

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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Our God is to be praised, for He has not despised nor abhorred us in our wretched conditions. He has shown great mercy to save, sanctify and strengthen us. His compassion towards us ceases not; His mercies are new every morning (cf. Lamentations 3:22-23). His pity towards us has been like that of a gracious and generous father (cf. Psalm 103:13; Matthew 6:32). So, let us exalt Him with thanksgiving, and by renewing our faith in Him and submitting to His glorious counsels.

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Proverbs 20:17

Bread of deceit is sweet to a man;
but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Elder Alan Choy

*Hymn 34: Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Scripture Reading in Unison

Malachi 4:1-6

Hymn 104: All That Thrills My Soul

Collection of Offerings

Gethsemane Children's Choir

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 382: I Would Be True

Scripture Memorisation

*Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

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

Matthew 17:7-13

Ordination of Elder Francis Lee

Holy Communion

Hymn 430: Just As I Am

Hymn 555: According to Thy Gracious Word

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 1 OCTOBER 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 8 OCTOBER 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: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Francis Tan Ushers: John Peh & Francis Tan	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim Musician: Angeline Wong Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Jenn Lee Ushers: Robert Ooi & Lawrence Ng
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jasmine Low, Sarah Teo Ushers: 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. 2 Flowers: Choy Luan Kheng Refreshments: Karen Quek, Amanda Leong Mary Ong, Esther Quek Junior Worship: Dorothy Ng, (Sophia Zhang) Pr Kelvin Lim, (Corliss Ooi) Dn Francis Lee	Worship Leader: Dn Francis Lee Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Dorcas Koshy, Eunice Choy Ushers: Bernard Lim (i/c) Andy Lee, James Chen Jonathon Lim, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario Greeter: Lee Kim Lei AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Nancy Lau Refreshments: Violet Quek, Mary Lee Rachel Teo, Valerie Leow, Lok Qian Hui Junior Worship: Sarah Yong, (Lok Qian Hui) Sharon dela Cruz, (Esther Quek) Pr Ho Kee How
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Preacher: Musician: Cancelled in view of Usher: Reformation Lectures Refreshments:	Worship Leader: Preacher: Musician: Cancelled in view of Usher: Reformation Lectures Refreshments:
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim Dialect Speaker: Pr Kelvin Lim	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

1 October 2017

Ruling Elders - Part II

Prabhudas Koshy

When a person is ordained as an elder of the church, he is being entrusted with God-given duties to fulfil. His ordination is a public acknowledgment of his calling and equipping by the Holy Spirit to carry out the God-given duties of an elder. Below, some of the major biblical duties of an elder are briefly discussed.

The Duties of Elders

Oversight of the Church:

In conjunction with the pastor (the teaching elder), the elders take the oversight of the spiritual and administrative matters of the church. Elders are exhorted in 1 Peter 5:2 to “Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind”. The word “feed” translates a Greek word (*poimainō*),

which denotes the duties of a shepherd towards the flock. An elder is to be like a shepherd who cares for the flock of God in the local church where he is appointed to the office. His duty of shepherding means that he must willingly and readily “take the oversight” of the congregation. Exercising oversight (*episkopeo*) would mean that like a shepherd he cares for the nurture, protection and guidance of God’s people. The apostle Paul’s instruction to the Ephesian elders was: “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers” (Acts 20:28). Every elder must co-labour with the pastor and fellow elders to provide the necessary spiritual and administrative oversight. He must work with genuine pastoral concern for the flock of God.

He must know the affairs of the flock and oversee their spiritual well-being. As part of the board of elders (or presbytery), he must personally and jointly labour to watch over the flock of God. The wise words of Solomon are applicable to every elder: “Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds” (Proverbs 27:23).

The oversight of the flock would include visiting the poor, the sick and the afflicted. The elder must be willing and prepared to attend to the spiritual and temporal needs of the needy among the congregation. In fact, Scripture encourages the needy to call on elders – “Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord” (James 5:14). As under-shepherds of Christ’s flock, every elder ought to manifest Christ’s compassion and care, with much love and tenderness to His

suffering sheep. He may minister to the afflicted with an appropriate hymn, or the reading of a portion of Scripture, or a brief prayer.

He must also attend to the backsliding members of the church in order to correct them and nurture them back. Every elder must prayerfully work to avoid the spiritual decline of the congregation. He should admonish members who neglect the fellowship gatherings and sacraments, which are means of grace that are essential to spiritual growth and health. Without proper supervision, the members of the church can slowly slip into spiritual lethargy and degeneration. Every elder must labour to avoid having members of the church degenerate and fall away unnoticed. Though the pastor bears much of the responsibility of the pastoral care, elders are also called to share with him the pastoral supervision of the church.

(more on this topic next week)

Translation & Printing of Tract, Magazine and Books

(A Mission Request from Sujith Samuel from India)

Dear Pastor,

Bro Ravi has finished reviewing the Telugu translation of the Gospel tract – “An Appointment to Keep” – done by Bro Priya Kumar. He commented that Bro Priya did it well, and I was happy to hear that. During his FEBC vacation, Bro Priya will try to translate some selected Bible Witness issues, such as the recent one on “Charismatic’s Errors” which is much needed here. He also promised to translate “365 Daily Exhortations from God’s Word” written by you.

