

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Not my will, but Thine, be done" – Luke 22:42

A WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship arises from hearts that contemplate God and His glory. 1 Chronicles 16:10-11 exhorts us, "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually." Each time when we draw unto Him in worship, we must grow in affection towards Him and His greatness and goodness. "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD" (Psalm 105:3).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Dominion

Revelation 1:6

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Alan Choy

Hymn 36: High in the Heavens, Eternal God*

Invocation & Gloria Patri*

Responsive Scripture Reading* *Hebrews 2:10-18*

Hymn 89: There Is No Name So Sweet on Earth

Collection of Offerings

Doxology & Prayer*

Hymn 136: Come, Ye Thankful People

Scripture Memorisation

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Garnished Residence Vs Growing Relationship"

Matthew 12:43-50

Holy Communion

Hymn 183: Jesus Paid It All

Hymn 185: Hallelujah, What a Saviour!

Hymn 276: Have You Any Room for Jesus?*

Benediction & Threefold Amen*

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 1 JANUARY 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 8 JANUARY 2017

9.00 – 10.00am		CHURCH CHOIR CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Cancelled)	CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
10.30am	CHINESE SERVICE	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Winnie Yap Ushers: Jonah So & Cayson Chok	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Roscelle Lim Refreshments: Rose Chua Ah Moey Ushers: Robert Ooi & Lawrence Ng
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Chloe Pawa, Ellyzabeth Ushers: Cornelius Koshy, Edwin Quek Benny Skariah, Low Chip Hung Marcus Lim, John Peh Greeter: Low Siew Lian AV Ministry: Crew No. 1 Flowers: Katherin Wu Refreshments: Violet Quek, Chairine Chayadi Lim Hua See, Chong Shu Mun Junior Worship: Dorothy Ng, (Jollyn Low) Pr Kelvin Lim, (Corliss Ooi) John Peh	Worship Leader: Elder Ng Poh Kok Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Sarah Lee, Jollyn Low Ushers: Ng Kwan Teng, Theodore Wang Jason Low, Cayson Chok Timotheus Liu, Chan Tuck Whye Greeter: Winnie Yap AV Ministry: Crew No. 2 Flowers: Nancy Lau Refreshments: Yeo Geok Hien, Rachel Teo Lok Qian Hui, Mary Chan Sarah Yong, (Mabel Ng) Elder Mah, (Esther Quek) Jenny Lok
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Jordan Ballega Refreshments: Rhodora Resuma	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Chloe Pawa Usher: Jomart Tindaan Refreshments: Daryl Kablingue
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Dialect Speaker: Pr Kelvin Lim	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Elder Ng Poh Kok Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

01 January 2017

PRAYING WITH ONE ACCORD

Prabhudas Koshy

“These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication...” (Acts 1:14).

This a report on the patient and prayerful waiting of 120 followers of Christ, including the apostles (except Judas Iscariot), after His ascension. They were facing a hostile and uncertain future after the Lord has been captured and killed by the dwellers of Jerusalem. Yet they had a mandate from their Master to fulfil in that city, even to preach Christ to those who crucified Him, before they move on to other parts of Judea and then to the ends of the earth. Their situation was indeed very dire. What would they do? Call for a planning meeting? Or hire famous consultants? Or quit being followers of Christ and go back to their old professions like fishing and tax collection?

They resorted to an upper room in Jerusalem so that they might pray together. There, with one accord, they besought the LORD for guidance and help. It was the only solution that the infant church had in their dreadful circumstance, but the best. Soon they received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit – whom Jesus has promised them – and they were empowered to be bold and effective witnesses of Christ! Though the adverse circumstance only got worse, they did triumph over all the intimidations, needs and obstacles and the church grew in number and in spiritual strength. The church continued in prayer, and their prayer meetings grew in frequency and in size.

Beloved Gethsemaneans, in the New Year, many challenges, burdens and difficulties lay before us in the service of our Lord. Besides all the regular ministries and their burdens, we are much pressed

in our hearts and minds because of the urgent need for premises to accommodate our growing ministries, resources, staff, etc. Though we desired to accomplish it by the end of 2016, our best efforts have fallen far too short of fulfilling it – whether it be funds or registration of CLG. We cannot be disheartened nor become lethargic. Though we have not yet achieved what we have desired in the Lord to do, we must continue to strive joyfully, especially to pray, which is most necessary. With one heart, we must come together to seek the Lord in prayer.

