

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 arises from grateful hearts, for it is the expression of heartfelt gratefulness towards God. Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

God welcomes only grateful hearts into His courts for worship. Ungrateful hearts have no right to be in His presence. So let us remember all His benefits as we draw nigh unto God to worship Him (cf. Psalm 103:1-2).

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Dressing

1 Timothy 2:9-10

In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Dn Francis Lee

* Hymn 29: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

Isaiah 1:1-18

Hymn 47: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Collection of Offerings

Special Item

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 369: Near to the Heart of God

Scripture Memorisation

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"God's Word vs Human Traditions"

Matthew 15:1-9

* Hymn 375: Speak, Lord, in the Stillness

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 21 MAY 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 28 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 Daniel Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Gan Sheu Hoong Ushers: John Peh & Robert Ooi	Worship Leader: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Roscelle Lim Refreshments: Magdalene Lim Ushers: Jonah So & Cayson Chok		
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Dn Francis Lee Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jollyn Low, Sarah Lee Ushers: Ng Kwan Teng, Theodore Wang Benny Skariah, Cayson Chok Timotheus Liu, Chan Tuck Whye Greeter: Winnie Yap AV Ministry: Crew No. 2 Flowers: Jessie Ng Refreshments: Violet Quek, Lena Chan Lim Hua See, Chong Shu Mun Junior Worship: Lee Kim Lei, (Stella Tan) Pr Jeremiah Sim, (Cornelius Koshy) Dn Lok Kwok Wah	Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Dorcas Koshy, Jasmine Low Ushers: Andy Lee, James Chen Jonathon Lim, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario Lee Kim Lei Greeter: Lee Kim Lei AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Angela Ang Refreshments: Karen Quek, Rachel Teo Lok Qian Hui, Mary Ong Junior Worship: Kamala, (Lok Qian Hui) Angelina Wong, (Chloe Pawa) Samuel Yong		
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Chloe Pawa Usher: Jomart Tindaan Refreshments: Cecile Batrina	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Jordan Ballega Refreshments: Erly Calaro		
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim Dialect Speaker: Elder Alan Choy	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Pr Kelvin Lim		

21 May 2017

REBUKE BY PREACHERS IS THE BEST REMEDY FOR CARNALITY WITHIN THE CHURCH

Prabhudas Koshy

Scripture clearly teaches us that the remedy for the onslaught of carnality is preaching that confronts sin with burning words and bold rebuke. Consider the preaching of the prophet Isaiah. In the very first chapter itself, Isaiah delivered a startling rebuke of sin. Isaiah denounced the Israelites' sacrifices as hypocritical! He boldly declared that God despised their oblations, the incense, their holy days and feasts. Then in no uncertain terms, he told them that God would not hear their prayers because their hands were full of blood. Again in that chapter, he denounced them for oppression of the poor, for their rebellion against God, and for their spiritual harlotry. He was unflinching when he remarked that not only did their princes run around with thieves, with everyone looking for bribes, but also that the leaders did not give

honest protection to widows and orphans. And that is only one example out of many with regard to the preaching of Isaiah. He preached gallantly against sins!

Consider Nathan, the prophet who rebuked David. He is a fine example of a God-honouring preacher who preaches curtly against sin. Even King David's royal pomp was no hindrance to his preaching against sin. So Nathan boldly preached a sermon, using a parable to show the wickedness of David's sin. Then when the anger of David was aroused against the hypothetical rich man who had taken his neighbour's little ewe lamb, Nathan with crushing and powerful effect pointed his finger in the face of King David and said, "Thou art the man" (2 Samuel 12:7). Nathan showed David his horrible sin of murdering Uriah in order to take his wife,

Bathsheba. Nathan did not fear the royalty of David. Therefore, he stood up for God and openly denounced David's sin.

Consider John the Baptist. He sharply rebuked sin. He did not try to be tactful and mild in his rebuke. He firmly said to the Jews, "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance" (Matthew 3:7, 8). He made no exception for the Jewish leaders either. He told them they would be hewn down like fruitless trees to be cast into the fire of hell! He was just as bold when he confronted Herod the king, and told him plainly that he had no right to take his brother's wife (Matthew 14:3, 4).

Consider the preaching of Stephen. Acts 7 tells the story of his rebuke of the sins of the Jews. He loudly declared to them, "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers

persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it" (7:51–53).

Though many more of God's servants can be mentioned, let us for our consideration look at just one more preacher, the apostle Paul. On his first missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas came to Paphos. When Elymas the sorcerer withstood them and tried to keep Sergius Paulus, the deputy ruler of the country, from being saved, Paul faced him, and being filled with the Holy Ghost, said, "O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?" (Acts 13:10).

Preachers who refuse to preach against sin – for fear of being negative – certainly do not follow the pattern of these great men of God. However, those who do preach against sin run the unwanted risk

of hurting the feelings of their carnal hearers and making some of them angry, as well as causing frustrations in the crowd. But they are faithful to God and to the Bible.

As much as preachers are called to preach about God's love, they are also called to preach against sin. The Lord Jesus loved men, and loved sinners enough to die for them, but how He hated sin! Remember how He made a whip to drive the traders from the temple, overturned the tables of the moneychangers, and scattered the money on the stone floor! Preaching ought to be like that sometimes. With holy boldness, preachers ought to hate sin and expose it.