I am sure the efforts we put to translate to Telugu will not go wasted. Telugu is spoken by 76 million people. It is the third most-spoken language in India after Hindi and Bengali. Even the whole Tamil-speaking population in the world is less than 70 million. Telugu has more speakers than those of languages like Korean and French. (Other Indian languages like Kannada, Malayalam, Odiya, etc. have only half the number of Telugu speakers – i.e. around 33-38 million.) These statistics may not be exact. However, they are taken from credible census. Hence, I am sure that there will be many, many readers of the translated tract if we print and distribute it. Here, most of the people prefer to read and speak in Telugu rather than in English.

Bro Sushant (Henjit’s friend) finished the translation of the tract to Odiya. I will get the help of a translator

from Asha Kiran Hospital to proofread it. This hospital (about 200 km from Vizag) is a mission hospital started by Christian doctors from Christian Medical College, Vellore. They provide treatment facilities for the tribal people at a very affordable rate. Many well-qualified Christian doctors work there for very low salary. They also have outreach ministries and translation work. Currently, the director of the hospital is a Malayali doctor.

Hindi is another language into which I hope our materials can be translated. Most people in the north of India speak Hindi and their local languages. I am trying to find a person to do it. Pray that God will lead us to the right person.

I would like to request that the Session allocate some funds for the printing of our translated materials.

Pastor, I know you specially like the hymn, “O for a thousand tongues to sing”. I also like it very much. There will be greater beauty if the thousand tongues from different language groups would sing our Saviour’s praise. May God help us to reach out to people who speak different languages like Telugu, Hindi, Bengali, Odiya, Malayalam or whatever language. Now we are placed in this Telugu-speaking area with easy access to Orissa and Hindi areas. So, we should try our best to produce at least basic Bible study materials in Telugu and Odiya.

Control Your Anger - 11



Uncontrolled anger can lead us into many unpleasant experiences and dangers. We have considered several dangers of uncontrolled anger last Sunday. If feelings of anger are not controlled, we are most certain to commit many grievous sins. So the Bible commands us to control our anger and sin not. Consider the following verses.

“Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil” (Psalm 37:8). “Be ye angry, and sin not” (Ephesians 4:26). Both of these verses say that when we feel angry, we must take steps not to sin. Psalm 37:8 advises us not to continue to be angry. If anger is compelling us to do anything hurtful or unholy, we should immediately know that anger is just about to get out of control. So, we must quickly and deliberately try to stop thinking angrily. Otherwise, we are sure to do dangerous and unholy things.

The apostle Paul teaches us how to control our feelings of anger in Ephesians 4:31-32, “Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”

Firstly, we must put away from us all the evil emotions and responses that anger will produce. Feelings of bitterness, temptations to speak angrily with hurtful words, hastiness to quarrel and all such unwholesome fruits of anger must not be allowed to arise in our minds. As soon as such feelings come, we must try to get them out of our hearts. Do not allow them to continue to influence you.

Secondly, remember what God’s will is concerning your mannerism and attitude towards others, and yield yourself to obey His will. God wants us to be “kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you”. Remind yourself to be kind rather than to be vengeful. Think kindly of others and be quick to do good rather than evil to others. If one has offended or hurt you in any way, forgive that person, remembering how much the Lord has forgiven your sins. If you are committed to be kind, tenderhearted and forgiving, anger can be controlled any time.

Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 24 September 2017

Tithes: 6,002.50

Offerings: 6,611.20; A\$300.00; RM0.50

Bldg Fund (Project): 3,000.00; 5.00

Designated Gifts: General Fund 500.00;

GBPC (Ethiopia) 100.00; Rev Ephrem

100.00; GBI (local) 350.00; Kelvin Lim

50.00; Andrew Koh 50.00; Kenneth Wong

150.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 24 September 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,311,336.70

**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

REFORMATION LECTURES 2017

*in commemoration of the 500th
Anniversary of the Reformation*

Theme: "Historical Relevance
of the Reformation"

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 Kablingue

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

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.

CHURCH CAMP 2018

Date: 4th - 8th June 2018 (Mon-Fri)

Venue: Lexis Suites Penang, Malaysia

There will be a short church camp
briefing on 15th Oct 2017 immediately
after the Worship Service.

GETHSEMANE FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP 16TH ANNIVERSARY

**Combined with English
(Reformation Sunday) Service**

Date & Time: 29 Oct 2017, 10.30am

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

This is held in thanksgiving to our
God for 16 years of Gethsemane
Filipino Fellowship.

*Lunch will be catered at \$5.00
per person. (Please make your
payment 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.)

GETHSEMANE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Daily Vacation Bible School

Date: Wed-Fri, 29th Nov - 1st Dec 2017

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Fee: \$15

Registration form is available at the reception table.

Closing date: 12th November 2017

For any enquiry, please contact
Pr Kelvin Lim @ 8268 2828.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshments & Fellowship

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Reformation Lecture

1.30pm – 3.30pm

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.



Bible Witness
Magazine



Bible Witness
Web Radio



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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