

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## A WORD ON WORSHIP

God demands that His worshippers separate themselves from all worldliness and devote themselves to know and to do all that are pleasing to Him. Scripture says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2). True worshippers live to do His will and glorify Him.

## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

*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.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **Call to Worship**

*Dn Low Boon Siang*

\* Hymn 24: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

### **\* Invocation & Gloria Patri**

\* **Responsive Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

### **Gethsemane Children's Choir**

Hymn 440: Lead on, O King Eternal

### **Collection of Offerings**

*Special Item*

### **\* Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 376: O to Be Like Thee!

### **Scripture Memorisation**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Sermon**

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

"True Defilement"

*Matthew 15:10-20*

\* Hymn 409: Take Time to Be Holy

### **\* Benediction & Threefold Amen**

*\* Congregation Standing*



## TODAY, 28 MAY 2017

## NEXT LORD'S DAY, 4 JUNE 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> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Gan Sze Huey <b>Flowers:</b> Roscelle Lim <b>Refreshments:</b> Magdalene Lim <b>Ushers:</b> Jonah So & Cayson Chok	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Alan Choy <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Eunice Choy <b>Flowers:</b> Winnie Yap <b>Ushers:</b> Chan Tuck Whye & Francis Tan		
	ENGLISH SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Dn Low Boon Siang <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Musicians:</b> Dorcas Koshy, Jasmine Low <b>Ushers:</b> Andy Lee, James Chen Jonathon Lim, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario <b>Greeter:</b> Lee Kim Lei <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 3 <b>Flowers:</b> Angela Ang <b>Refreshments:</b> Karen Quek, Rachel Teo Lok Qian Hui, Mary Ong <b>Junior Worship:</b> Kamala, (Lok Qian Hui) Angeline Wong, (Chloe Pawa) Samuel Yong	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Musicians:</b> Ellyzabeth, Jasmine Low <b>Ushers:</b> Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Gerry Lee, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Mong Jee Pawa <b>Greeter:</b> Crew No. 4 <b>Flowers:</b> Mah Lean Choo <b>Refreshments:</b> Stella Tan, Karen Quek Corliss Ooi, Valerie Leow <b>Junior Worship:</b> Diana Chan, (Eunice Choy) Neo Kian Seng, (Violet Quek) Stephanie Lee		
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Norefel Resuma <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kabingue <b>Musician:</b> Ayn Tindaan <b>Usher:</b> Jordan Ballega <b>Refreshments:</b> Eryl Calaro	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Eric Delina <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kabingue <b>Musician:</b> Duaine Kabingue <b>Usher:</b> Randy Laurencio <b>Refreshments:</b> Tomei Tan		
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	<b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13 <b>English Speaker:</b> Edwin Quek <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Kelvin Lim	<b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2 <b>English Speaker:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Kenneth Wong		

28 May 2017

# SENIORS' MINISTRY 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TESTIMONIES

*Jeremiah Sim Joo Lian*

All honour and glory be unto God for sustaining the existence and work of the Gethsemane Seniors' Ministry all these years. God's compassionate love and care have been lavished upon the Seniors' Ministry throughout the past 12 years.

Indeed, when the Seniors gathered together to commemorate the 12th Thanksgiving Service held at Aloha Changi Chalet on 17 May 2017, joy overflowed from the hearts of many who have been looking forward to witness the goodness of the Lord through that meeting.

On that joyful morning, we arrived at the chalet at 9.30am amidst much laughter and excitement. Not surprisingly, the splendid view afforded by the chalet, which was located along the coastline, added to the pleasant mood of anticipation.

Having settled down, our morning devotion began at 9.40am with the praising and worshipping of God. We then had the privilege of listening to Rev Wee Eng Moh, who exhorted us on "The Gravity of Life on Earth" from Psalm 90, which teaches

us to number our days. This was followed by the sharing of testimonies by three seniors, namely Sis Magdalene Lim, Sis Tay Soo Thian and Mdm Ang Tua Moi. (You can read their testimonies which are also published in today's bulletin.) Mdm Ang also presented a song after her testimony. After which, we proceeded for some light refreshments, coupled with a time of Gospel-sharing with our invited non-believing friends and loved ones.

After our refreshments and Gospel-sharing session, the seniors settled back in preparation for the second devotion. Elder Mah led us in the lusty singing of spiritual songs before the preaching of God's Word by our beloved Pastor Koshy from Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, whereby we were exhorted that we must fear God and keep His commandments.