Jesus preached against sin! He preached against covetousness; He preached against unbelief; He preached against adultery or even looking on a woman to lust after her. He preached against holding grudges and said that if men do not forgive, neither would the Father in Heaven forgive them. He said to

the Pharisees and scribes, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do" (John 8:44). Men hated Jesus because He preached against sin. May God forgive us preachers, who do not preach like Jesus, because we fear the anger of men.

Today, we need preachers who refuse to be influenced by the sophistry of the popular preachers who refrain from preaching against sin. Truly, preachers ought not to be cowards. They must be courageous to rebuke from the pulpit, as well as privately, if need be. The preacher who never has a word to say against immodest apparel, drunkenness, adultery, lewdness, covetousness or blasphemy is a dumb dog who cannot bark! He is a Balaam preaching for profit. He has fallen into the snare of the fear of man. We need unequivocal preaching against sin – against particular sins. May God give us many youthful, vibrant and fearless preachers everywhere who will speak for God against the carnality that invades churches of our time! ■

A WISE CHILD - VI

Proverbs 13:1 – “A wise son heareth his father’s instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.”

God’s programme for a child to grow wisely requires that he pays attention to his godly parents’ advice. Home is the place where God grooms wise children. God uses parents to impart godly wisdom to children.

Godly parents correct and teach their children because of their love for the children. Their instruction is a gift of love. When they teach their children, they always have the best interest of their children in mind. Moreover, greater experience in life enables parents to give wise analysis and counsels to their children. They can better detect errors than the child, and can therefore warn him against dangers. Their experience in life

enables them to provide wiser advice than the child himself or his young friends.

Parents’ rebuke and insistence, together with their warning, chastisement, encouragement and exhortation are all part of God’s plan of action for the child to grow up as a wise person. A child who hears his godly parents and follows their advice will certainly make wholesome improvement. Such a child will also have God’s blessings because of his humble obedience to His Word.



So, may every child give attention to parental instruction. Be teachable, always listening carefully to parent’s teachings and obeying them quickly. Don’t ever be a “scorner” who laughs off good warnings and rebukes given by godly parents!

Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 14 May 2017

Tithes: 4,665.00

Offerings: 7,222.10

Bldg Fund (Project): 1,000.00

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: 480.00

Designated Gifts: TGCM (local) 300.00;

207.00; GBPC (San Antonio) 1,000.00; GBPC

(Ethiopia) 150.00; 100.00; Rev Ephrem 50.00;

Kelvin Lim 100.00; Eric Delina 50.00; Ho Kee

How/Annie Ho 500.00; Sujith Samuel 500.00;

500.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Bldg Fund (Project): 500.00; 200.00

Bible Witness: 750.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 14 May 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,250,331.50

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: \$47,045.00

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

*"Every man according as
he purposeth in his heart, so let him give;
not grudgingly, or of necessity:
for God loveth a cheerful giver."*

2 Corinthians 9:7

PASTORAL VISITATION

PUNGGOL/SENGKANG

Date & Time: Fri, 26 May 2017, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Marcus Lim

Blk 677D Punggol Drive

#08-752 Waterway Brooks

Singapore 824677

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)

GETHSEMANE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Those who are keen to serve the Lord
in GCM activities (effective July 2017),
please see Dn Kelvin Lim after the worship
service or call him (8268 2828).

GETHSEMANE YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Trials in Faithful Motherhood (IV)
(Relationship issues in the family,
e.g. in-laws, siblings and husbands)

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Fidelia Mah

Date & Time: Fri, 26 May

2017, 4.00-6.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Rhodora Resuma

298D Compassvale Street, #13-46

Singapore 544298

*Please email any questions related to the
above topic to [gethsemaneyoungmothers@
gmail.com](mailto:gethsemaneyoungmothers@gmail.com) before the meeting.*

GETHSEMANE ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of Colossians

Date & Time: Sat, 27 May at 4.00 pm

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Eld Ng Poh Kok

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs William Teo

Blk 835 Woodlands St 83, #12-113

Singapore 730835

(Buffet dinner provided by host)

*Transport from Woodlands MRT station
at 3.40 pm.*

A concurrent separate programme will be
catered for children aged 4-12

(4.00-5.30pm).

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

Participants, please collect your T-shirt from Bro Benny Skariah or Bro Ng Kwan Teng **TODAY**. Do sign on the list upon collection. For collection on behalf of non-Gethsemaneans, please indicate your name and sign. For those who signed up after March 26 or didn't attend the shirt sizings, you have to check availability with Bro Benny or Bro Kwan Teng.

BRIEFING

Next Sunday (28th May) immediately after the worship service. All participants are strongly encouraged to attend.

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

13TH BIBLE WITNESS RETREAT

(held in conjunction with Gethsemane Ladies' Fellowship Seminar)

Theme: "An Empowered Woman of God"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Date: 6th – 8th September 2017 (Wed–Fri)

The upcoming Bible Witness Retreat will be jointly held with Gethsemane Ladies' Fellowship. Besides being a Bible Study retreat for all, it is also planned to be a family retreat,* with a special focus on equipping Christian women to be spiritually mature and fruit-bearing so that they may effectively contribute to their families, the church and society.

* *The married sisters are encouraged to come with their husbands and children. There will be special programmes for the children (4-9 years of age).*

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.



Bible Witness Magazine



Bible Witness Web Radio



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