

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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Those who seek God in true worship shall not be devoid of truth. Just as Abraham's servant had testified that God "hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth" (Genesis 24:27), the psalmist has also declared that "his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:5). Furthermore, we who abide in Christ have this promise to be guided by His truth, for "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Let us therefore confess: "O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth" (Isaiah 25:1).

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Be Not Deceived

Deuteronomy 11:16

Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Dn Low Boon Siang

*Hymn 18: Come, Thou Almighty King

*** Invocation & Gloria Patri**

*** Responsive Scripture Reading**

1 Peter 1:1-25

Hymn 45: We Gather Together

Collection of Offerings

*** Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 251: Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord

Scripture Memorisation

*** Intercessory Prayer**

Elder Mah Chin Kwang

Sermon

Pr Kelvin Lim

“Be Sober!”

1 Peter 1:13-16

*Hymn 372: More Holiness Give Me

*** Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 22 OCTOBER 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 29 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: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Roscelle Lim Refreshments: Rose Chua Ah Moey Ushers: John Peh & Jonah So	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Winnie Yap Refreshments: Gan Sheu Hoong Ushers: Cayson Chok & Lawrence Ng
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim Musicians: Sarah Teo, Eunice Choy Ushers: Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Ho Kee How, Linus Kok Greeter: Diana Chan AV Ministry: Crew No. 1 Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Chong Shu Mun Jolyne Cho, Lim Hua See Junior Worship: Edwin Quek, (Daryl Kablingue) Aileen Tan, (Jasmine Low) Arvind Pawa	Worship Leader: Pr Dennis Kablingue Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Jeremy Teo Ushers: Bernard Lim (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Edwin Quek Jason Low, Low Chip Hung Marcus Lim, John Peh Greeter: Mah Lean Choo AV Ministry: Crew No. 2 Flowers: Angela Ang Refreshments: Stella Tan, Cecilia Siah Chairine Chayadi, Corliss Ooi Junior Worship: Choy Luan Kheng, (Mabel Ng) Dn Low Boon Siang, (Chloe Pawa) Pr Kelvin Lim
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Cecile Batrina	Worship Leader: Preacher: Musician: Canceled in view of Usher: Reformation Lectures Refreshments:
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Elder Ng Poh Kok Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Kenneth Wong

22 October 2017

John Calvin, the Reformer

Prabhudas Koshy

As we recall the 16th century Reformation, we praise God for the great work He has done through the Reformers. Among the Reformers, John Calvin (1509-1564), though regarded as a second generation Reformer, had played a definitive role in the Reformation. Calvin is credited, along with Martin Luther and John Knox, for helping to revive biblical Christianity.

It is reported that more than 30,000 English-speaking congregations around the world trace their lineage through John Calvin. He was a figure of remarkable significance in the history of the Reformed tradition.

John Calvin was a theologian, pastor, biblical exegete and tireless apologist for Reformed Christianity. His theological works, biblical commentaries, tracts, treatises, sermons and letters helped to spread the Reformation doctrines

throughout Europe. He ranks among the most important thinkers in church history. No theologian has been as acclaimed or assailed as much as Calvin.

Calvin's greatest single work in Christian theology is "The Institutes of Christian Religion". He wrote it at the age of 27 (though he continued to update and republish it throughout his life). It has altered the course of Western history as much as any other book. It is still read by theological students today. It covers a broad range of theological topics from



justification by faith alone to Christian liberty and the doctrines of church and sacraments. The overarching theme of the book - and Calvin's greatest theological legacy - is the idea of God's total sovereignty, particularly in salvation and election.

During his pastoral ministry in Geneva, Calvin tirelessly preached over two thousand sermons. He preached twice on Sunday and almost every weekday. It is reported that his sermons lasted more than an hour. Church historians note that Calvin worked himself nearly to death. When he could not

walk, he was carried to church in a chair to preach. Even when the doctor forbade him to go out in the winter, he would welcome people into his bedroom and give lectures there. When some urged him to rest, he would ask them, "What? Would you have the Lord find me idle when he comes?"

To provide a glimpse of this giant of theology, here are some quotes from Calvin's pen. (These quotes are adapted from <http://www.calvin500.com/john-calvin/quotes-by-calvin>)

- "There is not one blade of grass, there is no colour in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice."
- "Seeing that a Pilot steers the ship in which we sail, who will never allow us to perish even in the midst of shipwrecks, there is no reason why our minds should be overwhelmed with fear and overcome with weariness."
- "There is no worse screen to block out the Spirit than confidence in our own intelligence."
- "God preordained, for his own glory and the display of His attributes of mercy and justice, a part of the human race, without any merit of their own, to eternal salvation, and another part, in just punishment of their sin, to eternal damnation."

