

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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Christian worship is Theocentric and Christocentric. Only through the Lord Jesus Christ can one ever acceptably come before God (John 14:6; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 John 9). Furthermore, if God the Father hath not granted a man to come to His Son, the Lord Jesus, no one can come to Christ (cf. John 6:45, 65). So, both the Father and the Son are engaged in mutual glorification in the hearts of the people of God (cf. John 13:31-32). In fact, the Holy Spirit is also at work in our hearts to glorify Christ (cf. John 16:13-14).

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Draw nigh unto God

James 4:8

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Elder Ng Poh Kok

* Hymn 47: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

* Invocation & Gloria Patri

* **Responsive Scripture Reading** *Matthew 25:14-30*

Hymn 474: We Would See Jesus

Collection of Offerings

* Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 276: Have You Any Room for Jesus?

Scripture Memorisation

Intercessory Prayer

Elder Alan Choy

Sermon

Pr Jeremiah Sim

"The Parable of the Talents"

Matthew 25:14-30

* Hymn 450: To the Work!

* Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 30 APRIL 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 7 MAY 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 Kelvin Lim Musician: Angeline Wong Flowers: Winnie Yap Refreshments: Jennifer Goh Ushers: John Peh & Jonah So	Worship Leader: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Eunice Choy Flowers: Francis Tan Ushers: Cayson Chok & Chan Tuck Whye
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Elder Ng Poh Kok Preacher: Pr Jeremiah Sim Musicians: Chloe Pawa, Dorcas Koshy Ushers: Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Gerry Lee, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Stephanie Lee AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Karen Quek Refreshments: Stella Tan, Corliss Ooi Lok Qian Hui Junior Worship: Edwin Quek, (Jenice Choy) Mong Jee Pawa, (Corliss Ooi) Jenny Lok	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Sarah Lee Ushers: Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Benny Skariah, Stephen Yap Ho Kee How, Linus Kok Greeter: Aileen Tan AV Ministry: Crew No. 4 Flowers: Carolyn Koshy Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Esther Quek Edeliza Ballega, Rhodora Resuma Junior Worship: Melissa Neo, (Stella Tan) Aileen Tan, (Esther Quek) Low Siew Lian
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim Musician: Dorcas Koshy Usher: Randy Laurencio Refreshments: Janet Carbajosa	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Joy Del Rosario
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Elder Alan Choy	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Dialect Speaker: Kenneth Wong

30 April 2017

VISIT TO OUR MISSION CHURCHES

Prabhudas Koshy

Though a detailed report would be submitted to the church by the mission team upon their return, I thought it would be good to write to you a few things that God has enabled us to do thus far. As I write this very brief report, the mission team is already into its second day of ministry here in Bogo. Yesterday (i.e. on Thursday), the team members were divided into different groups to engage in street evangelism and home visitations. Today, while some are conducting a one-day Gospel programme for the children, others are engaging in street evangelism and home visitations.

Before the arrival of the mission team, Preacher Dennis and family have visited Davao City and ministered the Word to his contacts. Over the last weekend, he preached to about 50 people who had gathered on the excellencies of Christ from Hebrews 1:1-4. We thank God that Pr Dennis was able to conduct a three-day preaching visit to Davao. Let us pray that the Lord will be pleased to bless this effort with lasting results to all eternity.

By God's grace, my wife and I were enabled to visit Bohol island. Our main ministry was to our mission



The mission team and children in Bogo

church in Tagbilaran City. Preacher Edsel Locot has been ministering in this place for about 11 years. We are very grateful that the Lord has kept His servant (Pr Edsel) strong and determined in the work of the Gospel, though the church has often been shaken by the departure of many who had earlier joined the church. The world exerts tremendous pressure through temptations and trials upon those who come to the church. Certain vices – gambling, drugs, fornication and adultery - are very rampant among

the people of this island, and they are often the cause/s of the falling away of many.

I have gone to the city's prison to visit a man who has been arrested for drugs and is repentant. He has been regularly visited and ministered to by Pr Edsel. This man had been a member of the church, but was lured into drugs again. Even though the preacher had repeatedly warned him, he denied his sins and secretly pursued them. It was a very high-risk "thrill" that he was pursuing, especially as the Philippines' president, Rodrigo Duterte, has declared war against the drug-dealers and abusers! This man was dancing with death. He could have been easily shot dead by the anti-drug officers. He barely escaped being shot, and was arrested and placed in jail. The condition of the prison is extremely miserable. Pr Edsel was able to obtain a special permit for me to visit the prison with him. We exhorted the man to bear fruit of repentance while he is in the prison, by living out a life of good Christian testimony. I was glad to know that he is committed to live a renewed life as a Christian.

The small congregation of our church in Bohol has about 20 worshippers (including children). Most of them are economically poor. However, they rejoice in the Lord and His Word. I preached to them last Lord's Day, as well as on Monday and Tuesday nights, based on 1 Peter 4. One young lady of the church also brought her colleague, who was a Catholic, to hear

God's Word. She came for two nights and testified of her interest to know more of Christ and the Bible. She expressed her desire to come back and attend the church activities. Let us pray that the Lord will soon open her heart to receive the Lord Jesus as her Saviour.

