



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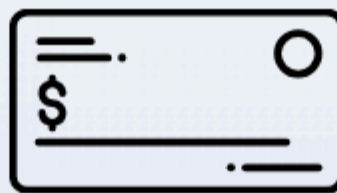
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Your
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App**

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.