Another important project that we have in 2017 is the Missionary Conference (June 5th-9th). We have planned to bring our missionaries and pastors in fellowship with us together for the conference that will be held in Kuching, Sarawak. It is an important work to strengthen our world-wide Gospel endeavours. We need to have a fund of \$50,000, which is yet to be accomplished.

It is high time for us to come together with one accord to pray, even with fasting. **So I call you,**

together with the elders, preachers and deacons, to begin this New Year with a month of fasting and prayer on Tuesday nights. Throughout the month of January, we shall seek the Lord with fasting (except those who are unable to fast for medical reasons) during the Tuesday night prayer meetings.

We thank God that about 120 Gethsemaneans, young and old, regularly get together on Tuesday evenings to pray. Our prayer meetings have been the “granary” of divine provisions. We love our prayer meetings because of the divine presence and blessings that we experience.

I urge all the members and regular worshippers to make every effort to come for the prayer meetings. Let us come together with joy and earnestness. Surely, we will find all the wonderful divine provisions of wisdom, strength, faith and boldness to meet our many tasks, needs and problems.

A Letter from Lions Home



A blessed and joyous Christmas to you and your ministering team, who have brought the good news of our Lord's saving grace to our beloved residents.

It is an honour and privilege for Lions Home to serve as a venue for the extension of God's Kingdom. Of course, I would urge the Gethsemane Bible-Presbyterian Church to continue your ministry both in Bedok and Bishan for the year 2017, according to the schedule as you have stated.

We have had no negative feedback regarding your visits thus far. We will certainly be open to share with you, if there is any.

Grace and peace be with you and your team.

Doreen Lye
Chief Executive Officer
Lions Home for the Elders
9 Bishan Street 13, Singapore 579804



GETHESEMANE BIBLE INSTITUTE (GBI-ONLINE)

ECCLESIOLOGY (Systematic Theology V)
by Pastor Koshy

Topics to be covered:

- Universal Church
- Local Church
- Church Government
- Sacraments of the Church
- Church Membership
- Covenants: The Old & New, Israel and the NT Church, etc.

Day: Every Wednesday night,

Time: 7.45pm-9.15pm

Duration: 11th Jan – 17th May 2017

Venue: TGCM premises

(Transport from Punggol MRT station at 7.30pm.)

Only a few places available.

Please register at the reception table today!

Youth Camp 2016 - Testimonies

Dorcas Koshy

I thank God for the various sermons on “Serving God” received during this recent youth camp. Though the 3-day, 2-night camp felt shorter than usual, we were not short-changed, as the sermons were ample in comprehensively covering various aspects of service. The two aspects of the fruit of the Spirit that I have been reminded to prayerfully seek are love and longsuffering. Mark 10:45 says, “For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” God sent His Son to serve a rebellious and wicked people who would eventually kill Him - this example stood out to me and showed me that there is truly no excuse for not manifesting God’s love to all in service. I was rebuked for having a double standard of love, and was pointed once again to Christ, our perfect example, who condescended to a hateful and unregenerate people. The camp ended with the exhortation to grow in patience towards all men and to exhibit longsuffering in the face of provocations. This addressed my weaknesses very clearly and may God be pleased to help me overcome my sins and become more Christ-like in my service to Him.

Jenice Choy

Luke 19:40 says, “And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.”

Truly, if I keep silent on the bountiful blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us, even the stones would shout out God’s wonderful works upon us during the camp. Thank God firstly for the reminder from the Word of God that I ought to serve the Lord with reverential fear, for the Lord “looketh on the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7) Secondly, I learnt that sin separates us from our genuine service to the Lord. Furthermore, anything that is done for self-glory is scorn to Christ. It reminded me to check my motive of service. Thirdly, I learnt that I ought to emulate our perfect example, Jesus Christ, who humbly washed His disciples’ feet, with the following promise - “happy are ye if ye do them” (John 13:17). May the Lord find me fit for the Master’s use, and our youths be spurred to greater and more joyous service.

