

# 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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Christian worship is Theocentric and Christocentric. Only through the Lord Jesus Christ can one ever acceptably come before God (John 14:6; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 John 9). Furthermore, if God the Father hath not granted a man to come to His Son, the Lord Jesus, no one can come to Christ (cf. John 6:45, 65). So, both the Father and the Son are engaged in mutual glorification in the hearts of the people of God (cf. John 13:31-32). In fact, the Holy Spirit is also at work in our hearts to glorify Christ (cf. John 16:13-14).

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## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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*Defence*

**Psalm 7:10**

My defence is of God, which saveth  
the upright in heart.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### Call to Worship

*Elder Ng Poh Kok*

\*Hymn 75: Come, Christians, Join to Sing

### \*Invocation & Gloria Patri

### \*Responsive Scripture Reading

*Psalm 139*

Hymn 284: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

### Collection of Offerings

### \*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 409: Take Time to be Holy

### Scripture Memorisation

### \*Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

"Discipline of God's Children – II"

*Matthew 18:15-17*

\*Hymn 258: Lord, Thy Word Abideth

### \*Benediction & Threefold Amen

*\* Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 28 JANUARY 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2018

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> Gan Chin Hwi <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Dyllis Teo <b>Flowers:</b> Francis Tan <b>Refreshments</b> Gan Sheu Hoong <b>Ushers:</b> Francis Tan & Chan Tuck Whye	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Gan Sze Huey <b>Flowers:</b> Lee Kim Lei <b>Ushers:</b> Lawrence Ng & Robert Ooi
	ENGLISH SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Eld Ng Poh Kok <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Musicians:</b> Ellyzabeth, Jeremy Teo <b>Ushers:</b> Bernard Lim (i/c) Amoz Choy, Danial Wong Lijoy George, Stephen Yap David Ng, Linus Kok <b>Greeter:</b> Diana Chan <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 4 <b>Flowers:</b> Carolyn Koshy <b>Refreshments:</b> Roscelle Lim, Corliss Ooi Chong Shu Mun, Jolyne Cho <b>Junior Worship:</b> Choy Luan Kheng, (Daryl Kablingue) Aileen Tan, (Cornelius Koshy) Stephanie Lee	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Eld Mah Chin Kwang <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Musicians:</b> Eunice Choy, Dorcas Koshy <b>Ushers:</b> Gerry Lee (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Edwin Quek Jason Low, Low Chip Hung Marcus Lim, John Peh <b>Greeter:</b> Mah Lean Choo <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 1 <b>Flowers:</b> Karen Quek <b>Refreshments:</b> Violet Quek, Chairine Chayadi Lim Hua See, Mary Ong <b>Junior Worship:</b> Pr Kelvin Lim, (Stella Tan) Mong Jee Pawa, (Cecilia Siah) Pr Ho Kee How
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Norefel Resuma <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kablingue <b>Musician:</b> Ayn Tindaan <b>Usher:</b> Jordan Ballega <b>Refreshments:</b> Cecile Batrina	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Eric Delina <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kablingue <b>Musician:</b> Duaine Kablingue <b>Usher:</b> Julius Del Rosario <b>Refreshments:</b> Erly Calaro
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	<b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13 <b>English Speaker:</b> Arvind Pawa <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Stephen Yap	<b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2 <b>English Speaker:</b> Eld Ng Poh Kok <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Eld Alan Choy

28 January 2018

# Heavenly-Mindedness

*Prabhudas Koshy*

The upcoming BW retreat (14-16 March) is just about 6 weeks away. I would like to encourage you to sign up for the retreat without delay. Come and join the retreat for three days of rest and spiritual nourishment. Please pray for the blessing of this retreat.

The messages will explain the biblical meaning, manner and benefits of “Heavenly-Mindedness”. We who are journeying to heaven must “set (our) affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3:2).

Modern Christianity has become earthly-minded, consciously pursuing worldliness and disregarding the biblical exhortation to live with heavenly-mindedness. Many are seduced to think that “a person may be so heavenly-minded that he becomes no earthly good”! They seem to despise the blessed hope of heaven, as their thinking has become earth-bound.

However, the truth is that heavenly-minded Christians are the most effective servants of God on

earth. The more we focus on eternity, the greater the impact we will have on earth for God’s glory, and for the salvation and edification of souls.

