

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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Doxology – the ascribing of glory to God – is essential to worship. Praise, honour and homage belong to the Lord God Almighty. He alone is worthy of worship. He is our Creator, our Redeemer, our Provider, and our Joy. So, let us bow before Him and worship – “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created” (Revelation 4:11).

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Deceitfulness

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately wicked: who can know it?

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Elder Francis Lee

*Hymn 24: Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

*** Invocation & Gloria Patri**

*** Responsive Scripture Reading** *Matthew 17:14-21*

Hymn 47: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Collection of Offerings

*** Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 113: It Is Glory Just to Walk with Him

Scripture Memorisation

*** Pastoral Prayer**

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

“Lessons on the Power of Faith”

Matthew 17:14-21

*Hymn 337: Never Give Up

***Benediction & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 8 OCTOBER 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 15 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: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim Musician: Angeline Wong Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Ushers: Jenn Lee Robert Ooi & Lawrence Ng	Worship Leader: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Tay Soo Thian Refreshments: Maggie Ho Ushers: John Peh & Francis Tan
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Elder Francis Lee Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jeremy Teo, Eunice Choy Bernard Lim (i/c) Andy Lee, Andrew Teong 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, Lok Qian Hui Junior Worship: Sarah Yong, (Lok Qian Hui) Sharon dela Cruz, (Esther Quek) Pr Ho Kee How	Worship Leader: Dn Kelvin Lim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Sarah Lee, Ellyzabeth Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Samuel Yong, James Chen Gerry Lee, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Mong Jee Pawa AV Ministry: Crew No. 4 Flowers: Carolyn Koshy Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Edeliza Ballega Lena Chan, Rhodora Resuma Junior Worship: Pr Andrew Koh, (Eunice Choy) Angeline Wong, (Jasmine Tan) Stephanie Lee
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Preacher: Musician: Cancelled in view of Reformation Lectures Usher: Refreshments:	Worship Leader: Preacher: Musician: Cancelled in view of Reformation Lectures Usher: Refreshments:
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Dialect Speaker: Elder Alan Choy

8 October 2017

The Duties of Elders

Prabhudas Koshy

TEACHING OF THE CHURCH:

According to 1 Timothy 3:2, elders must be “apt to teach”. In Titus 1:9, elders are expected to be “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.” The Greek word translated as “exhort” (*parakaleō*) can also mean “encourage”, “comfort”, etc. Thus, the ruling elder’s teaching – though not formal or on a full-time basis like the pastors who are teaching elders – includes informal counselling and words of encouragement. The elder should also be able to “convince the gainsayers” by sound doctrine (Titus 1:9). The Greek word translated “gainsayers” (*antilegō*) refers to “those who speak against”. Hence, elders must acquaint themselves with the biblical doctrines and practices of the church, that they may give a sound response to those who object to the doctrines of the Word of God.

This, of course, does not mean that every elder must be equally knowledgeable and gifted to perform the task of teaching. It is abundantly clear that there are some elders (being pastors) who are specially tasked to “labour in the word and doctrine” (1 Timothy 5:17), while others focus mainly on ruling the church. However, every elder must be able to communicate sound biblical knowledge. To fulfil such an important duty, elders must have a constant, prayerful commitment to equip themselves with sound theological knowledge. They must equip themselves to teach efficiently in the Bible studies and to answer the inquirers wisely and adequately. They must labour to both propound sound doctrines and defend them for the purity of the church.

RULE OF THE CHURCH:

Elders are expected to rule well, and such are worthy of double honour (1 Timothy 5:17). As

rulers, they are not to be lord over God's heritage (1 Peter 5:3), but rather as fathers who rule their household (1 Timothy 3:4). They teach the Word of God (Hebrews 13:7), and labour to admonish the church (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:12). They watch for the souls of God's people (Hebrews 13:17), and lead them by example (1 Peter 5:3; 1 Timothy 4:12). As men entrusted with responsibility for the well-being of the souls of the people, they will have to give an account to the Lord for them (Hebrews 13:17).

Elders ought to be in charge of the admission, spiritual nurture, and discipline of the members of the church. Their collective supervision as rulers of the church is crucial to maintaining the purity of the church. The special attention of the elders to catechise those who seek membership and to ascertain them to be credible followers of Christ is most needful. It is also their duty to admonish (with a loving and firm spirit) members of the church who walk disorderly. They are expected to carry out their roles as rulers with much diligence and labour (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:12).

