

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## A WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship arises from hearts that contemplate God and His glory. 1 Chronicles 16:10-11 exhorts us, "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually." Each time when we draw unto Him in worship, we must grow in affection towards Him and His greatness and goodness. "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD" (Psalm 105:3).

## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

*Deceit*

**Proverbs 12:5**

The thoughts of the righteous are right:  
but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Call to Worship**

*Elder Mah Chin Kwang*

\*Hymn 27: Now Thank We All Our God

\* **Invocation & Gloria Patri**

\* **Responsive Scripture Reading** *Matthew 17:1-13*

**Gethsemane Youth Choir**

Hymn 95: My Saviour's Love

**Collection of Offerings**

\* **Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 375: Speak, Lord, in the Stillness

**Scripture Memorisation**

\* **Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

"A Foretaste of the Future Kingdom Glory of Christ - III"

*Matthew 17:7-13*

\*Hymn 217: Rejoice - the Lord Is King!

\* **Benediction & Threefold Amen**

*\* Congregation Standing*



**TODAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**NEXT LORD'S DAY, 1 OCTOBER 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> Gan Chin Hwi <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Dyllis Teo <b>Flowers:</b> Tay Soo Thian <b>Refreshments:</b> Gan Sheu Hoong <b>Ushers:</b> Chan Tuck Whye & Lawrence Ng	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Gan Sze Huey <b>Flowers:</b> Francis Tan <b>Ushers:</b> John Peh & Francis Tan
	ENGLISH SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Musicians:</b> Sarah Lee, Ellyzabeth <b>Ushers:</b> Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Edwin Quek Jason Low, Low Chip Hung Marcus Lim, Ho Kee How <b>Greeter:</b> Low Siew Lian <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 1 <b>Flowers:</b> Gina Sim <b>Refreshments:</b> Catherine Choy, Chong Shu Mun Jolyne Cho, Lim Hua See <b>Junior Worship:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang, (Stella Tan) Pr Dennis Kabingue, (Elvin Siew) Samuel Yong	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Alan Choy <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Musicians:</b> Jasmine Low, Sarah Teo <b>Ushers:</b> Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Ng Kwan Teng, Theodore Wang Benny Skariah, Cayson Chok Timotheus Liu, Chan Tuck Whye <b>Greeter:</b> Winnie Yap <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 2 <b>Flowers:</b> Choy Luan Kheng <b>Refreshments:</b> Karen Quek, Amanda Leong Mary Ong, Esther Quek <b>Junior Worship:</b> Dorothy Ng, (Sophia Zhang) Pr Kelvin Lim, (Corliss Ooi) Stephanie Lee
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> <b>Preacher:</b> <b>Musician:</b> Cancelled in view of <b>Usher:</b> Annual Congregational Meeting <b>Refreshments:</b>	<b>Worship Leader:</b> <b>Preacher:</b> <b>Musician:</b> Cancelled in view of <b>Usher:</b> Reformation Lectures <b>Refreshments:</b>
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	<b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13 <b>English Speaker:</b> Edwin Quek <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Kenneth Wong	<b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2 <b>English Speaker:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Kelvin Lim

24 September 2017

# Ruling Elders

*Prabhudas Koshy*

Following today's worship service, we shall hold our Annual Congregational Meeting and the Election to the Church Session. The candidates to the Church Session (2017-2019) are all men who have been serving as elders and deacons. The only change among the candidates in this election is Dn Francis Lee's nomination to the office of eldership. His nomination has been approved by the Board of Elders upon prayerful examination of his doctrine and life.

It is important that we understand the biblical necessity, nature and importance of ruling elders in our church.

## **Necessity of Ruling Elders**

In the apostolic times, when the Gospel spread through Judea, Samaria, Asia Minor and in other regions, churches were formed. Their proper spiritual and administrative care became a great

concern to the apostles. Paul then wrote to Titus what should be done for the proper management of the church – “thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee” (Titus 1:5).

