

# 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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### Worship Etiquette

- Come early and be seated 10 minutes before worship.
- Prepare yourselves in silent meditation, prayer and self-examination.
- Switch off your mobile phone and other electronic devices, that the solemnity of the service may not be disrupted.
- Refrain from unnecessary conversation and movement during the service.
- Do not leave the worship till the end (only after the benediction).

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## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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*Be Not Deceived*

**Matthew 24:24**

For there shall arise false Christs,  
and false prophets, and shall shew great signs  
and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible,  
they shall deceive the very elect.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### Call to Worship

*Elder Francis Lee*

\*Hymn 31: Blessed Be the Name

### \* Invocation & Gloria Patri

### \* Responsive Scripture Reading

*1 Peter 1:1-25*

### Gethsemane Youth Choir

Hymn 347: Under the Care of My God, The Almighty

### Collection of Offerings

### \* Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 244: Fill Me Now

### Scripture Memorisation

### \* Intercessory Prayer

*Elder Francis Lee*

### Sermon

*Pr Jeremiah Sim*

"The Call to be Holy"

*1 Peter 1:13-21*

\*Hymn 286: O Happy Day!

### \* Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen

*\* Congregation Standing*



**TODAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2017**

**NEXT LORD'S DAY, 19 NOVEMBER 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> Elder Alan Choy <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Gan Sze Huey <b>Flowers:</b> Winnie Yap <b>Refreshments:</b> Roscelle Lim <b>Ushers:</b> Cayson Chok & Jonah So	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Gan Chin Hwi <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Angeline Wong <b>Flowers:</b> Roscelle Lim <b>Refreshments:</b> Gan Sheu Hoong <b>Ushers:</b> John Peh & Lawrence Ng
	ENGLISH SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Francis Lee <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim <b>Musicians:</b> Eunice Choy, Jeremy Teo <b>Ushers:</b> Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Andy Lee, James Chen Jonathon Lim, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario <b>Greeter:</b> Violet Quek <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 4 <b>Flowers:</b> Mah Lean Choo <b>Refreshments:</b> Stella Tan, Cecilia Siah Chairine Chayadi, Corliss Ooi <b>Junior Worship:</b> Melissa Neo, (Jolyne Cho) Melissa Mah, (Cornelius Koshy) Elder Alan Choy	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Alan Choy <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kablingue <b>Musicians:</b> Ellyzabeth, Sarah Lee <b>Ushers:</b> Bernard Lim (i/c) Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Gerry Lee, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Stephanie Lee <b>Greeter:</b> Violet Quek <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 1 <b>Flowers:</b> Diana Chan <b>Refreshments:</b> Karen Quek, Amanda Leong Mary Ong, Esther Quek <b>Junior Worship:</b> Lee Kim Lei, (Rossellini Liu) Elder Mah Chin Kwang, (Violet Quek) Low Chip Hung
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Norefel Resuma <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kablingue <b>Musician:</b> Ayn Tindaan <b>Usher:</b> Julius Del Rosario <b>Refreshments:</b> Edeliza Ballega	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Eric Delina <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kablingue <b>Musician:</b> Duaine Kablingue <b>Usher:</b> Jomart Tindaan <b>Refreshments:</b> Arlene Igoy
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	<b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13 <b>English Speaker:</b> Arvind Pawa <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim	<b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2 <b>English Speaker:</b> Kenneth Wong <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Elder Alan Choy

# Warning Against Theft: A Plea for Honest Work

*Prabhudas Koshy*

Paul wrote, “Let him that stole steal no more” (Ephesians 4:28a). This is a prohibition against stealing. The word “stole” in Greek is a present participle verb, which has durative force. Thus, it denotes ‘he who used to steal’ or an actual thief. Whatever form of stealing there had been in a person’s life, once he becomes a Christian, he must stop it utterly.

Jesus said in Matthew 15:18-19 that thefts proceed from the heart and defile a person. Stealing is an unrighteous act that does not befit the followers of Christ. In 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, the apostle Paul listed thieves among those who will not inherit the kingdom of God. He said, “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”

Theft was regarded as a serious sin in the Old Testament and was prohibited in firm words – “Thou shall not steal” (Exodus 20:15; cf. Leviticus 19:11; Deuteronomy 5:19; Jeremiah 7:9). Jesus cited the

commandment, “Thou shall not steal”, in Mark 10:19, and so did the apostle Paul in Romans 13:9. Stealing is a violation of God’s commandment; it is also a social evil that disrupts the peace and progress of every community.

Stealing is taking another person’s property without permission or legal right, and without any intention of returning it. It is the illegal possession of anything owned by others. Many people practise various forms of stealing today – robbery, burglary, shoplifting, looting, petty theft, fraudulent business, profiteering, withholding employees’ promised pay, mismanagement of time and properties at work, cheating on taxes, refusal to pay debts, plagiarism, copyright violation, not giving tithes and offerings to support God’s work, etc.