After a sumptuous lunch, the seniors had a "friendly" competition in games, where they were divided into four groups and had 2 long hours of challenging activity. Truly, thank God for His sufficient grace that granted the elderly folks the

strength and the privilege to enjoy such experiences without any harm and injuries! As Elder Mah and Preacher Daniel Lim gave out the prizes, there was loud applause from all the seniors, as everyone had enjoyed the activities.

We praise God that in this ministry, many have been nurtured and encouraged by the Word of God. For that reason, they are grateful and thankful and have been contributing by serving Him with zeal and enthusiasm in various aspects of service. In particular, we also see God's provision being displayed when many of the elderly gave cheerfully with their contribution of money and food to this event.

Indeed, God's grace and mercy have been showered upon the Seniors' Ministry through this Thanksgiving Service. Mention must also be made of the brethren from the Gethsemane Care Ministry, who have been a great help to assist the uncles and aunties in the chalet. Thank God for such brethren who labour in the Lord to serve others.

And may this anniversary service impress upon our seniors to remember their Creator to worship Him and be steadfastly devoted to Him while they

still have breath. As the psalmist exhorts, "All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah ... O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard: which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved" (Psalm 66:4, 8-9).



### **MDM MAGDALENE LIM**

Thank God for enabling me to attend the Gethsemane Seniors' Fellowship 12th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and I want to testify of God's loving kindness and tender mercies as follows:

1. Thank God for a successful operation in removing my breast cancer.
2. Thank God for the prayers, encouragement and help of brethren in the church.
3. Thank God for giving me joy and peace.

When I discovered a lump in my right breast in March, God is the first person I confided in. I prayed, "Lord, You know what I am going through. I won't be afraid, I would be brave with joy."

When the report showed that the lump was malignant, my first thought was: "Let my family members quickly receive the Lord as their personal

Lord and Saviour.” My second request to God was: “May the money I receive from my insurance be channelled to the church building fund.”

Truly, when a person is sick or encounters a crisis in life, he or she becomes closer to God. I know I am not the only person who is suffering. I believe every person at some point of his or her life will face some sort of tragedy. Whether it be family issue, sickness, financial need, or whatever affliction, if we listen to His words (knowing God is with us) and are willing to do His will, there will be joy and peace.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this world is not our home. Turn your eyes upon Jesus, then there is joy in everything. All glory be to God!

### **MRS POON (TAY SOO THIAN)**

My heart is filled with thanksgiving to God, having been with Gethsemane Church for the past 12 years. In 2004, my daughter was baptised and this was the first time I came to know of this church. During the first year, whenever I heard the gospel message being preached (John 3:16-18), my heart was warmed and moved. I realised my life purpose is to know the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal

Lord and Saviour. Upon receiving Christ, my heart was filled with joy.

I myself was baptised in 2005. However, in my daily life, I often encountered many struggles and temptations. I sometimes found myself going back to my old ways of living and falling to my weaknesses. I often prayed to God for help, and He delivered me. Each day I would pray to the Lord and He gave me strength to overcome my troubles and weaknesses.

In 2010 when I went for my usual medical check-up, I was told that there were cancer cells in my body. However, I felt no fear because I have already believed in the Lord and He has saved me. While undergoing several treatments, such as chemotherapy and radiotherapy, I would pray for grace to go through and the Lord helped me each time I turned to Him. During the time of treatment, God’s Word was my best medicine, which enabled me to even comfort my family members because of their worry for me.

Jesus is my life’s best gift. I thank God for choosing me, a lost sheep, and for giving me hope of eternal life. With thanksgiving to God, I resolved, whether in good or bad times, that I will live and

trust God, and not murmur. Truly, in God there is peace and renewing life. All thanks and glory be to God.

### **MDM ANG TUA MOI**

It is by the Lord's grace that I was able to attend the Seniors' Fellowship 12th Anniversary after being "home-bound" for more than 4 months.

It all began with my 80th birthday thanksgiving celebration this year on the 15 of January. This was the Lord's answer to my prayer to have a gospel outreach to all my unbelieving friends and relatives through this celebration.

However, I never expected that 3 days after this occasion, I was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer, which had spread to my liver and lung! Despite such sudden news, the Lord filled my heart with peace and even joy. I am contented that the Lord has blessed me with many years of good health, allowing me to live to such an old age. I am ready to go home to be with the Lord to enjoy the bliss of heaven forever. Hence, I thought I would just wait on the Lord for my homegoing without further treatment.

However, the oncologist encouraged me to receive chemotherapy after checking that my cancer cells were very responsive to chemotherapy and my body was very fit to receive such treatment, which would help to remove the tumours in my liver and lung. I prayed to the Lord to grant me His grace and strength to undergo the treatment if it is His will, and to heal me if He wants me to serve Him and testify for Him. However, I also prayed for the Lord's will to be done and to grant me an easy homegoing if it pleases Him to take me home.

