

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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Worship is the proper response to God's glorious grace that has reconciled us to Him by the blood of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This truth is expressed by the apostle Paul in Ephesians 1:5-6, "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Door Open

Revelation 3:8

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Dn Francis Lee

Hymn 36: High in the Heavens, Eternal God*

Invocation & Gloria Patri*

Scripture Reading in Unison*

Psalms 126

Hymn 347: Under the Care of My God, The Almighty

Collection of Offerings

Doxology & Prayer*

Hymn 419: Take My Life and Let It Be

Scripture Memorisation

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"The Parable of the Sower"

Matthew 13:2-9, 18-23

Hymn 270: Jesus Is Calling*

Benediction & Threefold Amen*

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 22 JANUARY 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 29 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: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Eunice Choy Flowers: Tay Soo Thian Refreshments: Gan Sheu Hoong Ushers: Chan Tuck Whye & Francis Tan	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Francis Tan Refreshments: Jenn Lee Ushers: Jonah So & Cayson Chok
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Dn Francis Lee Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Chloe Pawa, Ellyzabeth Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Gerry Lee, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Mong Jee Pawa AV Ministry: Crew No. 4 Flowers: Carolyn Koshy Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Esther Quek Edeliza Ballega, Cecilia Siah Junior Worship: Edwin Quek, (Stella Tan) Pr Jeremiah Sim, (Jasmine Low) Adrian Lim	Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Dorcas Koshy, Sarah Lee Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Ho Kee How, Linus Kok Diana Chan Greeter: Diana Chan AV Ministry: Crew No. 1 Flowers: Karen Quek Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Nancy Lau Jolyne Cho, Lena Chan Junior Worship: Melissa Neo, (Juvy Anaviso) Aileen Tan, (Chloe Pawa) Dn Lok Kwok Wah
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Jordan Ballega Refreshments: Jean Tindaan	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Dorcas Koshy Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Cecile Batrina
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim Dialect Speaker: Kenneth Wong	Venue: English Speaker: Cancelled in view of CNY Dialect Speaker:

22 January 2017

Missionary Conference 2017

Prabhudas Koshy

God willing, the 5th Missionary Conference of Gethsemane B-P Church will be held in Kuching (Sarawak, East Malaysia) from 5th to 9th of June this year. We thank God that about 170 people have already registered to attend this conference. (If you have not yet registered for the conference, I would encourage you to immediately register and book your flights to avoid disappointment of missing this blessed occasion that the Lord has helped us to organise).

THE PURPOSE

Missionary conferences are held for a twofold purpose. Firstly, that Gethsemane B-P Church, Singapore, as a whole may renew itself concerning her God-given vision of global Gospel advancement – “... ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Secondly, that the church may bring together her missionaries, mission-partners and preachers, as well as like-minded preachers of

other churches, in order to encourage and strengthen them through the Word, prayer and fellowship. It is a special blessing to have various servants of God to come together, that we may have an opportunity to cheer their hearts in the Lord and also to learn together from His Word. This conference has hitherto afforded us a God-given opportunity, wherein our care for His servants and worldwide preaching of the truth may flourish again (cf. Philippians 4:10).

THE HISTORY

- 1st Missionary Conference (2005, Nov 28-Dec 02) – The Saujana, Subang, KL, Malaysia
- 2nd Missionary Conference (2007, Nov 27-Dec 01) – Cebu City, The Philippines
- 3rd Missionary Conference (2011, Dec 05-11) – Gethsemane BPC, Alem Gena, Ethiopia
- 4th Missionary Conference (2014, May 23-27) – The Chevrons, Singapore

THE THEME

The theme of the upcoming Missionary Conference will be: “That the Truth of the Gospel Might Continue with Us” (cf. Galatians 2:5). This theme is utterly important for us, as we see in these days an increasing trend of perversion of the Gospel in churches.

The churches of our time have been careless about Gospel preaching. Many churches propagate a distorted, diluted Gospel, as they are concerned about preaching messages that please people, rather than honour Christ and His redemptive work. Churches have also lost their zeal in declaring the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many are more focused on charitable activities, the promotion of the “health-wealth” gospel, and have neglected declaring the unadulterated Gospel.

We should neither forget nor neglect the primacy of the Gospel in the ministries of our church. God intends for the church to always declare and defend the truth of the Gospel. So in all our mission churches and evangelistic outreaches, the truth of the Gospel must be unashamedly declared.

THE ORGANISING TEAM

A team of brethren have been appointed to help run the 5th Missionary Conference. The team leader

(who is the Camp Master) is Dn Low Boon Siang, and he has gathered a team to co-labour with him. Let us pray that the Lord will bless their labours in organising the camp. The team consists of Dn Kelvin Lim, Pr Jeremiah Sim, Pr Ho Kee How, Pr Andrew Koh, Dn Lok Kwok Wah, Kenneth Wong, Cayson Chok, Gerry Lee, Matthew Mah, Benny Skariah, Matthew Peh, Ernest Lim, David Tan, Ng Kwan Teng, Arnold Diaz, Cornelius Koshy and Andronicus Koshy.

