

# 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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Those who seek God in true worship shall not be devoid of truth. Just as Abraham's servant had testified that God "hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth" (Genesis 24:27), the psalmist has also declared that "his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:5). Furthermore, we who abide in Christ have this promise to be guided by His truth, for "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Let us therefore confess: "O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth" (Isaiah 25:1).

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## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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*Draw nigh unto God*

**Hebrews 10:22**

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### Call to Worship

*Dn Low Boon Siang*

\* Hymn 44: We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

### \* Invocation & Gloria Patri

### \* Responsive Scripture Reading

*2 Timothy 1*

Hymn 326: Like a River Glorious

### Collection of Offerings

### \* Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 187: It Is A Thing Most Wonderful

### Scripture Memorisation

### Intercessory Prayer

*Elder Mah Chin Kwang*

### Sermon

*Pr Andrew Koh*

"Facing Life"

*2 Timothy 1:12*

\* Hymn 87: I Know Whom I have Believed

### \* Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen

*\* Congregation Standing*



**TODAY, 23 APRIL 2017**

**NEXT LORD'S DAY, 30 APRIL 2017**

9.00 – 10.00am		CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
10.30am	CHINESE SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Alan Choy <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Gan Sze Huey <b>Flowers:</b> Tay Soo Thian <b>Refreshments:</b> Rose Chua Ah Moey <b>Ushers:</b> Lawrence Ng & Robert Ooi	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Gan Chin Hwi <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Kelvin Lim <b>Musician:</b> Angeline Wong <b>Flowers:</b> Winnie Yap <b>Refreshments:</b> Jennifer Goh <b>Ushers:</b> John Peh & Jonah So
	ENGLISH SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Dn Low Boon Siang <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Andrew Koh <b>Musicians:</b> Jollyn Low, Sarah Lee <b>Ushers:</b> Andy Lee, James Chen Jonathon Lim, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario <b>Greeter:</b> Mah Lean Choo <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 2 <b>Flowers:</b> Diana Koh <b>Refreshments:</b> Karen Quek, Rachel Teo Mary Ong <b>Junior Worship:</b> Melissa Mah, (Mabel Ng) Sujith Samuel, (Violet Quek) John Peh	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Alan Choy <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim <b>Musicians:</b> Chloe Pawa, Dorcas Koshy <b>Ushers:</b> Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Gerry Lee, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee <b>Greeter:</b> Stephanie Lee <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 3 <b>Flowers:</b> Karen Quek <b>Refreshments:</b> Stella Tan, Karen Quek Lok Qian Hui <b>Junior Worship:</b> Edwin Quek, (Jenice Choy) Mong Jee Pawa, (Corliss Ooi) Jenny Lok
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Norefel Resuma <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim <b>Musician:</b> Dorcas Koshy <b>Usher:</b> Jordan Ballega <b>Refreshments:</b> Jean Tindaan	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Eric Delina <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Kelvin Lim <b>Musician:</b> Dorcas Koshy <b>Usher:</b> Randy Laurencio <b>Refreshments:</b> Janet Carbajosa
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	<b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13 <b>English Speaker:</b> Arvind Pawa <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim	<b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2 <b>English Speaker:</b> Edwin Quek <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Elder Alan Choy

23 April 2017

# ADVICE FOR THOSE ON SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

*Republishing “Things that Wreck Short-Term Missions”  
(Bible Witness, Volume 6, Issue 1)*

*Prabhudas Koshy*

Our self-conceited attitude, unreasonable expectations and hypocrisy can disrupt or even ruin the short-term missions organised by our churches or fellowship groups. To maximise your contribution to the missionary, mission church and the mission team, avoid doing the things mentioned below:

**1. Negligence of personal daily devotion.**

Some have neglected their time of prayer and meditation of God’s Word because they have to pursue a busy schedule. It is totally inadequate just to rely on group devotions and the preaching of the Word during the mission activities.

**2. Unwillingness to do any menial work.**

To make a mission trip successful, everyone in the team has to be always ready to take up any task or challenge. It is totally absurd to refuse to do any menial work, saying that during the missionary trip your only duty is to win souls. It is totally false to think that doing menial works like data-entry, loading trucks, cooking, etc. will distract you from your primary

task of winning souls. Not everyone is called to be preachers. For example, younger Christians in the team, who are not equipped to preach and teach, can contribute by helping in the physical aspects of the ministries.

**3. Picking on the missionaries and their mistakes.**

Do not jump to conclusions quickly when you notice something that appears to be wrong. Be patient and careful not to make unjust and erroneous judgment.

**4. Disagreeing, criticising or murmuring against your team leaders.**

Normally, leaders of mission trips are Christians who are experienced and matured men. They make decisions based on their best knowledge and judgment. It will be far better to prayerfully cooperate with the leaders in whatever way you can than being a dissident in the mission team. If you complain and murmur, it will affect the unity and effectiveness of the team.

**5. Dealing harshly with team members who make a mistake.**

Unkind remarks and discourteous behaviour can lead to much grief and problems during mission trips. Be gracious and affectionate one to another.

**6. Being too suspicious or being too trusting of everyone you meet during the trip.**

It is wrong to think that everyone in poor countries is out to get something from you. Also, it is dangerous to think that everyone who appears to be

friendly is safe to trust. The best is to follow the instructions given by the team leaders and local leaders.

