

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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A WORD ON WORSHIP

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Our God is to be praised, for He has not despised nor abhorred us in our wretched conditions. He has shown great mercy to save, sanctify and strengthen us. His compassion towards us ceases not; His mercies are new every morning (cf. Lamentations 3:22-23). His pity towards us has been like that of a gracious and generous father (cf. Psalm 103:13; Matthew 6:32). So, let us exalt Him with thanksgiving, and by renewing our faith in Him and submitting to His glorious counsels.

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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John 10:7

Then said Jesus unto them again,
Verily, verily, I say unto you,
I am the door of the sheep.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Elder Ng Poh Kok

Hymn 18: Come, Thou Almighty King*

Invocation & Gloria Patri*

Responsive Scripture Reading*

Matthew 13:10-17

Hymn 245: Channels Only

Collection of Offerings

Doxology & Prayer*

Hymn 392: More Love to Thee

Scripture Memorisation

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Christ's Kingdom Parables"

Matthew 13:1-3a, 10-17

Hymn 385: May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour*

Benediction & Threefold Amen*

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 8 JANUARY 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 15 JANUARY 2017

9.00 – 10.00am		CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
10.30am	CHINESE SERVICE	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	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Angeline Wong Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Magdalene Lim Ushers: John Peh & Lawrence Ng
	ENGLISH SERVICE	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 Junior Worship: Sarah Yong, (Mabel Ng) Elder Mah, (Esther Quek) Jenny Lok	Worship Leader: Dn Kelvin Lim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jasmine Low, Eunice Choy Ushers: Andy Lee, James Chen Marcus Peh, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario Greeter: Lee Kim Lei AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Tomei Tan Refreshments: Stella Tan, Karen Quek Corliss Ooi, Valerie Leow Junior Worship: Choy Luan Kheng, (Jenice Choy) Sujith Samuel, (Jasmine Tan) Low Siew Lian
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Chloe Pawa Usher: Jomart Tindaan Refreshments: Daryl Kabingue	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Chloe Pawa Usher: Randy Laurencio Refreshments: Roscelle Lim
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Elder Ng Poh Kok Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Elder Alan Choy

08 January 2017

PERSONAL DEVOTION

Prabhudas Koshy

Personal worship or devotion is a time when each individual devotes himself to meditation of God's Word and prayer, as a special means of communion with God. During this special time of individual worship, singing of psalms and hymns can enhance one's adoration and worship of God. Such a special time with God can be observed early in the morning or in the evening. Some devout Christians, like Daniel of old, would even have their personal time of worship with God three times a day (Daniel 6:10, 13; Psalm 55:17)!

Private worship is most necessary to one's faithful, triumphant and fruitful Christian life. It is also the root of family and public worship. A man who neglects personal worship would fail to render genuine and fervent family and public worship. Just as he who labours must have his three meals, a fervent Christian must also have his spiritual feeding and communion with God daily.

Some have argued that there is no express command in the Bible to instruct people to observe daily personal worship or devotion. On the contrary, the Bible records very many injunctions to continual meditation of God's Word and prayer, as well as examples of personal worship by godly men (such as Daniel), for us to follow.

Consider the following biblical commands that call us to daily and frequent devotion of His Word:

- **Deuteronomy 11:18** – *“Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul...”*
- **Deuteronomy 17:19** – *“And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life...”*
- **Deuteronomy 30:14** – *“But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.”*

- **Joshua 1:8** – *“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”*
- **Isaiah 59:21** – *“As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed’s seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.”*
- **Psalms 1:2-3** – *“But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”*
- **Proverbs 2:1-5** – *“My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and*

apply thine heart to understanding; yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.”

- **John 5:39** – *“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”*
- **Colossians 3:16** – *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...”*
- **1 Timothy 4:15-16** – *“Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”*

Now, consider the biblical exhortations to pray often, and to make prayer a continual habit:

- **Matthew 6:6, 11** highlight Jesus teaching us to pray alone in a “secret” place, and also to pray “daily”.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:17** – *“Pray without ceasing.”*
- **Ephesians 6:18** – *“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...”*
- **Romans 15:30** – *“...ye strive together with me in your prayers to God...”*

Daily feeding upon God’s Word, and communing with God in prayer and worship songs, are essential to our souls’ spiritual nurture and strength. How can we, who claim to love God, be satisfied without having communion and worship of Him?