Let us not engage in any form of stealing. Neither should we admire nor follow the pattern of those who become rich at the expense of others. Do not collaborate with those who covetously deal with others. Some may have committed certain forms of stealing without realising the severity of the misdemeanour. Nonetheless, everyone should repent from the sin of

stealing when the Spirit of God convicts him through His Word. And wherever possible, he should restore those things to the rightful owner.

The next advice Paul gives to Christians is “but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth” (Ephesians 4:28b).

A Christian should never pursue any dishonest means of material gain, such as through stealing. He is advised to “labour, working with his hands”. The thief must stop stealing and begin to put in some hard, honest labour. The Greek word for “labour” (*kopiáō*) denotes toil or engaging in hard work to the point of exhaustion. Paul used this word in connection with “working with his hands”. Christians should prefer hard, manual labour to stealing. The apostle Paul, when he was without any financial assistance, gave himself to hard labour, working with his hands to support the Gospel work (1 Corinthians 4:12). According to Acts 18:3, when he was in Corinth, he supported himself by working as a tentmaker, together with Aquila. In Acts 20:34, referring to his time in Ephesus, he further said “that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.” Without question, he worked hard to support himself and those in need.

Whether it was in a secular profession or in the ministry, Paul was assiduous and hardworking. In

1 Corinthians 15:10, he said, “but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.” In 1 Thessalonians 2:9, Paul wrote, “For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.” Like Paul, we must dedicate our hands, our minds and our strength to undertaking and accomplishing tasks that are good, instead of doing that which is bad, contrary to God’s law. We must not be slothful or lazy in our work. We must not detest hard work. Christians must always be industrious people. Whether it is at workplace, at home, or in church, let us be diligent to put our hands to useful and profitable things.

A commitment to hard work will not only help us to cease from dishonest and evil activities (such as stealing), but will also provide us with means to earn a living for ourselves and to help others in need. The Bible teaches us to be eager to help others who are in need. Paul was a tender-hearted, generous person who took lead in helping others (cf. Acts 24:17; Romans 15:26; 1 Corinthians 16:1-9). As he wrote in Galatians 6:10, “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” ■

# Note of Thanks for Reformation Lectures

Dear Pastor Koshy,

We would be remiss if we did not thank you and the Session in affording all GBPC members/visitors the very informative Reformation lectures over the month of October, commemorating the 500th year since this work began at God's command. We are indebted to GBPC and the speakers.

It was our great joy to learn of the Reformation, in such detail, and our wonder and joy to learn how God raised great men of faith to keep His church pure and faithful, for His honour and praise.

That the Reformation coincided with the world rapidly entering the “English-speaking” era, with exploding literacy worldwide, is truly God's perfect timing. It also happened at the time of the world when there was a great “rebirth” in learning in theology, philosophy, arts, engineering, etc. Not to mention also the invention of the printing press! Truly, His perfect timing is so evident throughout the whole Bible and through the several eras of man's history. All things are always determined by God, and none else!

We are truly humbled by the perfect work of God in the Reformation ... Thank you for the rounded presentation. It is truly our untold joy now to be able to follow God's Word and His work in preserving His church until our Lord Christ comes again. We pray the Holy Spirit and His grace will enable all believers to faithfully persevere in faith, and see God's faithful and wondrous work in keeping His church pure in our time.

God is faithful to His church. Praise God and amen.

Joyfully and gratefully in Christ,

Robert Tan

# Did Man Evolve From the Ape?

There are some who believe that people are related to apes because they believe man originated from that animal species. Sooner or later, you will meet someone who will tell you, "We all are descendants of a man who first came down from the trees." However, it is not true at all that mankind evolved from apes. Neither are we related to them.

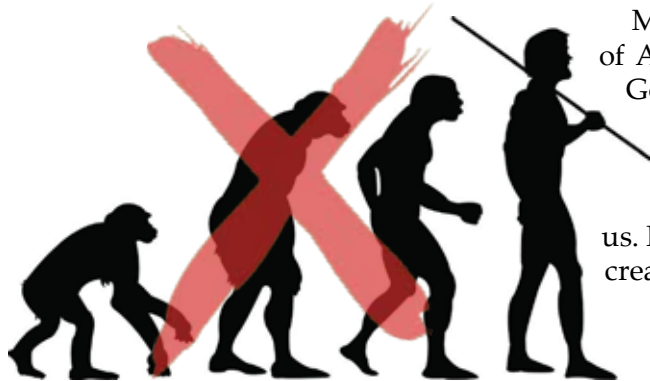
The first humans were created by God. About 6,000 years ago, God created a man, and then from him, a woman. They were known as Adam and Eve.