The elders also have important duties to perform in the meetings of the Board of Elders and the Church Session. In those meetings, the situation and needs of the church will be considered, and the elders should confer together to find the best biblical way to manage matters at hand for the benefit of the church. Hence, elders must have a commitment to attend all such meetings and to participate in the discussions concerning the administration of the church with eagerness and patience. As the meetings of the Board of Elders and the Session cannot be held in a hurried or perfunctory manner, much forbearance, tolerance, endurance are expected. Elders must not think of themselves as mere advisers in the Board or the Session, but as co-labourers together with the pastor to shepherd the flock of God. Elders must also be careful to avoid any misunderstandings, quarrels or alienation between them. Only when the elders – who are the rulers of the church – endeavour to work together in sincerity and faithfulness, in harmony and love, and with zeal and patience can the church be effective in bearing a glorious testimony for the Lord.

A LIST OF BIBLICAL DUTIES OF ELDERS

1. Remember the teachings and faithfulness of the apostles, and faithful men of the past and present, and emulate them (Acts 20:17-21, 28-31, 35; 1 Peter 5:1; Hebrews 13:7).
2. Keep watch over the souls of believers and the church (Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:17).
3. Teach, exhort and admonish from the Word of God (1 Thessalonians 5:12; 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:9).
4. Shepherd (or feed) the flock of God (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2).
5. Exercise oversight of the church (Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 5:17; 1 Peter 5:2).
6. Serve the Lord in the church willingly and readily (1 Peter 5:2).
7. Be exemplary to the church (1 Peter 5:3).
8. Serve with humility (1 Peter 5:5).
9. Labour together with fellow elders and pastors (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).
10. Serve as to give an account to God (Hebrews 13:17).
11. Be watchful against destructive false teachers (Acts 20:29-31).
12. Visit and pray for the members, especially the sick and needy of the church (James 5:14).

Reformation 500

1517-2017

AN INVITATION TO CALVARY PANDAN BPC'S 500TH REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Title: "Reformation Revisited"

Speaker: Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo

Date: 29th October 2017

Time: 6.00pm

As buffet dinner will be provided after the service, it will help Calvary Pandan greatly in their planning if you could sign up at the reception table.



Handling the Angry

Whether we like it or not, we will come across those who are angry. If we are not careful, those angry people can make us angry too. Then the situation will be too volatile, violent and destructive. So, it is important that we know how to behave and deal with angry people. The Bible gives us wise counsels as to how we should deal with those who are angry.

Firstly, the Bible advises us, "Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul" (**Proverbs 22:24-25**). If you have close relationship with an angry person, you will soon learn his bad habits, and be in great danger. So, do not cultivate close friendship with a short-tempered person.

However, not all men are short-tempered persons. Some are angered by unusually stressful circumstances. These men are not angry and violent people. Nevertheless, when a person gets angry, we still have to handle him. Sometimes it can be those who are above us (for example, kings, officers, parents and teachers). The Bible says, "The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it" (**Proverbs 16:14**). In such circumstances, remember the following counsels from Scripture.

Proverbs 15:1 says, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." When a person is angry, we must guard our answers and attitude. It is very natural for the old flesh in us to burst out at someone who is angry with us. But that will only make things worse. So the best thing to do, according to this verse, is not to say anything that will further provoke the angry person. We must strive to use gentle and kind words to prevent any further violent response from the angry person.

The next wise counsel is that "A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath" (**Proverbs 21:14**). A gift, as a token of love and forgiveness, can soften one's heart. In other words, instead of retaliating, we should show patience and more love and kindness by our words and actions.



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 1 October 2017

Tithes: 8,340.20

Offerings: 8,777.10

Bldg Fund (Project): 1,900.00; 1,000.00; 900.00

Designated Gifts: Sujith Samuel 100.00; Kelvin Lim 100.00; 50.00; Andrew Koh 100.00; Aron Paiva 100.00; 50.00; Gladys Ratnam 100.00; Sharon Ng 50.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Bldg Fund (Project): 200.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 1 October 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,315,336.70

"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

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.

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

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

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: The Vanity of Labour

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Choy Luan Kheng

Date & Time: Sat, 21 Oct 2017, 3-5pm

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

*(Transport from Kovan MRT station
Exit C at 2.40pm.)*

Children aged 4-12 will have concurrent
GCM programme.

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 YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Children's Education - Part II

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Fidelia Mah

Date & Time: Fri, 27 Oct 2017, 4-6 pm

Venue: Home of Sis Angeline Wong
Blk 50 Telok Blangah Drive, #10-102
Singapore 100050

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

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 6-12.)

In view of this combined retreat, this Saturday’s GMF is cancelled.

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.



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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

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SMS or WhatsApp
your prayer item

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