

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A WORD ON WORSHIP

The way to come to God the Father is through Christ. He is the sure and only way to God (cf. John 14:6). "Now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13). All those who have trusted in Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross can now draw nigh to God, rejoicing in that wonderful privilege. Paul said, "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement" (Romans 5:10-11).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Doublemindedness

Luke 16:13

No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other.

Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Ng Poh Kok

Hymn 11: May Jesus Christ Be Praised*

Invocation & Gloria Patri*

Responsive Scripture Reading*

Proverbs 4:5-13

Hymn 273: Jesus, I Come

Collection of Offerings

Doxology & Prayer*

Hymn 263: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Scripture Memorisation

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Parable of a Treasure in the Field"

Matthew 13:44-46

Hymn 434: Saviour, More Than Life to Me*

Benediction & Threefold Amen*

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 26 FEBRUARY 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 Daniel Lim Musician: Angeline Wong Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Jennifer Goh Ushers: Chan Tuck Whye & Francis Tan	Worship Leader: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Tay Soo Thian Refreshments: Roscelle Lim Ushers: Jonah So & Cayson Chok
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Elder Ng Poh Kok Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Dorcas Koshy, Ellyzabeth Andy Lee, James Chen Ushers: Marcus Peh, Ricky Yang David Ng, Stephen Yap Greeter: Violet Quek AV Ministry: Crew No. 4 Flowers: Diana Chan Refreshments: Stella Tan, Karen Quek Junior Worship: Corliss Ooi, Valerie Leow Lee Kim Lei, (Eunice Choy) Carolyn Koshy, (Cornelius Koshy) Pr Ho Kee How	Worship Leader: Eld Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim Musicians: Chloe Pawa, Sarah Lee Ushers: Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Gerry Lee, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Stephanie Lee AV Ministry: Crew No. 1 Flowers: Angela Ang Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Esther Quek Junior Worship: Edeliza Ballega, Cecilia Siah Kamala, (Jollyn Low) Gina Sim, (Violet Quek) Dn Francis Lee
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Dorcas Koshy Usher: Randy Laurencio Refreshments: Edeliza Ballega	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Chloe Pawa Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Vicky Amor
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Kenneth Wong	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim Dialect Speaker: Elder Alan Choy

19 February 2017

Christians' Conduct Among Non-Christians

Prabhudas Koshy

Colossians 4:5 exhorts us that we “Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.” Christians are instructed here concerning their conduct “toward them that are without” the church.

Relating to people outside the household of faith poses peculiar challenges to the Christians. Unbelieving family members, colleagues at work, fellow students, neighbours and other associates – all have principles or philosophies of life and conduct that are contrary to the biblical counsels that God has given for believers to live by. Many things that are lawful in this world are unlawful according to God’s Word. For example, while there exist legalised gambling and prostitution in our societies, Scripture prohibits them completely. While many think that participating in different religious worship ceremonies / activities is good, such conduct is condemned in the Bible as abomination. Christians cannot join those who practise things that are prohibited in the Bible.

So, Christians are admonished to “walk in wisdom toward them that are without”. Our lives must be guided by the highest wisdom of God’s Word. God has said in Deuteronomy 4:6, “Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of

the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” In the same manner, Psalm 111:10 instructs His people, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.” By living wisely according to His Word, we seek not the honour and praise that cometh from man, but from God (cf. John 5:44; 12:43). The praiseworthy conduct of a Christian is that he walks in the wisdom of God’s Word.

In Romans 16:19, the apostle Paul commended the Roman Christians who walked in obedience to God’s Word as wise. He said, “For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.” Christians’ conduct must always be a testimony to the righteousness and goodness of their Lord and His counsels.

We also should not give opportunity to the unbelieving to malign our faith because of our unwise conduct. But we must “buy up” (“redeem”) every opportunity to bear a good testimony for the Lord. Let us not just wait for opportunity to fall into our lap. Let us arise and shine for Christ! ■

Christians' Speech Among Non-Christians

Prabhudas Koshy

Colossians 4:6 exhorts us, “Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.”

