

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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Death

Psalm 116:15

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Elder Alan Choy

*Hymn 1: O Worship the King

* **Invocation & Gloria Patri**

* **Responsive Scripture Reading** *1 Corinthians 5:7-13*

Hymn 117: In Tenderness He Sought Me

Collection of Offerings

* **Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 265: Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Scripture Memorisation

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Danger of Pretentious Piety"

Matthew 16:5-12

Holy Communion

Hymn 199: The Old Rugged Cross

Hymn 559: Near the Cross

* **Benediction & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 9 JULY 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 16 JULY 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: Winnie Yap Ushers: Robert Ooi & Lawrence Ng	Worship Leader: Eld Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Angeline Wong Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Maggie Ho Ushers: Chan Tuck Whye & Lawrence Ng		
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eld Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jasmine Low, Chloe Pawa Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Gerry Lee, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Stephanie Lee AV Ministry: Crew No. 1 Flowers: Diana Koh Refreshments: Karen Quek, Amanda Leong Mary Ong, Esther Quek Junior Worship: Pr Dennis Kablingue, (Sally Lum) Pr Kelvin Lim, (Esther Quek) Elder Ng Poh Kok	Worship Leader: Dn Kelvin Lim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Sarah Lee, Ellyzabeth Bernard Lim (i/c) Ushers: Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Ho Kee How, Julius Del Rosario Aileen Tan Greeter: Aileen Tan AV Ministry: Crew No. 2 Flowers: Stephanie Lee Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Chong Shu Mun Jolyn Cho, Lim Hua See Junior Worship: Edwin Quek, (Lok Qian Hui) Angeline Wong, (Jasmine Tan) Elder Alan Choy		
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Chloe Pawa Usher: Jomart Tindaan Refreshments: Jean Tindaan	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Randy Laurencio Refreshments: Cecile Batrina		
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Pr Kelvin Lim Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Kenneth Wong		

9 July 2017

OUR BLESSED HOPE

IN VIEW OF THE GBI COURSE ON ESCHATOLOGY

Prabhudas Koshy

Christians live on earth with an anticipation of a “blessed hope”, which is spoken in Titus 2:13 – “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ”.

The Christian’s hope of Christ’s return is called “blessed”. The word “blessed” denotes all the blessings of His divine presence (cf. 1 Timothy 1:11; 6:15). What a blessing it is to have such a hope! Eternal blessings await Christians at His coming. When He comes, we shall be eternally delivered from all the temptations and trials of this world, and shall enter into eternal sinless perfection, joy, bliss, rewards and glory. We live every day with that sure hope. So, we long for His return. Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 4:8, “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not

to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

There has been some debate as to whether “that blessed hope” and “the glorious appearing” of Christ are two different events, namely Rapture (cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:6-17) and His return to this earth at the end of the seven-year Tribulation (cf. Revelation 19:11-21). But there is little in this verse’s context to suggest that Paul was distinguishing those future events in connection with Christ’s return. Paul was simply saying that we are looking for the blessed hope, which is the appearing of the Lord. Although we understand those events of Rapture and His subsequent glorious return to rule the world for a thousand years (cf. Revelation 20:1-10; Isaiah 2:1-4; 11; Ezekiel 37; Daniel 2:44-45; 7:13-14; Zechariah 14) as distinct, Paul is here referring to the return of Christ as a whole, and

not its various stages. The blessed hope is a fixed historical reality which we long for.

The prayer of the apostle John at the end of the book of Revelation should characterise every Christian's hope: "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20). Biblical Christian faith teaches us that "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:12-13).

Do you eagerly long for Christ's return? Many Christians, who are caught up in enjoying the good things of this life, neglect their preparation for Christ's return. On the other hand, many other Christians, who are experiencing suffering or persecution, or who are more elderly and infirm, exhibit great enthusiasm and intense longing for His return. It is then necessary that Christians

take great caution to avoid being entangled in the worldly affairs and failing to be ready for Christ's return. To "be ready" for Christ's return (Matthew 24:44), we ought to be faithfully obeying Him in the present, actively engaged in whatever work He has called us to. We must lead our lives carefully so as to hear Jesus saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matthew 25:21).

Do you know what the Scriptures say about the events of the future, especially things associated with Jesus' return? The study of future events is often called "eschatology", from the Greek word "eschatos" (ἔσχατος), which means "last". The study of eschatology, then, is the study of "the last things".

Christians are given a special privilege to know the major events that are yet to come. About the events which the Bible prophesies, we can have

absolute confidence because God is never wrong and He never lies. We must know, for it is our “blessed hope”. Unlike the unbelievers, we don’t have to wonder how things will turn out. Although we cannot know everything about the future, God knows everything – and He has revealed the chief things that we need to know about the future in the Scriptures.