Moreover, heavenly-minded people can discern and dispel the corrupting, destructive powers of worldliness. They are motivated and determined, courageous and hopeful, for they work out their calling in this life for the glorious, eternal rewards from their soon coming King.

Brethren, we must not be seduced by the world’s vanity. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit by His Word will stir our hearts and minds to stretch out for the things of heaven. If our minds would remain trapped within the confines of this perishing world, we shall not enjoy the power and hope of heaven. While we realise that those “whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things”, let us also know that “our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:19-20).

## **Meditate on the following verses that teach heavenly-mindedness**

**Psalm 73:24-26** – “Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.”

**Matthew 6:19-21** – “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (cf. Luke 12:32-34).

**Matthew 19:21** – “Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.”

**Ephesians 2:5-6** – “Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and he hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

**Philippians 1:10** – “That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.”

**Philippians 1:20-21** – “According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

**2 Timothy 4:7-8** – “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

**Hebrews 10:34-35** – “For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.”

**1 Peter 1:3-4** – “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you”.

# Notes of Encouragement to Bible Witness Media Ministry

*We publish the following notes received by letter and e-mail for the encouragement of all who labour for and prayerfully support the ministry of the Bible Witness magazine. This is the 18th year of publication of Bible Witness. Thousands of copies of this magazine are sent out to many nations of the world. Through this magazine, we herald the precious truths of the Scriptures. Praise the Lord! “And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:15).*

Dear Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy and Session,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We thank the Lord for your labour of love in reaching out to many through literature and broadcasting. May the Lord continue to uphold you in this good work for Him.

As a gesture of support, kindly accept the love gift of S\$2,000.00 for this ministry.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Emmanuel.

Sincerely in Christ’s Service,  
Rev Lee Kim Shong  
Pastor, Calvary Jaya Bible-Presbyterian Fellowship

Greetings dear friends

The September-October 2017 “Bible Witness” arrived 2 days ago. How do you get so much into one issue?!

So carefully done, all on timely subjects and issues. May God bless your good work. Reminder that Dr Arthur Steele often spoke of one he admired, P. Koshy. You are in our prayers.

Blessing on the Lord’s Day.

Morris McDonald  
Suncoast Bible Presbyterian Church  
Palm Harbor, Florida

Dear Pastor Koshy,

This is to acknowledge receipt of the Bible Witness (September-October 2017) issue which highlights the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Thanks a lot for your kindness in sharing these things with us.

Please do extend my warm greetings to Brother Dennis Kabingue. Thanks.

Pastor Louie D. Hitosis  
Cornerstone Baptist Church  
Pangasinan, Philippines

# Creation: The Fourth Day

*Genesis 1:14-19*

Dear children, today we shall learn about God's creative works on the fourth day of Creation – He made two great lights and the stars (v. 16), and “set them in the firmament of the heaven” (v. 17).

The two great lights are the sun and the moon. They are to be “for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years” (v. 14). In other words, they were created to be a measurement of time. Time can be measured by the cycles of the rising and setting of the sun, whereby one day is delineated by one cycle of “evening and morning”. 365 such days make up one solar year.

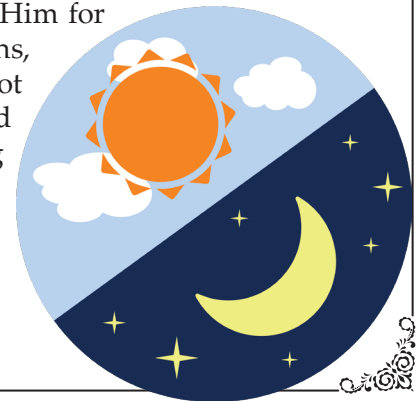
In the Old Testament, we see God used time to tell His people of things that will happen in the future. For example, He told Abraham that Sarah would give birth to Isaac “at this set time in the next year” (Genesis 17:21). When God's appointed time came, Sarah gave birth to a baby boy, and His prophecy was fulfilled.

The two great lights, together with the stars, were set in the galaxy to “give light upon the earth” (v. 15, 17) as well. The “greater light” (i.e. the sun)

is to rule the day while the “lesser light” (i.e. the moon) is to rule the night. So, man receives sunlight during the day to guide him in his work and life on earth, whereas in the night, he has the sun's reflected light via the moon (together with the stars) to guide him around. These physical lights, while acting as luminaries in the sky, also serve as a spiritual visual guide which silently point to their Maker, the LORD God Almighty.

