

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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The way to come to God the Father is through Christ. He is the sure and only way to God (cf. John 14:6). "Now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13). All those who have trusted in Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross can now draw nigh to God, rejoicing in that wonderful privilege. Paul said, "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement" (Romans 5:10-11).

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Dying

1 Corinthians 15:26

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Dn Francis Lee

*Hymn 31: Blessed Be the Name

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Scripture Reading in Unison

Hebrews 3:1-6

Hymn 106: Christ Liveth in Me

Collection of Offerings

Voices of Gethsemane

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 386: Be Thou My Vision

Scripture Memorisation

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Jesus' Words About His Church"

Matthew 16:16-20

*Closing Hymn: Church & Her Christ

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 23 JULY 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 30 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: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Eunice Choy Flowers: Tay Soo Thian Refreshments: Gan Sheu Hoong Ushers: Cayson Chok & Jonah So	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Roscelle Lim Refreshments: Jenn Lee Ushers: John Peh & Lawrence Ng
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Dn Francis Lee Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Dorcas Koshy, Ellyzabeth David Tan (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Edwin Quek Jason Low, Low Chip Hung Marcus Lim, John Peh Greeter: Low Siew Lian AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Angela Ang Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Edeliza Ballega Lena Chan, Rhodora Resuma Junior Worship: Choy Luan Kheng, (Eunice Choy) Dn Low Boon Siang, (Jasmine Low) Low Chip Hung	Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Jasmine Low Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Ng Kwan Teng, Theodore Wang Benny Skariah, Cayson Chok Timotheus Liu, Chan Tuck Whye Greeter: Winnie Yap AV Ministry: Crew No. 4 Flowers: Choy Luan Kheng Refreshments: Violet Quek, Mary Lee Rachel Teo, Valerie Leow, Lok Qian Hui Junior Worship: Melissa Neo, (Sophia Zhang) Aileen Tan, (Esther Quek) Annie Ho
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Joy Del Rosario	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Dorcas Koshy Usher: Julius Del Rosario Refreshments: Edeliza Ballega
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Elder Alan Choy	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

23 July 2017

JOY OF HARVEST @ LIONS HOME MINISTRY

Prabhudas Koshy

On 6th August, three elderly folks from Lions Home for the Elders (Bedok) will be baptised. They turned to Christ upon hearing the Gospel brought to them by those who serve in the Gethsemane Lions Home Ministry. “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).

We praise God for the commitment and zeal of all who serve in this Gospel outreach ministry, led by Pr Jeremiah Sim. “How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:15b).

Sometime ago, I saw a report that said, “In 2005, one out of every 12 Singaporeans was aged



Lim Kim Keow



Ho Lye Heng



Loh Koy Sin

65 or above. By 2030, they will number one in five” [Committee of Ageing Issues 2005, Report on the Ageing Population (Singapore: Ministry of Community, Youth and Sports, 2006)]. Today, many elderly are decrepit, lonely and shut up in their homes, in nursing homes, or in old-folks’

homes. Through your visits to the elderly, you can bring the Gospel to the unbelieving, and be a channel of Christian fellowship and cheer to the believing old folks. Sunday afternoons and evenings can be a good time to visit old folks. How wonderful it would be if more of such ministries to the elderly in our society can be carried out! “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10). ■



Let the Strong Help the Weak

Prabhudas Koshy

“We then that are strong” says Romans 15:1, “ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.” It is God’s design that we strengthen and edify one another through mutual care.

The first counsel that Paul gives in our text is let the strong help the weak. “We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak”. Paul’s use of the word “ought” (*opheilo* in Greek), which means “owe” or “be a debtor”, suggests that the strong ones must feel an indebtedness to God to help His weak children. The word “bear” (*bastazō* in Greek) has meanings such as “carry”, “endure” and “support”. Hence, it is the duty of every Christian to bear patiently with the weaker ones around him and help them to walk and grow along with him. He who is spiritually strong should neither despise nor neglect those who are weak. Instead, he graciously renders himself available to support and help them. “Him that is weak in the faith receive ye” (Romans 14:1). In 1 Corinthians 12:22-24 we read, “Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: and those members of the

body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked”.

Paul’s second counsel for Christians is “not to please ourselves”. A Christian should not be self-centred if he is to help others as God expects. A person’s spiritual maturity is evidenced in his willingness to give up his rights so that others may be helped. We must be willing to deny ourselves if we can promote others’ happiness in doing so. Our conduct should not be motivated by our personal happiness or gratification, but rather by the welfare of others. We must, like Paul, be able to sincerely say, “For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more... To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some” (1 Corinthians 9:19, 22).