The course on Eschatology will be covering the following topics and more:

- The Rapture
- The Tribulation
- The Millennial Reign of Christ
- The Resurrections
- The Eschatological Judgments
- The Eternal State: Heaven and Hell

Only very few seats available. Please hurry to sign up!

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God's Comfort for You

2 Corinthians 1:3,4

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

Comfort is promised by God to all His troubled children. Our God is "the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort". He is always merciful and ready to comfort the troubled.

Therefore, God's children should not be afraid when troubles come into their lives. There is no trouble in which God cannot minister His comfort. Whether it is sickness, failure, poverty or persecution, our God will always be with us to grant us His comfort. He will never leave us alone to suffer.

We can even say that troubles in life are like a school, where we are taught more deeply of God's comfort. We will not only experience God's comfort, but we will also learn from God how to comfort others who might suffer similar fate in their lives. God trains His children, through their tribulations, to comfort others who are in trouble.

In all our troubles, let us quietly believe that our God is making us stronger and more profitable children. In our troubles, let us seek the comfort that God offers to us. May God make us wise in ministering to those in trouble.

Prabhudas Koshy



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COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 2 July 2017

Tithes: 5,020.00

Offerings: 10,381.30; A\$10.00

Bldg Fund (Project): 1,900.00; 650.00;
500.00; 100.00; [50.00 (Filipino Svc)]

Designated Gifts: Bible Witness 3,000.00;
100.00; Ethiopia Mission 100.00; 100.00;
Pangasinan Mission 100.00; Ephrem
Chiracho 50.00; Andrew Koh 100.00; Kelvin
Lim 100.00; Jeremiah Sim 100.00; 100.00;
Kenneth Wong 100.00; Eric Delina 50.00;
Annie Ho 50.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 2 July 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,264,382.70

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

*"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

PASTORAL VISITATION SERANGOON/TOA PAYOH/ BISHAN/ANG MO KIO

Date & Time: Fri, 14 Jul 2017, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Dr & Mrs John Zhang
Blk 79E Toa Payoh Central, #09-75
Singapore 315079

Please sign up at the reception table
if you are joining the meeting.

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

*"Vanities of Life" is a new theme for
the 2nd half of the GLF's programme.*

Topic: The Vanity of Human Wisdom

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Gina Sim

Date: Sat, 15 July 2017

Time: 3.00-5.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Cassy Thum
Blk 5 Jalan Mata Ayer
#02-19, Euphony Gardens
Singapore 759151

*(Transport from Yishun MRT station Exit B
at 2.40pm.)*

Children aged 4-12 will have concurrent
GCM programme.

GETHSEMANE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Brethren who are serving in the Children's
Ministry in one way or the other, please
write your contact details on the list at the
reception table.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

Chairman: Bro Benjamin Quek

Date & Time: Sat, 15 July 2017

Choir Practice: 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Bible Study: 3.45pm - 5.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Edwin Quek
Blk 457 Pasir Ris Dr 4, #08-307
Singapore 510457

CATECHISM CLASS

The next Catechism Class for brethren
who wish to seek baptism, transfer of
membership or affirmation of faith will
begin from next **Sunday 16 July, 2017**
at 9.30am. Interested brethren are to
register as soon as possible with Sis Diana
Koh. If further information is needed,
please see either Eld Choy or Eld Mah.

GETHSEMANE YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Blessedness of
Biblical Motherhood

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Lynn Koh

Date & Time: 28 July, Friday, 4-6pm

Venue: Home of Sis Merisa Teong
15 Ah Soo Garden
Singapore 539971

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

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE

July – November 2017

Monday Night Class

“Old Testament History I” *by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew*
Commencing on 17 July

Thursday Night Class

“Romans” *by Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy &*
“Systematic Theology I - Theism” *by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo*
Commencing on 20 July

Registration forms are available at the reception table.

GETHSEMANE BIBLE INSTITUTE (GBI-ONLINE)

Duration: 19th Jul – 8th Nov 2017

Day: Every Wednesday night, 7.30pm-9.30pm

Ephesians *by Pr Andrew Koh*
(7.30pm-8.20pm)

Eschatology (Systematic Theology VI) *by Pastor Koshy*
(8.30pm-9.30pm)

Venue: TGCM premises

Only limited places available.
Please register at the reception table today!

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)

Venue: Tanjong Puteri Golf Resort
Pasir Gudang, Johor

*A non-refundable deposit of \$70.00/person is required.
Please register at the reception table. Registration form
can be downloaded from www.biblewitness.com/retreat.*

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

1.00pm @ Bible Witness Bookroom

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