THE NEED

The estimated fund for the expenses of the Missionary Conference is close to S\$50,000. This amount is needed for the plane tickets, accommodation, meals, etc. for our missionaries and needy brethren. Incidentally, in 2005 (i.e. 12 years ago), we raised about S\$30,000 for the first missionary conference. After 12 years, it is certain that our expenses will increase. Let us pray and support financially by giving to the Missionary Conference Fund.

The fund must be met quickly, as we need to book the plane tickets for all the missionaries to come from the countries where they serve. Please give cheerfully and speedily. May God bless our efforts to strengthen our missionaries and their Gospel work.

Missionaries in the Philippines



Rev Reggor Galarpe



Eld Richard Tiu



Eld Eliezer Ortega

Missionaries in Ethiopia



Rev Ephrem Chiracho



Pr Engida Tefera



Pr Edsel Locot



Pr Donald dela Cruz



Pr Imané Dola

Mission Partners



Rev Joseph Kendagor



Rev Eben Yoon

Gethsemaneans who have become Pastors in Australia



Rev Paul Cheng



Rev Joseph Poon

RAINBOW - III



Over the last two weeks, we have learned from the Bible that the rainbow not only reminds us about God's graciousness and faithfulness (Genesis 9:11), but also His grandeur and splendour (Ezekiel 1:28).

When the apostle John was given the revelation of future things to come, the Lord showed him the throne in heaven. While describing the scene in heaven, John wrote, "there was a rainbow round about the throne" (Revelation 4:3b).

Have you ever seen a rainbow in a full circle? No one has ever seen a complete rainbow, but one that is broken at the bottom. But according to the promise of Revelation 4:3, in heaven we shall see a complete rainbow with no break. It will not be an arc, but a complete circle!

In heaven, everything will be complete and perfect. God's covenant of mercy towards sinners will finally be complete, and all of us who are saved will be completely delivered from all of God's wrath and fully saved in His presence

for all eternity. We will see the grace of God in its full display, when we finally reach our heavenly home.

Another unique feature about the rainbow in heaven is that its most outstanding colour will be a pleasant green colour of the emerald gem. We read in Revelation 4:3, "and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald." This predominant colour of the rainbow in heaven is understood as representing the reviving and refreshing nature of the glory land where we shall be forever.

What a great pleasant surprise awaits us! I certainly believe the rainbow around the throne of heaven is a lot more brilliant than what we see today. Certainly, no words of the poets of this world can fully describe that glorious display of God's grace and glory in heaven! I can't wait to get to heaven! How about you? Lord Jesus, come quickly! Amen.

Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 15 January 2017

Tithes: 5,840.30

Offerings: 10,790.95

Bldg Fund (Project): 50.00

Designated Gifts: TGCM (local) 1,200.00;
Missionary Conference (2017) 2,000.00;
Dn Daniel Lim 200.00; Dn Kelvin Lim
100.00; Pr Samson 100.00; Dn Lok Kwok
Wah 100.00; Kenneth Wong 200.00; 200.00;
Sujith Samuel 100.00; Sharon dela Cruz
100.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

General Fund: 1,000.00; 1,000.00; 400.00

Bible Witness: 200.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 15 January 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,106,124.70

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: \$3,195.00

**Give generously
towards our
Church Building Fund.**

*"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*

FAST & PRAY

We call on all members and regular worshippers to join the Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting as the Church will be meeting for the 4th fast-and-pray session of this month.

Venue: SingPost Level 5 Auditorium
Time: 8.00pm-9.30pm

TEACHERS' TRAINING SESSION

*conducted by
Gethsemane Children's Ministry*

This training is for church members who would like to serve as teachers and assistant teachers of our various programmes for children.

Date & Time: 26th February 2017,
1.30pm to 3.00pm

Venue: To be confirmed

Kindly sign up at the reception table today.

CATECHISM CLASS

Catechism Class for those seeking Baptism, Affirmation of Faith or Transfer of Membership commences today at 9.30am.

MISSION BOGO/SAN ANTONIO

**"Through Paths Unknown, God Leads"
(Isaiah 42:16)**

Date: April 27 - 30, 2017

Only a few more places remain available. Brethren who are still interested in joining the trip to Bogo/San Antonio, the Philippines, are asked to sign up by today 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. Please see Eld Mah if more information is needed.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Those who would like packet lunch after worship service for the month of February 2017, kindly place your order and make payment to Sis Aileen Tan.

SUNDAY EVANGELISM

*There will be an evangelism session today at
Blk 807A Chai Chee Road
Singapore 461807
Please meet @ 1.30pm at the foyer.*

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

Camp Fees (excluding airfare):

Single \$500/camper	Child (4-11) \$135 (with bed)
Twin-sharing \$360/camper	Child (4-11) \$75 (without bed)
Triple-sharing \$360/camper	Child (below 4) Free (without bed)

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.

"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)
Cancelled in view of Evangelism

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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
4.30pm-5.30pm @ NAFA
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

8138 8139
SMS or WhatsApp
your prayer item

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Our Session

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Deacon Francis Lee
Deacon Low Boon Siang