

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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Please be seated by 10.20am.
Silence all your mobile phones
and electronic devices.

Quieten yourself and pray
for the blessings of the worship service.

Join the pre-worship singing.
Be reverent all through the service,
for we are gathered to worship
the ALMIGHTY GOD.

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Dying

Philippians 1:21

For to me to live is Christ,
and to die is gain.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Elder Mah Chin Kwang

*Hymn 8: Holy, Holy, Holy

***Invocation & Gloria Patri**

*** Scripture Reading in Unison**

Matthew 16:24-27

Hymn 67: Praise the Saviour

Collection of Offerings

***Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 242: Blessed Quietness

Scripture Memorisation

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Discipleship: Lose to Win"

Matthew 16:24-27

*Hymn 425: Take the World, but Give Me Jesus

***Benediction & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 13 AUGUST 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 20 AUGUST 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: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Angeline Wong Flowers: Roscelle Lim Refreshments: Roscelle Lim Ushers: Francis Tan & Lawrence Ng	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Eunice Choy Flowers: Tay Soo Thian Refreshments: Gan Sheu Hoong Ushers: Cayson Chok & Jonah So
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Sarah Lee Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap John Peh, Linus Kok Greeter: Diana Chan AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Chong Shu Mun Jolyne Cho, Lim Hua See Junior Worship: Lee Kim Lei, (Jenice Choy) Sarah Yong, (Cornelius Koshy) Carolyn Koshy	Worship Leader: Eld Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Dorcas Koshy, Ellyzabeth Ushers: Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Edwin Quek Jason Low, Low Chip Hung Marcus Lim, Ho Kee How Greeter: Stephanie Lee AV Ministry: Crew No. 4 Flowers: Diana Chan Refreshments: Karen Quek, Amanda Leong Mary Ong, Esther Quek Junior Worship: Diana Chan, (Jolyne Cho) Elder Mah Chin Kwang, (Violet Quek) John Peh
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Jomart Tindaan Refreshments: Daryl Kablingue	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Randy Laurencio Refreshments: Rhodora Resuma
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Elder Ng Poh Kok Dialect Speaker: Pr Kelvin Lim	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Alan Choy Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

13 August 2017

CHILDREN & WORSHIP - II

(Previously published on 9 March 2008)

Prabhudas Koshy

With a view to a more careful adherence to the Biblical model, which I have showed you last week, I would suggest that children who are in primary 4 and above – though there need be no arbitrary distinction as some younger children might well be able to be present at an earlier age – should be present in the public meetings of the church (especially on the Lord's Day). I would also suggest that parents consider bringing children to midweek prayer meetings, as much as possible.

The children should sit quietly and attentively, endeavouring – to the best of their ability – to participate reverently and intelligently in the various exercises of worship. To attain such a goal requires that parents be diligent and thorough in preparing their children for attendance at and participation in the public meetings. In order to help parents and the church accomplish their Biblical responsibility, please consider the following guidelines, which I hope will act as an aid to such preparation. (The ideas reflected in the following sections are not entirely mine. I have adapted some from various books and articles, with changes to suit our congregation.)

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

- Conduct family worship daily. This can be just a 15-minute spiritual discipline for the family, where everyone sits together to sing a song, read the Scriptures and pray. This spiritual exercise is a good avenue to teach your children the behaviour expected of them during the Sunday Worship.
- Seek to order things in your home so that children have adequate rest on Saturday night. We ought to be at least as concerned that children get enough sleep as on a school night, and have adequate time on Sunday morning to prepare to leave the house, so that they are in every respect ready for church.
- Aim to arrive in good time (perhaps 10-15 minutes before the service begins), and be in the appropriate place for worship as soon as reasonably possible. Remind your children in advance the behaviour that is expected of them in Sunday school, the worship service and/or the prayer meeting.
- Accomplish necessary tasks (such as getting a drink or using the toilet) before the start of the service. Advise your child not to run in and out of the worship

hall, because leaving the worship (even for legitimate reasons) is a distraction, at least to those nearby. Such a departure will also disrupt your child's and your worship of God. It will impair your ability to follow, understand, and therefore benefit from the preaching of God's Word. The logic and continuity of Biblical preaching is lost when there are interruptions in the hearing of it. Seriously consider the possibility of refusing your child's desire to leave the meeting place.