God's Faithfulness

Children, have you thought lately about the faithfulness of God? Too often, we are prone to focus on our own faithfulness and our own faith. The only reason why we can live a happy and victorious Christian life is not because we are always faithful to Him, but because we have a faithful God who cannot fail.

How should we respond to the faithfulness of God? Let me teach you some appropriate response to God's faithfulness from Psalm 89.

First, sing of His faithfulness. "I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations" (v. 1). Are you praising God today for His faithfulness? When you find yourself unfaithful to the Lord, consider His faithfulness. After all, "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Second, share God's faithfulness with others; "with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations" (v. 1b). In giving our testimonies, we sometimes brag about ourselves. I was in a meeting once where the leader rightfully said, "Let's give praise to the Lord, and let's be careful not to give praise to ourselves." In other words, like the psalmist, we should be saying, "I'm going to share the faithfulness of God – not what I have done, but what He has done; not what I am, but what He is."

Third, submit to His faithfulness. "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him. O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?" (vv. 7-8). Our God is faithful as the great Ruler of all things.

Can we trust Him today? Yes, we can. Is His Word going to fail? No, not one word of all His promises has ever failed. Is His grace going to run out? No, He has vast riches of His grace. God is faithful in everything.

Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 16 July 2017

Tithes: 8,710.00

Offerings: 6,622.50

Bldg Fund (Project): 2,000.00; 2,000.00;
300.00; [300.00 (Filipino F'ship)]

Designated Gifts: Bible Witness 1,000.00;
TGCM (local) 300.00; Kelvin Lim 50.00; Ho
Kee How 50.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Bldg Fund (Project): 5,000.00

Bible Witness: 2,000.00

TGCM (local): 10,000.00; 3,000.00

GBI Int'l: 20,000.00

Pangasinan (Vehicle): 10,000.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 16 July 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,274,482.70

**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*

SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session today at

Blk 554 Bedok North Street 3
Singapore 460554

Please meet @ 1.30pm at the foyer.

GETHSEMANE YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Blessedness of
Biblical Motherhood

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Lynn Koh

Date & Time: Fri, 28 July 2017, 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.*

PASTORAL VISITATION HOUGANG

Date & Time: Fri, 28 July 2017, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Elvin Siew
Blk 372 Hougang St 31, #15-43
Singapore 530372

If you live in this region, please check
that your name is on the list placed on the
reception table. If it is not, please add it in.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Leaders of respective ministries/
fellowship groups are to submit a short
write-up for collation as Annual Report
for the upcoming ACM. Please send it to
Elder Mah Chin Kwang ([chinkwangmah@
yahoo.com.sg](mailto:chinkwangmah@yahoo.com.sg)) by 15 Aug 2017.

THE GETHSEMANE CARE MINISTRY 12TH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Date: Tue, 8 Aug 2017

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Level 5 Auditorium
Singapore Post Centre
10 Eunos Road 8, Singapore 408600

We encourage all worshippers to attend
and also to invite your friends. Please sign
up at the reception table.

PHOTO-TAKING

All preachers who preached in TGCM
weekly and all Care brothers, please
stay back immediately after worship
for a photo-taking session for the
upcoming Anniversary newsletter.

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

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.

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

A non-refundable deposit of \$70.00/person is required. The retreat fees are all stated on the registration forms which are available at the reception table or can be downloaded from www.biblewitness.com/retreat.

CHINESE BIBLE CONFERENCE

Theme: Earnestly Contending for the Faith

Speaker: Pr Daniel Lim

Date & Time: 30 Sept 2017, 10.00am-2.00pm

Venue: City Beach Resort
8 Port Road, Singapore 117540

(Transport from Labrador Park MRT station from 9.30am.)

We encourage Chinese-speaking brethren to attend this conference and to invite your Christian friends. Do sign up at the reception table. If you are joining the lunch (\$5.00 per person), please make payment to Sis Aileen Tan.

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

1.00pm @ Bible Witness Bookroom

Wednesday Campus Bible Study

3.00pm-4.30pm @ SUTD

Wednesday Night GBI-Online

7.30pm-9.30pm @ TGCM

Thursday Seniors' Ministry

11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

Friday Morning Prayer

7.45am – 8.30am @ Church Resource Centre

Friday Campus Bible Study

SUTD @ 1.00pm

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