My young readers, whenever you walk around during the day or in the night, you ought to appreciate these lights that God has given to man. Therefore, let us thank Him for these wonderful creations, without which we cannot measure time nor find our way around during the day or night.

*Kelvin Lim*



## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 21 January 2018

**Tithes:** 8,115.00

**Offerings:** 14,970.80

**Building Fund (Project):** 1,000.00; 7:00;  
200.00

**Designated Gifts:** Bible Witness 300.00;  
Rev Ephrem 200.00; 50.00; GBPC  
(Ethiopia) 100.00; India Missions 100.00;  
Sujith Samuel 60.00; Pr Ho Kee How  
100.00; 300.00; Annie Ho 350.00; Daryl  
Kabingue 100.00; Andrew Koh 100.00;  
Joey Lim 250.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 50.00; Pr  
Jeremiah Sim 50.00

### NON-SUNDAY GIFT

**Designated Gifts:** Bible Witness 2,000.00;  
TGCM 200.00

### SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

*(as of 21 January 2018)*

**Building Fund (Project):** \$2,389,711.20

**Give generously  
towards our  
Church Building Fund.**

## GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

**Speaker:** Pr Jeremiah Sim

**Chairman:** Dn Low Boon Siang

**Date & Time:** Sat, 3 Feb 2018, 3pm-7pm

**Venue:** TGCM premises  
202B, Ponggol Seventeenth Avenue

There will be a cooking activity, as well as  
dinner fellowship. Dinner is at \$5/pax. Please  
sign up **today** to facilitate the planning.

## GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Study of 1 Timothy 3:14-16

**Speaker:** Pastor Koshy

**Chairman:** Bro Benjamin Quek

**Date & Time:** Sat, 3 Feb 2018, 4pm

**Venue:** Home of Sis Katherin Wu  
Blk 27 Balam Road, #07-31  
Singapore 370027

## PASTORAL VISITATION ANG MO KIO/BISHAN

**Date & Time:** Fri, 9 Feb 2018, 8.00pm

**Venue:** Home of Mr & Mrs Jason Low  
7 Bright Hill Drive #18-06 Thomson  
View Condo, Singapore 579599

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.

## GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Speaker:** Pastor Koshy

**Chairman:** Bro Eric Delina

**Date & Time:** Sat, 10 Feb 2018 at 4pm

**Venue:** TGCM premises  
202B, Ponggol Seventeenth Avenue

*Take LRT (West Loop) from Punggol MRT  
station to Punggol Point LRT station.*

There will also be a concurrent children's  
programme for children aged 4-12.

## HARD COPIES OF THE CHURCH CONSTITUTION

All members who would like to receive  
a hard copy of our church constitution,  
kindly indicate your name on a sign-up  
form at the reception table (one copy  
per family).

## SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session today at

Blk 536 Bedok North Street 3  
Singapore 460536

Please meet @ 1.30pm at the foyer.

(GBI class and Children's Bible Study are  
cancelled in view of this.)

## MISSION TRIP TO BOHOL

**Date:** 5-8 April, 2018

The next mission trip to visit our mission church in Bohol has been confirmed by Session. With the programme's smaller scope, the team comprising 10 brethren has been formed. Any other brethren who is keen to serve in this mission trip is asked to see Elder Mah for details by Sunday, February 11, 2018.

## CHURCH CAMP 2018

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

**Venue:** Lexis Penang

Participants are advised to book plane tickets on their own as soon as possible. Registration is now open. Please take the registration form from the reception table. If you have any questions, please approach Elder Francis Lee.

## 14TH BIBLE WITNESS RETREAT

14-16 March 2018 (Wed-Fri)

**Theme:** Heavenly-Mindedness

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Venue:** Pulau Springs Resort, Johor

### Retreat Fees (incl. transportation):

Single Occupancy: \$280/person

Twin/Triple Sharing: \$240/person

Child with Bed (Aged 4 to 11): \$150/child

Child without Bed (Aged 4 to 11): \$120/child

(Please sign up quickly at the reception table to facilitate the planning of this retreat. You may approach Dn Lok or Bro Hendrick Foo if you need any additional information.)

## 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

### Thursday Seniors' Ministry

11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

### Campus Bible Study

2.30pm on Tuesdays @NAFA

2.00pm on Fridays @SUTD

### 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  
Deacon Low Boon Siang