**7. Refusing the local food, which might not have been cooked well to your taste!**

**8. Keeping your distance from team members who could not raise their full support.**

Be kind and generous towards one another.

**9. Getting involved romantically with someone, or getting into a quarrel with your friend.**

Though there is nothing wrong in getting to know someone closer, you must not lose the focus of the nature and purpose of the mission trip. Also, avoid getting into petty quarrels with your friend.

**10. Scolding your home church upon your return from the mission field for their lack of commitment, for their weak prayers, or for their inadequate giving to missions.**

One or two mission trips do not prove that you have become the perfect Christian. Instead, encourage the home church by your example in supporting the missions, since you have witnessed the needs and struggles of missions.



# A WISE CHILD - II

God's desire for all the children who trust in Him is that they will grow as wise children. So, He provides plenty of counsel to help them to be wise in their words and actions. Today, we shall consider a second counsel from the book of Proverbs for growing wisely. It is taken from Proverbs 10:5.

"He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame."

The above proverb teaches children that it is a shameful thing to go to sleep instead of gathering the grain when the harvest time has come. Preferring sleep above hard work during harvest season is very unwise; all the grain produced as a result of hard work in the field will then be wasted. It will also lead to lack of food and poverty.

In fact, the book of Proverbs observes that even ants work hard during the harvest in the summer season to gather food for

the coming rainy season. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest" (Proverbs 6:6-8)! To sleep when it's time to work hard, is to act worse than a tiny creature with a very, very small head. There is nothing wrong about getting some good sleep. We need sleep to regain our mental and physical strength after a day's hard work. However, it is foolish to sleep when it is time to work!

When a child goes to school, he must work hard for the final exams. Imagine how foolish it is for a child to go to school for almost a year and has no desire to prepare for the exams! A child who prefers sleep over study will not make much progress in his education. If he does not prepare for the final exams, he will either fail or not get good results. So children, when it is time to study, do not waste your time by simply sleeping or doing things that are not important.

Likewise, when it is time to seek the Lord through reading God's Word and prayer, you should do just that and not something else. "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near" (Isaiah 55:6).

*Prabhudas Koshy*

## COLLECTIONS

GOOD FRIDAY on 14 April 2017

**Offerings:** 4,707.20

**General Fund:** 2,000.00; 50.00

LORD'S DAY on 16 April 2017

**Tithes:** 920.00

**Offerings:** 6,922.40

**Bldg Fund (Project):** 100.00; A\$100.00

**Missionary Conf Fund 2017:** 300.00

**Designated Gifts:** General Fund 50.00; Bible Witness A\$100.00; Dennis Kablingue 200.00; FEBC (Student's Support) A\$100.00; Ephrem Chiracho 100.00; GBPC (Ethiopia) 150.00

### SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

*(as of 16 April 2017)*

**Building Fund (Project):** \$2,242,582.50

**Missionary Conf Fund 2017:** \$42,445.00

*"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*

## TEMPORARY CHANGE OF WORSHIP PREMISES

**Date:** 18 April - 16 May 2017

**Venue:** Level 5, SingPost Centre  
*(Enter through the middle lift lobby)*

## MISSION TRIPS TO THE PHILIPPINES

Pastor and Sis Carolyn Koshy are visiting Bohol (22-26 April), Bogo with the mission team (27-30 April) and will minister God's Word in the Combined Church Camp of our mission churches in the Philippines (1-4 May). They will return on 5 May.

Pr Dennis Kablingue and his family are visiting Cebu and Davao (20 April-4 May) and ministering to the brethren in those places.

Please pray for God's blessing and safe keeping of the Lord's servants.

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

## GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Book Study of 2 John

**Speaker:** Pastor Koshy

**Chairman:** Bro Christyasto

**Date & Time:** Sat, 6 May, 4.00-6.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Katherin Wu

Blk 27 Balam Road, #07-31

Singapore 370027

## GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Speaker:** Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Bro Gerry Lee

Date & Time: Sat, 13th May 2017 at 4pm

Venue: TGCM premises

202B, Ponggol Seventeenth Avenue

*Take LRT (West Loop) from Punggol MRT station to Punggol Point LRT station.*

There will also be a concurrent children's programme.

## SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session today at

Blk 552 Bedok North Avenue 1,

Singapore 460552

Please meet @ 1.30pm at the foyer.

## FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRY (FCM) CAMP 2017

**Theme:** The Fear of the Lord

**Date:** 22-26 May 2017

**Speakers:** Pr Joshua Yong, Pr Kelvin Lim

**Fees:** \$40 (full-time)

**Sign up link:** [tinyurl.com/fcmcamp17](http://tinyurl.com/fcmcamp17)

For more information, contact Odelia Wong (9093 2636)

## 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 do not delay in submitting your completed registration form and payment to Bro Ernest Lim / Bro Matthew Mah. Last day of submission: 30 April 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.

## 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, SingPost Centre

**Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study**

Resume in June 2017

**Wednesday Campus Bible Study**

3.00pm-4.30pm @ SUTD

**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**

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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Deacon Lok Kwok Wah

Deacon Kelvin Lim

Deacon Francis Lee

Deacon Low Boon Siang