

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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Please be seated by 10.20am.
Silence all your mobile phones
and electronic devices.

Quieten yourself and pray
for the blessings of the worship service.

Join the pre-worship singing.
Be reverent all through the service,
for we are gathered to worship
the ALMIGHTY GOD.

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Be Not Deceived
1 Corinthians 3:18

Let no man deceive himself. If any man among
you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him
become a fool, that he may be wise.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Elder Alan Choy

*Hymn 41: Before Jehovah's Aweful Throne

* Invocation & Gloria Patri

* Responsive Scripture Reading

2 Peter 1:2-11

Hymn 316: Jesus Never Fails

Collection of Offerings

* Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 429: We Have Not Known Thee as We Ought

Scripture Memorisation

* Intercessory Prayer

Elder Alan Choy

Sermon

Pr Dennis Kablingue

"The Power That Worketh in Us"

Ephesians 3:20-21

*Hymn 355: Day by Day

* Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 26 NOVEMBER 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 Daniel Lim Musician: Angeline Wong Flowers: Roscelle Lim Refreshments: Gan Sheu Hoong Ushers: John Peh & Lawrence Ng	Worship Leader: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Eunice Choy Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Roscelle Lim Ushers: Chan Tuck Whye & Francis Tan
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Sarah Teo Ushers: Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Gerry Lee, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Stephanie Lee AV Ministry: Crew No. 1 Flowers: Diana Chan Refreshments: Karen Quek, Amanda Leong Mary Ong, Esther Quek Junior Worship: Lee Kim Lei, (Rossellini Liu) Elder Mah Chin Kwang, (Violet Quek) Low Chip Hung	Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pr Andrew Koh Musicians: Jasmine Low, Jeremy Teo Ushers: Bernard Lim (i/c) Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Ho Kee How, Linus Kok Greeter: Aileen Tan AV Ministry: Crew No. 2 Flowers: Tomei Tan Refreshments: Violet Quek, Mary Lee Rachel Teo, Lok Qian Hui Junior Worship: Kamala, (Adeline Lim) Neo Kian Seng, (Adlucia Lim) Annie Ho
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Duaine Kabingue Usher: Jomart Tindaan Refreshments: Arlene Igoy	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Jordan Ballega Refreshments: Erly Calaro
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Kenneth Wong Dialect Speaker: Elder Alan Choy	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

19 November 2017

The Preacher

Prabhudas Koshy

The Self-Ordained Preacher!

God does not want His people to be taught by self-commissioned preachers! He disapproved the teachings of such men among the ancient Israelites – “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied” (Jeremiah 23:21). God warned of their ministry as unprofitable and treacherous – they “... cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD” (Jeremiah 23:32; cf. 14:14; 27:15).

One such preacher was Hananiah. To him, God’s servant Jeremiah said, “Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie” (Jeremiah 28:15). The preaching by a man who is not equipped by the Spirit of God would cause his hearers to “trust in a lie”. For this reason, Jeremiah squared up to Hananiah. Like Jeremiah, every faithful servant of

God recognises the necessity to contend with him who is not sent by God, for that man will not only be ineffectual but will also pose the grave danger of misleading the people into error. Such vigilance and conflict may cause some, especially simple-minded Christians, to become weary. Nonetheless, it must be emphasised that it is necessary, as in the case of “Jeremiah vs Hananiah”, that any “self-ordination” to the office of a preacher must be opposed!

It is to protect the church from such men that God’s Word gives us this condition: that if a man were to come to the office of a preacher (or any other leadership office of the church), evidence of the Spirit-endued qualities and abilities must be found in that man whom God calls into the preaching ministry. Moreover, God’s Word commands the leaders of the church (i.e. pastors and elders) to scrutinise and examine individuals who desire to come to the offices of the church. Even after the appointment of such men to the offices of the church, vigilance must continue so that those who

are not of God but had somehow made their way into the offices of the church may not be allowed to start their vile efforts to corrupt the church.

The God-Ordained Preacher!

The God-sent preacher is not one who prepares a sermon and delivers it in an academic fashion. The God-sent preacher preaches from a divine impulsion and enablement. He says with Paul, “For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!” (1 Corinthians 9:16).

God first calls and adequately prepares the preacher before He sends him to preach His Word. Hence, the preacher will not only have a deep desire to preach but also all the necessary qualities and abilities to do the work of a preacher. Only those whom God has called, prepared and equipped to preach His Word will He commission and send as preachers. When God equips a man with all the required spiritual wisdom, character and giftedness, which are outlined in the sacred Scriptures, the leaders and members of the church would be able to witness them.

The preacher is a witness to God’s message and His equipping of him. He is not assigned to be a mere herald of the divine message, but also to be a living testimony of the message. By faith, he receives the message not just for his hearers, but also for himself, and yields himself to live daily according to the Biblical truths. The preacher is first of all a witness of the truth, then its herald. His life must be regenerated, renewed, and ratified by the truths of God’s Word.