The 4 months of chemotherapy were very difficult for me, having to cope with many side effects and great discomfort of my body. When I went through the 9th chemotherapy session, it was so unbearable that I was close to giving up. I thank the Lord for sustaining me with His grace through the prayers of pastors, elders and many brethren, as well as encouragement from His precious Word, hymns and spiritual songs. I experience the love of Christ through all these, despite much bodily suffering.

I was scheduled to undergo 18 sessions of chemotherapy. However, after completing 12 sessions, a PET-scan was done to determine the

result of the treatment thus far. To my delight, the scan result showed that all the tumours and lumps have amazingly disappeared! I am very thankful that He has granted me healing.

Indeed, life is fragile, transient and full of uncertainty but with Christ as my Saviour, I am assured of the certainty of my salvation and the blessed hope of eternal life. I thank God not only for healing me, but most important of all, for saving me so that I am spared from the damnation and suffering of eternal hell. John 3:16 says: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,

that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Psalm 23, my favourite psalm, has always comforted me and kept me through the darkest moments in my life. Truly, it is blessed to have Jesus Christ as my Shepherd and I am not a lost sheep anymore. Now, if anyone has not received Christ as your Saviour, I urge you to do so without further delay, so that you will receive the salvation grace of Jesus Christ like me and be blessed with the hope of eternal life. ■



# A WISE CHILD - VII

**W**e read in Proverbs 13:20, "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

A wise child will be careful about whom he will choose as his friends. Wise friends will make you wise, while foolish friends will bring destruction. In Proverbs, wise men are the godly people and fools are the ungodly. So, the above verse is exhorting us to develop friendships with the godly people, and to avoid any close relationship with the ungodly.

Those who would like to be good and wise must keep good company. Let him who wants to be wise walk with those who are wise, because close interaction with such will help us to think and behave wisely.

Proverbs also clearly speaks to us that godly people should view friendships with the ungodly as detestable or

unpleasant. Proverbs 29:27 says, "An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked."

Genuine believers will not feel happy or at peace if they have to engage in sinful activities of the ungodly. True children of God are happy only when they are active in things that are pleasing to their Father in heaven. So, keeping a close friendship with an ungodly person is a dangerous affair!

Even in the church, we must be careful and selective about making friendships. Sadly, in the church, there too can be those who live in sin, who engage in unwholesome conversations, who dress up and behave like the world, and who participate in worldly entertainments. If we are wise, we must avoid joining them and learning their ways.



*Prabhudas Koshy*



## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 21 May 2017

**Tithes:** 4,570.00

**Offerings:** 8,355.45

**Bldg Fund (Project):** 2,030.00

**Missionary Conf Fund 2017:** 718.00

**Designated Gifts:** General Fund 700.00;

TGCM (local) A\$135.00; A\$100.00; GBI

(Ethiopia) 150.00; Rev Ephrem 500.00; Ho

Kee How 600.00; Sujith Samuel 250.00

### SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

*(as of 21 May 2017)*

**Building Fund (Project):** \$2,252,361.50

**Missionary Conf Fund 2017:** \$47,763.00

**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*

## SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session today at

Blk 517 Bedok North Avenue 2,  
Singapore 460517

Please meet @ 1.30pm at the foyer.

## GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Book Study of 2 John

**Speaker:** Pastor Koshy

**Chairman:** Bro Gideon Lee

**Date & Time:** Sat, 3 Jun, 4.00-6.00pm

**Venue:** Home of Mr & Mrs Gan Chin Hwi

Blk 609 Elias Road, #07-174  
Singapore 510609

## HOSTING OF GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

GYF is requesting church members to open their homes for the hosting of any of its meetings from July to December. Do sign up at the reception table if the Lord moves your heart to do so.

## GETHSEMANE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

## 14TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING OF CHINESE MINISTRY (COMBINED SERVICE)

In commemoration of the 14th anniversary of Gethsemane Chinese Service, the above will be held on **the Lord's Day, 18 June 2017 at 10.30am**

## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES/ROSTERS (JUL-DEC 2017)

Leaders of all fellowship groups, please submit your programme/roster for July-December 2017 to the church office latest by 18 June to Sis Diana @ dianamuikeng@gmail.com for consolidation and Sunday's bulletin announcement purposes.

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

## 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

### BRIEFING

There will be a briefing immediately after today's 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)

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 Francis Lee

Deacon Low Boon Siang