- “You must submit to supreme suffering in order to discover the completion of joy.”
- “We must remember that Satan has his miracles, too.”
- “However many blessings we expect from God, His infinite liberality will always exceed all our wishes and our thoughts.”
- “No man is excluded from calling upon God, the gate of salvation is set open unto all men: neither is there any other thing which keepeth us back from entering in, save only our own unbelief.”
- “Man with all his shrewdness is as stupid about understanding by himself the mysteries of God, as an ass is incapable of understanding musical harmony.”
- “Let us not cease to do the utmost, that we may incessantly go forward in the way of the Lord; and let us not despair of the smallness of our accomplishments.”
- “Knowledge of the sciences is so much smoke apart from the heavenly science of Christ.”
- “Though Satan instils his poison, and fans the flames of our corrupt desires within us, we are yet not carried by any external force to the commission of sin, but our own flesh entices us, and we willingly yield to its allurements.”
- “Man’s mind is like a store of idolatry and superstition; so much so that if a man believes his own mind it is certain that he will forsake God and forge some idol in his own brain.”
- “A dog barks when his master is attacked. I would be a coward if I saw that God’s truth is attacked and yet would remain silent.”

Martin Luther's Prayer

Last week we published two short prayers of Martin Luther, the great Reformer. Today we publish another famous prayer of Luther. May the Lord teach us also how to pray according to His will.

Behold, Lord,
An empty vessel that needs to be filled.
My Lord, fill it.
I am weak in faith;
Strengthen thou me.
I am cold in love;
Warm me and make me fervent
That my love may go out to my neighbour.
I do not have a strong and firm faith;
At times I doubt and am unable to trust thee altogether.
O Lord, help me.
Strengthen my faith and trust in thee.
In thee I have sealed the treasures of all I have.
I am poor;
Thou art rich and didst come to be merciful to the poor.
I am a sinner;
Thou art upright.
With me there is an abundance of sin;
In thee is the fullness of righteousness.
Therefore, I will remain with thee of who I can receive
But to whom I may not give. Amen.



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 15 October 2017

Tithes: 3,050.00

Offerings: 7,761.30

Designated Gifts: Kelvin Lim 50.00;
Kenneth Wong 100.00; Gina Sim 50.00;
Esther Ratnam 50.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Bldg Fund (Project): 1,200.00

Bible Witness: 500.00

GAF/GMF Day Retreat

Offering: 800.00

Building Fund: 500.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 15 October 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,323,796.70

**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 547 Bedok North Street 3
Singapore 460547

Please meet @ 1.30pm at the foyer.

GETHSEMANE YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Children's Education - Part II

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Fidelia Mah

Date & Time: Fri, 27 Oct
2017, 4.00pm - 6.00pm

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 before the meeting.*

REFORMATION LECTURES 2017

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

Theme: "Historical Relevance
of the Reformation"

Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Date/Topic/Speaker

29th October – Reformation
Breakthrough:

Defining Moments and Key Figures
by Eld Richard Tiu

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.)*

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
Those who wants to help as volunteers,
please contact Pr Kelvin
Lim @ 8268 2828.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Those who would like packet lunch
after worship service for the month
of November 2017, kindly place your
order with Sis Aileen Tan.

COMBINED GYF/GYAF CAMP

Speakers: Pastor Koshy & Pr Andrew Koh

Date: Sun - Wed, 24-27 December 2017

Venue: Resort Lautan Biru, Mersing, Johor

Please sign up at the reception today and make your payment to Bro Ernest or Bro Gideon.

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE

January - April 2018

Monday Night Class

“Old Testament History II” *by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew*
Commencing on 8 January

Thursday Night Class

“Job” *by Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy &*
“Systematic Theology II - Anthropology” *by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo*
Commencing on 4 January

Registration forms are available at the reception table.

CHURCH CAMP 2018

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

Venue: Lexis Penang

Camp Fees (excluding airfare):

Twin-sharing \$480/camper

Triple-sharing \$405/camper

Quad-sharing \$360/camper

Child up to 5 years old free

Child > 5 years old – Fee will depend on configuration

An additional night in Lexis is at RM400 per room.

(Campers will settle the costs of additional night/s directly with the hotel.)

Participants are advised to book plane tickets on their own as soon as possible. Registration will commence on 7th Jan 2018. If you have any questions, please approach Eld Francis Lee.

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 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)

Thursday Campus Bible Study

4.00pm-5.00pm @ SUTD

6.30pm-7.30pm @ NAFA

Friday Morning Prayer

7.45am – 8.30am @ Church Resource Centre

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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