He must acknowledge the authority of God’s Word. It is not enough to merely believe in the authority of the Word; there must be evidence that he is living under the authority of the Word. He who has not experienced the power of God’s truth in his life cannot share it boldly with others. He must be submissive to what Scripture says, even when his own heart’s desires and feelings are contrary to it.

A servant of God is one whom God has deployed for the service of His kingdom. God will prepare him and place him according to His providential plan in the work of His church. The service of God is a divine deployment, not a voluntary service. Whatever be the office, God’s Word is clear that no

man who is not specifically called and prepared by God should enter therein. This principle is clearly mentioned in passages like Hebrews 5:4 – “And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.” This principle is corroborated by John the Baptist’s words: “A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven” (John 3:27).

There are a thousand ways in which God may use His people to serve in the church. But to be in the office of the ministry of the Word (such as teaching and preaching), their giftedness is very different from all other services in the church. When it comes to the office of a preacher, it is non-negotiable that a man shows all the evidence of divine equipping for that honourable task. He must have the humility, integrity, giftedness to expound the Word, co-labouring spirit with other preachers, wisdom, discernment to give counsel to God’s people, etc. Until all these qualities and abilities are evident and confirmed, no one should be appointed to the office of a preacher. Certainly, it does not mean all preachers will be equally capable and effective. Nonetheless, the divine enabling for the task must be evident in a preacher.

Let no one rush to be a preacher. Let no one seek to be a preacher anyhow. Let the man who says that he is called to be a preacher follow the Biblical instructions concerning the appointment to that office. God will not fail to fulfil the call He has given to His servants (cf. Philippians 1:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:24; 2 Thessalonians 1:11; 3:3). God has not allowed any man who is not evidently proven by the Spirit of God (before the church and her God-honouring leaders) as having the divine calling and enablement, to take to himself the office of a preacher. If the church, especially the pastors and elders, do not sense your giftedness and affirm your ability to preach, then you should not take it upon yourself to be a preacher. No one should discredit the advice of God-appointed men in the church, for they watch over your souls (Hebrews 13:17)! Like Timothy, every preacher must have the affirmation of the presbytery (1 Timothy 4:14). For if a man takes to himself the office of a preacher by going against and neglecting the counsel of those whom God has appointed in the leadership of the church, why should he think that his hearers would hear him? ■

Did God create all things in six days?

The first chapter of the Bible, Genesis 1, clearly speaks of six days of creation. After recording God's acts of creation in the first six days, in the last verse of the chapter it is said, "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day" (Genesis 1:31).

Even though the Bible clearly says in Genesis 1 that God created everything in six days, some argue that the word "day" is not exactly a 24-hour ordinary day. Not only non-Christians, even some who clearly identify themselves as Christians also argue against the belief that God created all things in six ordinary days. They claim that the word "day" in Genesis must be interpreted to mean "long ages", like millions or billions of years!

But the Bible clearly says six times in Genesis 1 that each day of creation has "the evening and the morning" cycle (Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31). Certainly it points to the fact that the word "day" in Genesis is not to be equated with long ages of millions or billions of years, as some erroneously assert.

Moreover, the Bible uses ordinal numbers (such as "first", "second", "third", etc.) with the word "day" – to denote clearly that God's Word meant one ordinary day after another. There is no indication in the record of Genesis 1 that the creation is a process of millions and billions of years. Certainly, God wants us to know and believe that He created all things in six ordinary days.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 12 November 2017

Tithes: 2,780.00

Offerings: 7,093.40

Bldg Fund (Project): 129.00; [400.00

(Filipino F'ship)]

Designated Gifts: General Fund 100.00;
Bible Witness 50.00; Rev Ephrem Chiracho
100.00; Pastor Koshy 100.00; Kelvin
Lim 50.00; Ho Kee How 50.00; Samson
Hutagalung Rp218,000

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

General Fund: 300.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 12 November 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,338,508.70

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*“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*

GETHSEMANE BIBLE INSTITUTE FINAL EXAMS

Venue: TGCM premises

1. Eschatology

Date: Wednesday, 22nd Nov 2017

Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm

2. Ephesians

Date: Wednesday, 29th Nov 2017

Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm

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

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.

COMBINED GAF/GCM OUTING

Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

Chairman: Dn Low Boon Siang

Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2017

Time: 3.30-6.00pm

Venue: Pasir Ris Park
(vicinity of Carpark D)

*(Transport from Pasir Ris MRT station at
3.00pm. Pls contact Dn Kelvin Lim
@ 8268 2828)*

Children aged 4-12 will have concurrent
GCM programme

PASTOR'S TRIP TO INDIA

Pastor, together with his sons Cornelius and Andronicus, are away visiting Pastor's parents and our missionary to India, Pr Sujith Samuel, and will return on 27th Nov. Bro Benny Skariah will join Pastor to visit Sujith in Vizag. Pray for their journey mercies and for Pastor as he ministers God's Word and interacts with Sujith and his contacts regarding the mission work in Vizag. Pray also for the Lord's leading and protection upon all of them.

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

Exams on 22 & 29 Nov 2017

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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Deacon Lok Kwok Wah

Deacon Kelvin Lim

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