On Wednesday, Carolyn and I left Bohol (by ferry) for Cebu, where we were received by Rev Reggor Galarpe and family. We attended the Cebu congregation's Bible Study and prayer meeting that night. I preached during this meeting from Deuteronomy 33:29 on the topic, "Happy art the people of God". The meeting was attended by 40 over church members. We praise God for the opportunities to fellowship with many of the leaders and members of the Cebu congregation. Their steadfastness and zeal in the Lord are truly commendable – truly, let us praise the Lord for their continued walk with the Lord!



The mission team gathered to pray

Our Debt of Love

“Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law” (Romans 13:8).

As Paul begins to exhort the brethren concerning the debt of love that Christians owe one another, he said, “Owe no man any thing”. So can we borrow money? The Bible allows lending and borrowing in times of real need (Deuteronomy 15:7-8; Psalm 37:26; Exodus 22:25). But it discourages us from being in debt, for a man’s debt would make him subservient to the lender (cf. Deuteronomy 15:6; 28:12, 44; Proverbs 22:7). The Bible also warns against taking responsibility for the debts of others (cf. Proverbs 6:1-5; 22:26-27). It is a sin to borrow and not repay (cf. Psalm 37:21). God does not want us to be under obligation to any because of unsettled debts.

Nevertheless, we must deem loving one another as our permanent debt and duty to others. This is not the first time Paul talked about love in his epistle to the Romans. In Romans 12:9-10, he described love as thus – “Let love be without dissimulation... Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love”. So, we must recognise our debt of love.

We are spiritually obliged to love everyone as our verse says, “love one another”. Love must be extended, without discrimination, to all and sundry in the church and everywhere. Love is a debt which

can never be settled. Even though we have been daily showing kindness to others, yet our debt of love can never be fully paid as long as there is an opportunity to do good.

How much do we owe others? As much as we love ourselves (cf. Romans 13:9b; Matthew 19:19; 7:12; Ephesians 5:28-29), and as much as God has loved us (cf. John 13:34-35; 15:12-13). Remember how God loved us when we were His enemies (cf. Romans 5:8)? That is how we ought to love others.

Paul also told us the reason for the debt of love – “for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law”. Some think that the law and love are contrary to one another. Actually, they are in harmony with each other. Only by loving others can one be fully obedient to God’s moral laws. Galatians 5:14 says, “For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.” James identifies loving others as the royal law – “If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well” (James 2:8). Love helps us to fulfil God’s law. True love helps us to uphold the righteous laws of God.

A WISE CHILD - III

To understand how God wants us to live as a wise child, we shall continue to look into the book of Proverbs. Today's thought comes from Proverbs 28:7.

“Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.”

A wise child is obedient to “the law”. The word “law” refers to God’s Word in general.

It refers to God’s commandments that we are to obey. They are not to be ignored at any time, but always to be obeyed. There is no wisdom in disobeying God’s Word. To disobey God’s Word is to have the displeasure and anger of God in our lives. No wise child would want to face God’s wrath, for that means sure destruction!

A wise child will acknowledge that there is no

better advice than God’s advice. There is no better wisdom than what God has revealed for His children in His Word. A wise child will then read the Bible carefully so that he may obey it. He listens attentively to the preaching and teaching of God’s Word in order to understand God’s wisdom and obey it. Not to know God’s Word can lead to ignorantly disobeying God’s Word. That is very unwise. So, be eager to learn God’s Word to obey it. This is the sure way to become a wise child.

As a wise child, make sure that you will never be in the company of disobedient children. Befriending disobedient children will put you under pressure to disobey God together with them. So to be a wise child, stay away from unruly and disobedient kids.

Rather, by all means, be obedient to God’s Word, which will make you a wise child indeed.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 23 April 2017

Tithes: 4,663.50

Offerings: 11,610.55

Bldg Fund (Project): 530.00

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: 500.00;
130.00

Designated Gifts: TGCM (local) 880.00;
Andrew Koh 100.00; Jenny Lok 200.00;
Reggor Galarpe 50.00; Richard Tiu 50.00;
Eliezer Ortega 50.00; Edsel Locot 50.00;
Donald dela Cruz 50.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Bldg Fund (Project): 100.00; 225.00

Bible Witness: 600.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 23 April 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,243,437.50

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: \$43,075.00

*"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)

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

FEB 42ND GRADUATION

Date & Time: 7 May 2017, 6.00pm

Venue: Calvary Pandan B-P Church
201 Pandan Gardens, Singapore 609337

PASTORAL VISITATION CHOA CHU KANG/BUKIT BATOK REGION

Date & Time: Fri, 12 May 2017, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Sarah Cheng
Blk 125 Pending Road, #04-36
Singapore 670125

GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Bro Gerry Lee

Date & Time: Sat, 13 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.

GETHSEMANE SENIORS' MINISTRY 12TH THANKSGIVING ANNIVERSARY AND GOSPEL OUTREACH

Speaker: Pastor Koshy &
Rev Wee Eng Moh

Date: Wed, 17 May 2017

Time: 9.00am-4.30pm

Venue: Aloha Changi

Please invite your non-believing loved ones,
relatives and friends to this meeting.

*For catering and planning purposes, please
register early with Sis Gina.*

BIBLE WITNESS MAGAZINE

The latest issue on:
"Charismatism's Errors Refuted!"
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.)*

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

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. TODAY is the last day of submission.

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)

1.30pm – 3.00pm

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
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Deacon Francis Lee

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