A Christian's speech, as much as his conduct, must befit his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our speech must not be like that of the unregenerate people. Our speech should never be channels of boasting, arrogance, lies, deceit, lust, profanity, hatred, curse, intimidation, violence, vanity, flattery, foolishness, idle talk, swearing, slander, gossip, or false teaching.

Our Lord's speech was impeccable. There was never an imperfect or condemnable word that had proceeded from His mouth. In Luke 4:22, we have a record concerning Christ's speech: “And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.” Yet, His enemies were “laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him” (Luke 11:54; cf. Matthew 22:15; Mark 12:13). In the end, they could not find anything wrong with His speech, and resorted to engaging false accusers against Him. Our conformity to Christ demands our conformity to His speech; hence the divine imperative: “Let your speech be always with grace”. This is an exhortation to cultivate speech that

is spiritually wholesome, fitting, truthful, loving, kind, sensitive, encouraging and gracious as well. Our speech must demonstrate the grace of God that is operative in our hearts.

At all times, we must maintain gracious speech. Gracious speech must be a habitual characteristic in our interactions with fellow men. In all circumstances of life, we must learn to maintain gracious speech. Whether it be a casual conversation with family members or friends, a stressful situation at home or work, a time of provocation and persecution, a time of Bible Study, a time of giving counsel, or a time of play, let us be careful to maintain gracious speech. Our speech should never be abrasive, rash, vitriolic or nasty.

Now, this does not mean that our speech must be “dripping” with undue words of niceties. But as Paul adds, it must be “seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man”. Our speech ought to be not only gracious, but also effective like the seasoning effect of salt. As salt penetrates the meat to give it taste and prevent decay, so must our speech be reproving, correcting and instructing. We must speak wisely, with spiritual discernment, in order to answer every man appropriately. ■

News from Gethsemane Mission Church in Bogó

Dear Pastor Koshy,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Praise the Lord for the provision of a place for relocation of the Bogó Church.

The place is still in the heart of the city of Bogó and within walking distance from the current place.

The place is on the second floor, which covers a total area of approximately 160 sq. metres (21m x 8m). The worship place is able to accommodate 30-40 seats, which is approximately 7m x 7.5m in area. The place has a room for the Children's Ministry and a room for Sis Arlaine and me to stay. Presently, we are doing some renovations of the place and making partitions for the Children's Ministry and the room for us to stay.

Attached are photos of the place.

In Christ,

Eld Eliezer Ortega



Building (Front)



Children's Ministry

Worship Hall

LESSONS FROM MIGRATORY BIRDS

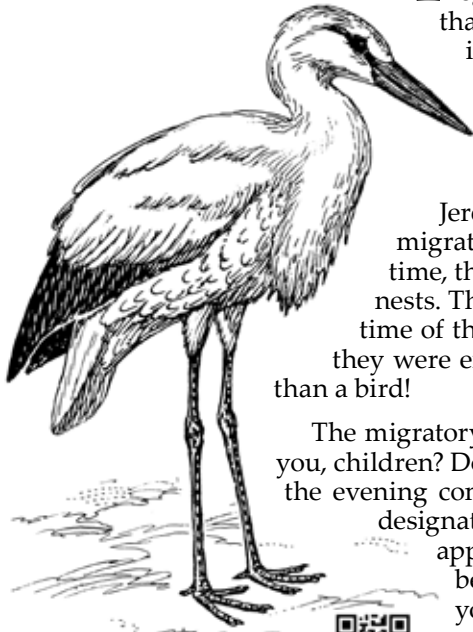
Jeremiah 8:7

“Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD.”

The “stork” is like the crane, but larger in size. They are large birds with long legs, toes webbed at the base, and a strong, straight, pointed bill longer than the head. Two species of the storks are found in Israel. The first species is white in colour, and they are found in pairs over the whole country. The other is black in colour, which live in marshy places and in large flocks. They migrate to Israel periodically – every year during a particular month. Psalm 104:17 refers to their nest-making habits – “Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.”

Jeremiah alludes to these migratory habits of the stork. He also mentions the migratory habits of other birds, such as the crane and swallow. At the appointed time, they return. They normally return at the same time every year to make their nests. They return and re-occupy their old nests. Even migratory birds observe the time of their migration, but the LORD says that His people ignored the time when they were expected to return to their God. The people manifested even less wisdom than a bird!