Brethren, begin and end your day with the Lord. Let your souls be daily renewed and enriched in His presence through His Word and prayer. We should not view prayer as a mere religious performance; nor should our prayers be vain repetitions of asking for some material benefits that we need from God. Rather, it should be the joyful claiming of God’s promises that we read in His Word. As one puritan, William Gurnall, said, “Prayer is nothing but the promise reversed.” He also said, “The mightier any is in the Word, the more mighty he will be in prayer.” If you are regular in your personal devotion, you will certainly be mighty in the Lord. ■



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!

One day, when I was a child, I stood looking at a rainbow for a long time until it faded away. Don't you like to watch that multi-coloured arch in the sky? It is wonderful to look at, especially when its brilliant colours are in full array before it becomes dim and vanishes.

In school, you might have learned in your science class that the rainbow is a meteorological phenomenon that appears as a spectrum of light in the sky when the sun shines onto droplets of moisture in the Earth's atmosphere.

In the Bible, the rainbow is mentioned in five different places. In the coming Sundays, starting today, we will consider those biblical references to the rainbow, and learn some very interesting Bible truths surrounding the rainbow.

Its first appearance in the Bible is in Genesis 9:12-16. There, for the first time the Lord made mention of the rainbow to Noah, immediately after the global flood that destroyed the world - "This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: and I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of

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all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth."

So, we learn that the rainbow is a phenomenon that the Lord originated during Noah's time as a sign of His covenant or promise not to destroy the world by flood again. Since that day, through thousands of years, the rainbow has appeared in the atmosphere surrounding the earth. It can be seen in every part of the world, as a special reminder to all people about God's unchanging and gracious promise that He will not destroy the whole world again by another flood.

Next time when you see a rainbow, please remember the following biblical truths:

- The Bible's record about a universal flood that destroyed the world, except Noah's family, is true and not a myth.
- God is gracious not to send another flood, like that in Noah's time, to punish this sinful world.
- God is faithful and He continues to keep His word. So, let us believe all the promises and warnings God has given us in the Bible.

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 01 January 2017

Tithes: 5,480.00

Offerings: 13,060.45

Bldg Fund (Project): 1000.00; 200.00; 200.00; 50.00; 9.50; 4.00; [(250.00 Filipino Svc)]

Designated Gifts: TGCM (local) 1,050.00; 160.00; Ephrem Chiracho 100.00; Kenneth Wong 50.00; Sujith Samuel 50.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

General Fund: 1,600.00

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

(as of 31 December 2016)

Offerings: 3,157.30

Bldg Fund (Project): 2,000.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 01 January 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,105,499.70

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: \$1,095.00

*"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 SENIORS' MINISTRY OUTING

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

Venue: Pontian, Johor

There are 2 to 3 places left. Those interested, please look for Sis Gina Sim or Sis Magdalene Lim.

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

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.

CATECHISM CLASS

Catechism Class commences on 22 Jan 2017 at 9.30am.

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

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.

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Women & Gospel Missions

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Mah Lean Choo

Date & Time: Sat, 21 Jan 2017, 3-5pm

Venue: Home of Sis Gina Sim
Blk 725 Tampines Street 71, #06-167
Singapore 520725

Children aged 4-12 will have concurrent GCM Programme.

Transport from Tampines MRT station at 2.40pm.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE 2017

Theme: "That the Truth of the Gospel Might Continue with us"
(Galatians 2:5)

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 (May 1-4, 2017), where Pastor will be the camp speaker. Places are limited; please see Eld Mah if more information is needed.

"365 DAILY EXHORTATIONS FROM GOD'S WORD"

For a limited period, you may acquire the devotional book at \$18.00 per copy (a discount of 10%). Actual price is \$20.00.

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

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

1.00pm @ Bible Witness Bookroom

Wednesday Night GBI-Online

7.45pm-9.15pm @ TGCM

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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Church Weekly

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

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SMS or WhatsApp

your prayer item

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Deacon Low Boon Siang