The apostolic instruction is that the appointment of elders as church officers is vital to an orderly, well-managed church. The ordaining of elders is an imperative. It is on no account to be omitted. Paul's admonition was that Titus would go through city by city and ordain a body of elders in each congregation (cf. 1 Timothy 3, where Paul also mentioned the appointment of deacons, who are to be assistants to the elders). The elders, then, are to rule and organise the church.

The basic biblical pattern for the proper organisation of a local church is that elders (plural in number) ought to be ordained from within the congregation, in accordance with the

biblical requirements of abilities and standards of behaviour. This is corroborated by Acts 14:23 – “And when they (Paul and Barnabas) had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.”

### **Nature of Ruling Elders**

Elders ought to be men of sound moral and spiritual character. Their qualifications are plainly laid down in the Word of God, as attested to by Titus 1:6-9, “(being) blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.”

A similar requirement of conduct is also given in I Timothy 3:2-7. “A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre;

but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.”

The passages quoted above lay special emphasis upon high morals and sound spiritual abilities and character. So, every man who is considered for the office of eldership ought to be blameless in life and steadfast in the faith. He should be a man of wisdom and discretion. Neither riches nor wealth nor social position can qualify a man to be a ruler in God’s house. Holiness must characterise his pursuit of life so that he may be an example to the flock. Devotion to God – piety – should characterise every ruling elder. He must be a godly, spiritually-minded man. His piety is the measure of his strength. All his duties require godliness, and without it, all his skills and capabilities are of little use in the government of the church. If he is truly godly, then he will truly

influence the church for the glory of God. It is the godly influence of the elders that direct the proper conduct of the church.

Though piety is indispensable, it is not the only qualification. Not every church member who is devout is qualified to be an elder of the church. A candidate to the office of eldership must also be a man of intelligence, practical wisdom, experience, and administrative capacity. The best and wisest godly men in the congregation should be selected. From time to time, the board of elders will have to deal with matters of utmost gravity and also grapple with perplexing problems. In such situations, the ablest of minds and the most knowledgeable of men are to be found among the rulers of the church. Men who lack excellent mental capacity would not be able to handle such duties. While we thank God for capable men whom God has given to us, let us also pray for more competent men for the eldership.

The apostle also insisted that an elder should be “apt to teach”. This is not necessarily a reference to public and official instruction, for ruling elders are not those who are called to labour in the Word as teaching elders (cf. 1 Timothy 5:17). There must be,

however, the ability to communicate and defend sound doctrines of the Bible. Elders must take every opportunity available to them to increase in the knowledge of God’s Word. They should be diligent and faithful students of God’s Word so that they may teach in the Bible class, and guide worshippers and inquirers in the wisdom of God’s Word. The role of elders is of vast importance in preventing the church from departing from the truth of God’s Word and defending the church against errors of all kinds that will creep in through false teachers. So, the apostle Paul instructed the Ephesian elders, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood” (Acts 20:28).

God willing, I will address the topic of the ruling elders more next week. Meanwhile, I urge you to prayerfully cast your vote today. May the Holy Spirit help us to recognise and support everyone whom He has called to the offices of the elders and deacons in Gethsemane BPC.



# Control Your Anger - 1



Some children very easily become angry. They are short-tempered. Once they become angry, they fail to control their words and actions. **Proverbs 14:17** cautions us, "He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly". The Bible has good counsels that can help us to overcome the sin of uncontrolled anger.

The first step to overcoming uncontrolled anger is to be aware of great dangers it can lead us into. We will look at some of the dangers of unrestrained anger that the book of Proverbs cautions us against.

**Proverbs 15:18** says, "A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife." An angry man can easily begin quarrels and fighting, whereas a gentle and patient man can avoid quarrels. When anger is not controlled, it can lead to verbal and physical violence.

**Proverbs 29:22** tells us that anger can lead to more sinful activities than quarrels. "An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression." A man, who is furious will increasingly commit sins. Anger can cause one to use bad words to scold others. Anger can cause one to hurt others verbally and physically. Anger can cause one to stop loving others.

**Proverbs 14:29** gives us another danger of uncontrolled anger: "he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly." The phrase "hasty of spirit" means quick-temperedness or uncontrolled anger. A man who is quick-tempered will "exalt folly". That means an angry person will act foolishly. Anger causes us to act without proper thinking. How sad to hear of children who in a fit of anger hurt siblings and parents, and destroy household appliances and furniture! So, anger is destructive and foolish.