The migratory birds sense God’s timing by noticing the change in climate. How about you, children? Do you observe the Lord’s clear indications to you and return to Him? When the evening comes, do you get back home to pray and eat with the family? When the designated time arrives, do you return to do your homework? Do you keep the appointed times of worship and fellowship? Remember, you are expected to behave better than birds. So, children, be obedient to the Lord! Return to your God-given responsibilities and duties, lest the Lord condemns you.



Stork
taken from



Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 12 February 2017

Tithes: 3,518.00

Offerings: 9,579.60

Bldg Fund (Project): 1,000.00; 1,000.00;
530.00; 510.00; 500.00; 190.00; 105.00;
100.00; 50.00; 40.00

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: 1,000.00;
500.00

Designated Gifts: TGCM (local) 200.00;
100.00; 100.00; 50.00; 50.00; Jeremiah Sim
100.00; Andrew Koh 100.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: 450.00

Bldg Fund (Project): 2,000.00

Bible Witness: 200.00

General Fund: 400.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 12 February 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,127,315.70

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: \$23,995.00

"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 YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Trials in Faithful Motherhood (I)

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Lynn Koh

Date & Time: Fri, 24 Feb, 4-6pm

Venue: Home of Sis Simmi Lijoy
Blk 35 Hougang Ave 5, #04-04
Evergreen Park, Singapore 538802

*Please email any questions related to the above
topic to gethsemaneyoungmothers@gmail.com
before the meeting.*

PASTORAL VISITATION BEDOK SOUTH/MARINE PARADE REGION

Date & Time: 24 Feb 2017, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Chong Khai Siang
89 Woo Mon Chew Road
Singapore 455163

GETHSEMANE ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Date & Time: Sat, 25 Feb at 4.00pm.

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Topic: Book Study of Colossians

Chairman: Elder Mah Chin Kwang

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs David Tan
Blk 175 Lompang Road, #15-43
Singapore 670175

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

A concurrent separate programme will be
catered for children aged 4-12 (4.00-5.30pm).

FCM COMBINED MEETING 2017

Theme: "The Christian Discipline"

Speaker: Rev Prabhudas Koshy

Date: 3 March 2017, Friday

Time: 7pm (Dinner starts at 6pm)

Venue: Calvary Pandan
BPC AV Studio (Lv 2)

We warmly invite all tertiary students to
join us for our FCM Combined Meeting.

As dinner will be provided, kindly indicate
whether you need dinner through this link
by 24 Feb: <http://tinyurl.com/FCM2017>

FCM POLY/JC RETREAT 2017

Theme: "In the Image of God"
(2 Corinthians 4:4)

Speaker: Preacher Clement Chew

Date: 16-17 March 2017
(Thursday-Friday)

Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC

Inviting all students entering or currently in
polytechnic or junior college to join us in this
time of retreat to learn of God's wonderful
truths and for a time of fellowship.

To register, please submit the online form
through this link: tinyurl.com/fcmpoly-jc-retreat17

Please register early to aid us in the
preparation and arrangement of logistics.

Closing date: 10 March 2017

For more details and enquiries, please contact
Marcus @ 9835 5531.

GETHSEMANE CHINESE GOSPEL RALLY

Speaker: Pr Daniel Lim

Date & Time: Sat, 1 April 2017, 2.00-4.00pm

Venue: City Beach Resort
8 Port Rd, Singapore 117540

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your loved ones, relatives and friends to hear the Gospel message.

Please register at the reception table.

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)

**An additional night in Hilton
Kuching is at S\$80 per room.*

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.

If you have any questions, please approach Dn Low Boon Siang.

BIBLE WITNESS MAGAZINE

The latest issue on:
"Pertinent Counsels for Christian Youths"
is available at the reception table.

(Feel free to take as many copies as you need to give to others for their spiritual admonition and edification.)

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 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

Wednesday Campus Bible Study
3.00pm-4.30pm @ SUTD

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

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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Elder Alan Choy
Elder Ng Poh Kok
Deacon Daniel Lim
Deacon Lok Kwok Wah
Deacon Kelvin Lim
Deacon Francis Lee
Deacon Low Boon Siang