Ayn Tindaan

I praise God for the opportunity to attend the Youth Camp this year as the theme on “Serving God” was timely for me. My heart was convicted of the need to labour for the Lord and serve Him with purity, love, joy, faithfulness and longsuffering.

The message regarding “purity” by Pr Dennis Kablingue reminded and warned me, from Hebrews 12:28-29, that the people of the world are not in the love of God but are rather outside the kingdom of God. Therefore, no Christian should try to fit in within the ungodly society, or

else we would end up compromising and serving God with ulterior motives and half-heartedness. The Lord taught me that I should “not be conformed to this world” (Romans 12:2). I must remember to maintain a pure conscience towards Him as I serve Him. I praise God for how I have been spiritually strengthened in this matter and pray that as I serve the Lord, I will have a commitment to purity, single-mindedness and godly fear.

Secondly, the message on “Serving God in Love” by Pr Jeremiah Sim taught me about two different types of people serving the Lord. The first type is like the Pharisees. They are an example of people in the church who put up a religious front but are not pleasing to the Lord at all. The second kind is like our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, who serves the Heavenly Father and His people without pride or impatience, but with humility, endurance and unceasing love.

I was especially amazed by how God’s love was demonstrated to the youths in this camp through the aunties who cooked for us. They travelled far and came as early as 6am and stayed as late as 11.30pm. I thank God for the preachers who preached to us despite their hectic schedules and duties, as well as the people who managed the logistics so as to ensure the smooth running of the activities. Certainly, such service could not be done if it was not out of love for the Lord and the believers! 1 John 3:16 says, “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”

I pray that I would remain in His love as I serve the Lord according to His standards, and not let the daily affairs in my life disrupt my service to Him. All honour and glory to His Name!

Marcus Chee Wei Heng

Firstly, I want to thank God for the opportunity to attend my first YF camp in Gethsemane. It has been a blessing and spiritual revival for me. This camp is possible because of the efforts put in by the camp committee and, more importantly, the all-sufficient grace of God.

Thank God for the close fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ. They have experienced the love of Christ in their life and have thus shown it to others and me as well.

In this camp, I was most touched by the preaching from Isaiah 59:2 in the sermon, “Serving God in Purity”, by Preacher Dennis. It says: “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.” It is crucial to live a life of pure conscience, as sin will only render our worship and service to be in vain.

I learned, through the sermons preached, the various aspects of service – purity, love, faithfulness, joy and longsuffering. As Christians, we cannot do all these on our own. God must help us to serve Him in the way that He wants. By the grace of God, this camp has been an encouragement for me to serve God with more humility and prayerfulness. Service to God is indeed “not by might,

nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6).

Titus Ho

I am firstly thankful to God for enabling me to attend this camp, whereby the theme was “Serving God”.

Thank God for the messages I have heard over the 3 days, preached by our various preachers; I have certainly been blessed and edified by all of them. One particular message which struck me was Message 1, entitled “What does it mean to serve God?” Truly, I have learnt that serving God might seem easy at first, but there will be distractions and trials to make us doubtful of our service to God. Hence, serving God always requires consistent devotion and total faithfulness to Him. For Jesus has said, “If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour” (John 12:26). May we follow God and serve Him continually.

Thank God also for the camp committee led by Preacher Andrew, who helped organise everything so as to make this camp possible. Thank God for the games coordinators (Gideon, Amoz and Jia Wi) – their hard work in preparing the games helped us to have a time of interaction and relaxation. Not forgetting also the aunties (Aunty Karen, Aunty Kim Lei, Aunty Luan Kheng, Aunty Katherin, Aunty Mei Ling) and others who had helped with the preparation of the food.

Last but not least, I would like to thank God for the time of fellowship I had with the youths in this youth camp. All glory be to God!

Moses Lee

I thank God for granting me the opportunity to attend this year’s youth retreat as I missed last year’s. It has truly been a most blessed time of studying God’s word and fellowshiping with all the youths. Through the series of sermons faithfully preached, I have learnt many valuable lessons that are very applicable in different aspects of my Christian walk. I was reminded of how I have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. God has been extremely merciful in giving me the priceless gift that is Christ, who reconciled me to the Father. Having tasted the grace of God and the genuine joy of salvation, I need to serve my Master fervently and with gratitude. I have to examine my own mannerism, disposition and attitude when carrying out my duties in church. We have to emulate Christ, who is our perfect example, in His servanthood.