The Bible tells us that our first parents, Adam and Eve, were created in God's image (Genesis 1:26). They were very different from all other animals that God created. They could speak with God and with one another. Unlike apes and other animals, they were capable of expressing their thoughts and feelings through words.

Modern men like you and me, being descendants of Adam and Eve, are also made in the image of God. So, we can communicate with one another and with God. We can praise God and worship Him as well (cf. James 3:9).

How wonderful is our God who created us. How infinitely intelligent and wise is God who created us! Let us worship Him and praise Him!

*Prabhudas Koshy*



## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 5 November 2017

**Tithes:** 8,940.00

**Offerings:** 6,809.20

**Bldg Fund (Project):** 1,900.00; 850.00;  
555.00

**Designated Gifts:** General Fund 902.00;  
500.00; Bible Witness 50.00; GBPC  
(Ethiopia) 100.00; 100.00; Rev Ephrem  
Chiracho 100.00; Kelvin Lim 50.00; Ho Kee  
How 50.00; Annie Ho 100.00; Cornelius  
Koshy 300.00; Andronicus Koshy 300.00;  
Dorcas Koshy 300.00; Joey Lim 20.00;  
Roscelle Lim 100.00; Esther Ratnam 50.00

### NON-SUNDAY GIFT

**Bldg Fund (Project):** 2,410.00; 1,200.00;  
600.00

**General Fund:** 300.00

### SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

*(as of 5 November 2017)*

**Building Fund (Project):** \$2,337,679.70

## YEAR PLAN FOR 2018

All committees of ministries and fellowship groups are advised to confirm their plans for major events/activities for the year 2018, and submit them to the church office by 10 Dec 2017.

## GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

**Chairman:** Bro Timotheus Liu

**Date & Time:** Fri, 17 Nov 2017, 7.30pm  
(Bring-a-dish dinner)

**Venue:** Home of Mr & Mrs Aron Ong  
Blk 3, Queen's Rd, #07-157  
Singapore 260003

## GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** The Vanity of Wealth & Fame

**Speaker:** Pr Andrew Koh

**Chairperson:** Sis Stephanie Lee

**Date & Time:** Sat, 18 Nov 2017, 3-5pm

**Venue:** Home of Sis Alice Chee  
Blk 10 Tao Ching Road #14-23  
Singapore 618725

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

Children aged 4-12 will have concurrent  
GCM programme.

## GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**Speaker:** Pr Clement Chew

**Chairman:** Bro Gideon Lee

**Date & Time:** Sat, 18 Nov 2017

**Choir Practice:** 2.00pm - 3.30pm

**Bible Study:** 3.45pm - 5.00pm

**Venue:** Home of Mr & Mrs Andrew Koh  
Blk 472B Fernvale St, #19-47  
Singapore 792472

## GETHSEMANE YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** A Woman After  
God's Own Heart

**Speaker:** Recorded Message  
by Pastor Koshy

**Chairperson:** Sis Merisa Teong

**Date & Time:** Fri, 24 Nov 2017, 4-6pm

**Venue:** Home of Sis Karen Quek  
Blk 457 Pasir Ris Dr 4, #08-307  
Singapore 510457

*Please email any questions related to the  
above topic to gethsemaneyoungmothers@  
gmail.com before the meeting.*

## GETHSEMANE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Daily Vacation Bible School

**Venue:** TGCM premises

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

**Time:** 10.00am - 4.00pm

**Fee:** \$15

*Please hand in your registration form  
with payment to Sis Melissa Mah.*

**Closing date: TODAY**

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

## CHINESE SERVICE RETREAT

**Speakers:** Pr Daniel Lim & Bro Zhu Jianwei

**Date:** Mon - Thur, 18-21 Dec 2017

**Venue:** Tropical Inn, Johor Bahru

*Please sign up at the reception.*

## COMBINED GAF/GYAF CHRISTMAS CAROLLING 2017

**Date:** Saturday, 23 Dec 2017 **Time:** 4 – 6pm

**Venue\*:** Home of Mr & Mrs Eric Delina (“East” zone), & Home of Sis Aileen Tan (“West” zone)

\*As each home can only accommodate a limited number of people, carolling participants will be limited to **40-45** persons per home.

Please sign up on respective list (either the “East” or “West” list) at the reception table to facilitate planning and coordination.

## 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 Lim or Bro Gideon Lee.*

## 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.

(The Church camp briefing slides are available for reference on the church’s website.)

## 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**  
Resume on 6 Dec 2017

**Wednesday Night GBI-Online**  
Semestral Break

**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

8138 8139

SMS or WhatsApp  
your prayer item

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### Our Session

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Elder Mah Chin Kwang

Elder Alan Choy

Elder Ng Poh Kok

Elder Francis Lee

Deacon Daniel Lim

Deacon Lok Kwok Wah

Deacon Kelvin Lim

Deacon Low Boon Siang