Next time, when anger creeps into your heart, remember that it is very dangerous. Remind yourself that anger can quickly lead you to sin, to fights, to violently hurt others, and to commit foolish actions. Anger can destroy you and others. So, be determined not to entertain anger because anger is a very dangerous emotion, if not controlled.

## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 17 September 2017

**Tithes:** 1,450.00

**Offerings:** 9,151.70

**Bldg Fund (Project):** 200.00

**Designated Gifts:** TGCM (local) 400.00;

GBPC (Ethiopia) 100.00; Rev Ephrem

100.00; Engida Zeleke 50.00; Imane Dola

50.00; Kelvin Lim 50.00; Andrew Koh

50.00; Gladys Ratnam 200.00; 50.00; Esther

Ratnam 200.00; Sharon Ng 150.00

### NON-SUNDAY GIFT

**Bldg Fund (Project):** 5,000.00; 500.00;

200.00; 50.00

**General Fund:** 400.00

**Bible Witness:** 200.00

### SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

*(as of 17 September 2017)*

**Building Fund (Project):** \$2,308,331.70

*"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*

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & ELECTION TO THE CHURCH SESSION 2017-2019

**Date:** Today, 24 Sept 2017

**Time:** 1.45pm

**Venue:** SingPost L5 Auditorium

*All communicant members in good standing are expected to attend the ACM in accordance with the Constitution. During this ACM, there will be an election to Session, where only those communicant members who are 18 and above may vote.*

*The Electoral Register will be opened @ 1.30pm.*

*All communicant members are advised to be seated in the auditorium as soon as they have registered.*

## CHINESE BIBLE CONFERENCE

### **Theme:**

Earnestly Contending for the Faith

**Speaker:** Pr Daniel Lim

**Date:** Sat, 30 Sept 2017,

**Time:** 10.00am-2.00pm

**Venue:** City Beach Resort

8 Port Road, Singapore 117540

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

## GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Book Study of 2 John

**Speaker:** Pastor Koshy

**Chairman:** Bro Chee Wei Heng

**Date:** Sat, 7 Oct 2017

**Time:** 4.00pm - 6.00pm

**Venue:** Home of Pastor & Mrs Koshy  
826 Tampines St 81, #02-92  
Singapore 520826

## PASTORAL VISITATION

### PASIR RIS EAST

**Date & Time:** Fri, 13 Oct 2017, 8.00pm

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

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.

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

## COMBINED GAF/GMF DAY-RETREAT

**Theme:** “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15b)

**Speaker:** Pastor Koshy

**Date:** Wednesday, 18 Oct 2017  
(public holiday)

**Time:** 9.30am – 4.45pm \*

**Venue:** TGCM premises (Punggol)

**Attire:** Modest & appropriate casual  
(in view of games session)

\* Programme includes 3 messages interspersed with tea / lunch breaks, and games session at the end.

Do sign up at the reception table to facilitate seating arrangements and catering for packet lunch / light refreshments.

(There is concurrent GCM programme for children aged 4-12.)

## REFORMATION LECTURES 2017

in commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

**Theme:** “Historical Relevance of the Reformation”

**Venue:** SingPost Centre, Level 5 Auditorium

**Time:** 1.30pm - 3.30pm

### Dates/Topics/Speakers

**1st October** – Pre-Reformation:  
Ecclesiastical Corruption and Declension  
by Pr Andrew Koh

**8th October** – Reformation from Within:  
“Morning Stars” and “Forerunners”  
by Pr Dennis Kabingue

**15th October** – Reformation Precipitated by the Times:  
Social Developments and Intellectual Movements  
by Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**29th October** – Reformation Breakthrough:  
Defining Moments and Key Figures  
by Eld Richard Tiu

## 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 ACM

## 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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## 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 Ng Poh Kok  
Deacon Daniel Lim  
Deacon Lok Kwok Wah  
Deacon Kelvin Lim  
Deacon Francis Lee  
Deacon Low Boon Siang