Therefore, it is imperative for us to understand the meaning of serving Him with a pure conscience, with an unwavering and sincere heart, with immense joy and much longsuffering. I need to fully devote and consecrate myself in service to Him. My boundaries are only determined by His will and not my own limitations or others’ expectations. I must not let challenges and difficulties hinder me but trust that Christ can help me with these. I pray for the unity of spirit, meekness, love and delight in serving God together

and that all of us share the same mindset in service. We must all walk worthy as His beloved children until He calls us home.

Finally, I thank the entire committee for being so accommodating and for putting in a lot of time and effort in organising the camp, as well as ensuring everything went smoothly. To God be the glory!

Zacharias Tan

I thank God for giving me this opportunity to join the youth camp. The theme, “Serving God”, is very relevant to me because as a Christian, I am called to serve Christ my Saviour. These messages serve to teach me more on what it means to serve God.

I learnt that it is easy to begin to serve but to continue in faithfulness is not easy. God will prove me if I love Him with all my heart and soul. One thing that I often forget is the importance of serving God with purity. Too often, in my excitement, I lose my testimony before others, especially in school. As such, I have to be more mindful of my behaviour outside of church. As my service will be examined by God, there is no point if it is done in sin.

It seems difficult to serve God when circumstances are tough, such as when I have to manage between the manning of our Sunday live broadcast

and participating in the youth choir practices on Sunday. This means I have very little time to take my lunch or have fellowship. However, God knows and remembers the struggles I face when I serve Him. At the end, when the broadcast is good and when people appreciate the singing of the youth choir, I thank God for using and helping me to serve Him. In fact, it is amazing how God works behind the scene when I serve Him. Many a times, things could have gone wrong, but God makes it all turn out well in the end. Indeed, all things will turn out well for God’s glory when I serve Him faithfully (cf. Romans 8:28).

May the Lord continue to help me to serve Him according to His will – “Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 29:2).



BLESS THE LORD TODAY; FOR HE BLESSES YOU EVERYDAY.

Psalm 68:19

“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.”

Today we have come to church to praise our God. We sing hymns of praise to the Lord, together with all those who love Him. We also give thanks to Him when we pray. If you listen carefully to the prayers offered by the worship leader and by pastor, you will notice that they too praise the Lord’s name.

Both children and adults must worship the Lord for the many blessings received from Him. He forgives us our sins; He heals our sicknesses; He answers our prayers; He gives us good health to work and earn a living; He gives us food, etc.

God “daily loadeth us with benefits”. Every day God blesses us with good things. Even if we happen to have some problems in a particular day, we cannot honestly say that God has not blessed that day. If, for example, you fell awkwardly and broke your hand, that day may appear to be a day of tragedy and pain. Though a tragic event took place that day, it also had many blessings for you. You were blessed with kind strangers, friends or relatives who helped you to get to the hospital for treatment. Praise God that your parents could afford to pay the medical bills. Praise God that you still had food to eat and water to drink. Praise God for church brethren who prayed for you. So regardless of problems and difficulties, we can still praise God for He gives us blessings.



Children, count five blessings that God gave you in the past year, and praise Him for each of those blessings. For example, you may praise God for your mother who cooked for you and taught you school lessons, or for your father who taught you God’s Word and played with you. Now you come up with a new list of five things you want to give thanks to God.

Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 25 December 2016

Tithes: 3,220.00

Offerings: 8,692.60

Bldg Fund (Project): 1,000.00

Designated Gifts: General Fund 10,000.00;
500.00; Missionary Conference (2017)
500.00; Bible Witness 100.00; GBPC
(Ethiopia) 500.00; 100.00; Full-Time Staff,
Helpers & Missionaries 10,000.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Bible Witness: 4,000.00

TGCM (local): 2,000.00

Youth Camp: 1,000.00

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL CONCERT

(as of 24 December 2016)

Tithes: 500.00

Offerings: 12,428.80; RM50.00

Bldg Fund (Project): 400.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 25 December 2016)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,101,786.20

*"And now, behold,
I have brought the firstfruits of the land,
which thou, O LORD, hast given me.
And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God,
and worship before the LORD thy God"*

Deuteronomy 26:10

GETHSEMANE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Presentation of Certificates

There will be a presentation of certificates at the end of today's worship service to those who had attended Junior Worship classes regularly in 2016.