- Train your children to be good listeners. Instruct them to sit with good posture and focus their eyes on the one leading the service or preaching. When the Scriptures are read, have them turn to the text and follow in their own or your Bible. Likewise, help them turn to each hymn and follow from the hymnbook, helping them as required. With older children, consider such means of helping them to concentrate as taking notes.
- Encourage children to continue behaving well (e.g. not making excessive noise and shouting), even immediately after a public meeting. Help children to behave politely to one another and to adults (holding open doors, helping with tasks, etc.), and to behave in a friendly fashion to visitors, particularly children who are visiting.
- As much as possible, follow up on the preaching and teaching with your children (during the drive

home, lunchtime, or family worship), by asking them appropriate questions.

- Remember also the power of our parental example (good or bad) in preparing for and participating in the public meetings of the church. If we have not been the best example, we need to humbly correct ourselves. If necessary, explain to our children why correction is needed and how to make the correction. This is the only way you and I can guide our families to a better worship of God.

NURSERY TO PRIMARY 3

- In this category, most of the older ones (Primary 1-3), if properly guided, will be able to sit through the worship without causing disruptions. Right now, we have a special Junior Worship lesson conducted for this group during the sermon time, so that they may be taught the Word in a way they can comprehend.
- While they are present during the first part of the worship service, they must be instructed to have proper attitude and behaviour. If the parents are unable to attend to them, let the Junior Worship teacher or another adult sit with the children to guide them.
- It is important that we insist on good attitude during worship. If your child becomes restless or behaves inappropriately, remember to deal with him in a way

that will not disrupt the focus of the other worshippers. There is no need to leave the worship at the first sign of disturbance from your child; the congregation should appreciate that a very young child does not always behave perfectly. If there is no alternative, take your child out of the service. Ensure that this is not seen as a ‘reward’ for disobedience. If possible, deal with the particular issue appropriately and immediately, and then return to the meeting room to continue participating in the public worship of God.

- If it is predictable that you will need to take your child out of a service to train or discipline him, aim to take seats near the doors of the meeting room, where you can get in and out with least distraction to others. When leaving or entering, try to do so with a minimum of fuss and noise. Other members of the church – ushers, for example – might be able to render a helping hand to you. Return to your seats as soon as possible with minimal distraction.
- Remember that the children are to participate intelligently in worship. Diversionary activities (drawing, writing, reading other children’s books, playing, etc.) are not part of the worship of God. Neither is eating nor drinking (except for the Lord’s Supper). All these can be distracting for the child, yourself and others. These things will undermine a child’s active and intelligent involvement in the worship of God.

INFANTS AND TODDLERS

- Toddlers are often restless and fidgety. They are also prone to cry aloud. Parents of infants and toddlers are invited to use the “cry-room” section. If you are in the main worship hall, please be seated near the door, so you can easily exit the worship hall to attend to your child who is crying. If your child is getting unusually restless, please consider using the “cry-room”. Or you may take your child out of the worship hall with as little disturbance as possible. Please seek help from the ushers, if you need assistance. Quietly return to your seat as soon as possible after attending to the child.
- Parents who are in the “cry-room” must remember not to engage in conversation or activities that will distract others from concentrating on the worship. Let us endeavour to keep the solemnity of worship at all times. As much as possible, make sure that your movements and activities are least disturbing to others around you. Let all parents be mutually helpful and forbearing.

The Lord calls out to all our children, saying, “Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD” (Psalm 34:11). “Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts” (Isaiah 28:9). Parents, come with your children to worship the Lord! ■

Angels' Ministry to God's People

Following are some biblical facts about the angels of God who ministered to God's people:

1. In the book of Daniel, we read about angels ministering to Daniel that he may have good understanding of the prophecies that God gave him (Daniel 7:16; 10:5, 11).
2. Similarly, the angels helped Zechariah to understand the dreams and visions that God gave to him (Zechariah 1:9; 13-14, 19; 2:3; 5:5-10; 6:4-5).
3. The archangel, Gabriel, was sent to bring good news of the birth of a child to Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist (Luke 1:11-20).
4. Mary was told by the archangel Gabriel of Jesus being miraculously formed in her womb (Luke 1:26-33).
5. God's angel appeared to Joseph, to aid him to look after Mary and baby Jesus (Matthew 1:20; 2:13, 19).
6. Angels declared to the shepherds about Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-12).
7. Angels ministered to the women at the Lord's tomb (Luke 24:4-7).
8. Angels ministered to the troubled apostles who watched the Lord ascending to heaven (Acts 1:10-11).
9. An angel of the Lord enabled Philip to go to an Ethiopian man to share the Gospel (Acts 8:26).
10. An angel of the Lord helped Cornelius to know how he could get to know the Gospel by calling Peter to come and preach it (Acts 10:3-6).
11. Angels ministered to John in Patmos when he was living in exile, by giving him a clear understanding of God's future plans for the world (Revelation 17:1; 21:9).

God's angels will minister to you, if you will seek to know God's Word and do His will.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 6 August 2017

Tithes: 2,685.00 **Offerings:** 9,534.35
Bldg Fund (Project): 1,900.00; 1,000.00;
200.00; 100.00
Designated Gifts: Charity Fund 50.00;
TGCM (local) 200.00; 200.00; GBI (Int'l)
100.00; GBI (Ethiopia) 10.00; Sujith Samuel
100.00; Ephrem Chiracho 462.00; Engida
Terefa 50.00; Imane Dola 50.00; Kelvin Lim
150.00; Andrew Koh 100.00; Kenneth Wong
100.00

TGCM – 12th Anniversary collections
on 8 Aug 2017

Offerings: 5,783.85
Love-Gifts: 20,000; 3,000; 1,000; 700.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE
(as of 6 August 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,291,766.70

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) by 15 Aug 2017.

GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Bible Study: Ecclesiastes
Speaker: Pastor Koshy
Chairman: Bro James Chen
Date & Time: Fri, 18 Aug 2017, 7.30pm
(Dinner provided by hosts)
Venue: Home of Elder & Mrs Mah
45A Jalan Senang,
Singapore 418335

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: The Vanity of Pleasure & Mirth
Speaker: Pastor Koshy
Chairperson: Sis Annie Ho
Date: Sat, 19 Aug 2017
Time: 3.00-5.00pm
Venue: Home of Sis Beng Hwee
Blk 7 Jervois Close, #08-12
(function room)
Singapore 249103

*(Transport from Redhill MRT station
Exit A at 2.40pm.)*

Children aged 4-12 will have concurrent
GCM programme.

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2017

Attention to all members of GBPC:
Kindly check and update your particulars
at the reception table.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of 1 Timothy
Speaker: Pr Andrew Koh
Chairman: Bro Chrisyasto
Date & Time: Sat, 19 Aug 2017
Choir Practice: 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Bible Study: 3.45pm - 5.00pm
Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs William Teo
835 Woodlands St 83, #12-113
Singapore 730835

PASTORAL VISITATION TAMPINES

Date & Time: Fri, 25 Aug 2017, 8.00pm
Venue: Home of Pr & Mrs Jeremiah Sim
Blk 725 Tampines St 71, #06-167
Singapore 520725

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.

GETHSEMANE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS)
will be held from 29th Nov-1st Dec 2017
(Wed-Fri). Parents with school-going
child(ren), please take note of the dates.
Brethren who are serving in the
Children's Ministry in one way or the
other, please ensure that your contact
details on the printed list at the reception
table are correct.

GYAF SEMINAR 2017

“Sure & Stedfast (Hebrews 6:19)”

Speaker: Pr Clement Chew

Date & Time: Sat, 2 Sept 2017, 2.00-6.00pm

Venue: City Beach Resort (Small Function Room),
8 Port Rd, Singapore 117540

Notes: Transport from Labrador Park MRT station from 1.30pm. Please sign up on the list at the reception table.

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. 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: Sat, 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)

1.30pm – 3.00pm

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer

8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study

1.00pm @ Bible Witness Bookroom

Wednesday Night GBI-Online

7.45pm-9.15pm @ 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 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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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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