GETHSEMANE SENIORS' MINISTRY OUTING

Date: Thur, 12 Jan 2017
(6.45am-7.30pm)

Venue: Pontian, Johor

There are 7 places left. Those interested, please look for Sis Gina Sim or Sis Magdalene Lim.

AUSTRALIAN B-P CHURCHES

Anyone considering studying or working in Australia can meet with representatives of the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Western Australia (Perth) on Sunday, 8 Jan (12.30pm-1.30pm) and Sunday, 15 Jan (4.30pm-5.30pm) in Calvary Pandan B-P Church, Room #02-12. They will do their best to answer your questions or put you in contact with the relevant B-P churches in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney.

PASTORAL VISITATION EUNOS/UBI REGION

Date: 13 Jan 2017

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Elizabeth Poon
25 Eunus Crescent, #10-3061
Singapore 400025

COMBINED GAF / GMF MEETING

Date: Sat, 14 Jan 2017

Time: 4.00-6.00pm

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Topic: Book Study of Colossians

Chairman: Dn Francis Lee

Venue: Home of Dn & Mrs Francis Lee
35 Moonbeam Terrace, Singapore 277308

*(Transport from Buona Vista MRT
station at 3.40 pm. Pls contact Dn Kelvin
Lim @ 8268 2828)*

For catering purposes, please sign up for this combined meeting at the reception table.

Children aged 4-12 will have concurrent GCM programme.

CATECHISM CLASS

Catechism Class commences on 22 Jan 2017 at 9.30am.

Those seeking Baptism, Affirmation of Faith and Transfer of Membership, please register with Sis Diana Koh by 15 Jan 2017.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE 2017

Date: 5-9 June 2017 (Monday-Friday)

Venue: Hilton Kuching

Please collect the registration form from the reception table and submit the completed form to Bro Ernest Lim / Bro Matthew Mah by 30 April 2017. Payment can be made from 19 March 2017. Participants are advised to book plane tickets on their own as soon as possible. Arrival at the hotel must be by 5pm on Monday, 5th June 2017. The conference will end at 12 noon on Friday, 9th June 2017.

MISSION BOGO/SAN ANTONIO 2017

April 27 - 30, 2017

Brethren interested in joining the Mission Trip to Bogo/San Antonio, the Philippines, are asked to register early on the sign-up list available at the reception table. Team members are also welcomed to attend the Combined Church Camp, to be held near Bogo, from May 1-4, 2017, where Pastor will be the camp speaker. Places are limited; please see Eld Mah if more information is needed.

IT'S HERE!

Praise the Lord that Pastor's new devotional book "365 Daily Exhortations from God's Word" has finally arrived.

Every family (Gethsemaneans and regular worshippers) will get a copy as a New Year gift. Additional copies can be purchased by worshippers at \$15 per copy (today only). Actual price is S\$20.

The audio version is available at <http://gethsemaneipc.com/resources/365-exhortation.html>

**A Special Price (S\$15) for today only.
Don't miss it!**



POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshments & Fellowship

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Bible Study (Adults, Youths & Children)

1.30pm – 3.00pm

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Campus Bible Study

NAFA Semestral Break

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer

8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study

Resume in January 2017

Wednesday Night GBI-Online

Semestral Break

Thursday Seniors' Ministry

11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

Friday Morning Prayer

7.45am – 8.30am @ Church Resource Centre

Friday Campus Bible Study

SUTD Semestral Break

Sunday Lions Home Ministry

For enquiry, contact Pr Jeremiah Sim

*For more information, please call
the church office at 6741 1910.*



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Time & Place of Worship

10.30am

Level 5 Auditorium
Singapore Post Centre

10 Eunos Road 8
Singapore 408600

(next to Paya Lebar MRT station)

Prayer Hotline

8138 8139

SMS or WhatsApp
your prayer item

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