

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 is the tribute which we pay to the King of kings, who has saved us and made us His people. We acknowledge His sovereignty over us, and our dependence on Him. Let us be filled with inward reverence and praise, that we may offer them outwardly in songs, prayers, meditation of His Word and service unto His glory. May we come to Him with a true heart, confessing, "The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey" (Joshua 24:24).

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Defilement

Mark 7:23

All these evil things come from within,
and defile the man.

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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

* Scripture Reading in Unison

Psalm 128

Hymn 556: How Sweet the Name of Jesus

Collection of Offerings

* Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 369: Near to the Heart of God

Scripture Memorisation

* Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Jesus' Teaching on Divorce - Part II"

Matthew 19:1-12

*Hymn 372: More Holiness Give Me

* Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 11 MARCH 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 18 MARCH 2018

9.00 – 10.00am		CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
10.30am	CHINESE SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eld Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments Maggie Ho Ushers: Robert Ooi & Cayson Chok	Worship Leader: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Eunice Choy Flowers: Winnie Yap Refreshments Gan Sheu Hoong Ushers: Lawrence Ng & Jonah So
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eld Francis Lee Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Dorcas Koshy, Ellyzabeth Ushers: David Tan (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Edwin Quek Jason Low, Low Chip Hung Marcus Lim, John Peh Greeter: Low Siew Lian AV Ministry: Crew No. 2 Flowers: Evelyn Lee Refreshments: Violet Quek, Chairine Chayadi Lim Hua See, Mary Ong Junior Worship: Pr Jeremiah Sim, (Jenice Choy) Gina Sim, (Jasmine Low) Low Chip Hung	Worship Leader: Dn Kelvin Lim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jasmine Low, Jeremy Teo Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Ng Kwan Teng, Theodore Wang Benny Skariah, Cayson Chok Timotheus Liu, Chan Tuck Whye Greeter: Winnie Yap AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Mah Lean Choo Refreshments: Stella Tan, Amanda Leong Rachel Teo, Mary Lee Junior Worship: Eric Delina, (Adeline Lim) Karen Quek, (Cecilia Siah) Annie Ho
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Julius Del Rosario Refreshments: Daryl Kablingue	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Jordan Ballega Refreshments: Edeliza Ballega
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Eld Ng Poh Kok Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Eld Mah Chin Kwang Dialect Speaker: Eld Alan Choy

Practical Suggestions for Family Worship

Prabhudas Koshy

In a world of terrible moral corruption and religious deterioration, having daily family worship is the best protection against the sins that are rampant in our society. It is also the best aid in nurturing the fear of God in our children's hearts. May our families seek the Lord that we may escape the corruption and tragedies that are predicted concerning those who do not seek the Lord – “Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name” (Jeremiah 10:25). Oh, may we not be weary of calling upon the Lord!

PREPARATION FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

Family worship requires some planning and preparation.

- Decide on the best time that your family can come together to worship the Lord. It will require some effort and even sacrifice during certain periods. (Plan to meet at least once a day. Certainly, it is most desirable to have it in the morning and in the evening. It can be just before your breakfast or evening meal – whatever time that is most appropriate for your family.)
- Be prepared to spend about 20 minutes for family worship.
- Have your hymnals or songbooks ready. (It is good to have a copy for everyone.)

- Have your Bibles ready, and if necessary, a devotional book too. (Devotions can be found at www.getsemaneipc.com/resources/daily-devotion)
- Wake up early and refresh yourselves so that you can call everyone to gather for worship. If you are unwell and therefore unable to lead in the family worship, assign your wife or one of your older children to take the lead.
- If an unpleasant situation has occurred or if you have lost your temper before your family worship time, make every effort to quickly resolve the matter in your own heart. Pray in your heart for peace, gentleness and the right spirit to sit with all in the family and worship the Lord. In such circumstances, if you acknowledge your sins and seek peace, family worship will become a very meaningful spiritual exercise.

PROGRAMME FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

Determine what you should do when your family meets for worship. Once decided, as much as possible, keep to your plan. In this way, you can avoid disorderliness and wasting of time.

I would suggest “an order of family worship” below, but you may have a different order that suits your situation.

Be alert and watchful so that whatever you plan to do, it would be God-honouring and biblical.

- Sing a psalm or hymn. Choose one that all can sing together. If you have young children, you may choose children's songs or short choruses or Scripture in song. If time permits, you can even teach a new hymn or song. (Allocate about 3-5 minutes.)
- Read a portion of the Scriptures, give a brief exposition and then apply it for the benefit of your family. You may choose to read through the entire Bible or certain books of the Bible by apportioning a section of few verses each day. Or you may choose to follow the portion of the Scriptures suggested in a devotional resource that you are using. (Allocate about 10-15 minutes.) When you have more time during weekends or holidays, you can even have a serious Bible Study on a topic or a portion of the Scriptures.
- Offer prayer to praise God for His salvation and goodness, and to pray for His forgiveness, sanctification, guidance, provision and protection. Apart from praying on behalf of the family, prayers must also be offered for your church, missionaries and others whom you know. The head of the family may ask other members of the family to pray on certain occasions. (Allocate 5-10 minutes.)

PROTECT FAMILY WORSHIP

There are many hindrances that are perilous to family worship. We must always be alert to avoid them. It is

impossible to discuss all possible problems and obstacles in this article. I would just discuss a few of these possible hindrances here. Let us be watchful so that we will not succumb to these perils. Take whatever precautions needed to prevent the failure of family worship in your homes.

- Don't make excuses to avoid family worship. We must fight off tiredness and sleepiness. Lethargy and indifference are common enemies of family worship.
- Lead with a firm, fatherly hand and yet be gracious and tender-hearted. Require everyone to pay attention. As loving as you are, never give allowance for bad attitude and misbehaviour.
- Don't allow interruptions. TV shows, phone calls and all such distractions must be avoided. The worship of God requires wholeheartedness and solemnity.
- Be careful to teach the Word accurately, aptly and affectionately. Don't be vague when you explain the Word. It is very important that your instruction is doctrinally pure and relevant in application. Explain how a text has affected you, or your family life, or church, or other great men of God in history. This would help the family members to see the relevance of the Bible. Prepare early to teach. If you are incapable of expounding, obtain a good devotional guide with the help of your church leaders.
- When the children are young, let your teaching be within their grasp. Your prayers must be simple without

being shallow. Keep the length of your teaching and prayer according to the abilities of your children.

- Inconsiderate leading of family worship can be detrimental to family worship. Don't let family worship drag on. Be mindful of the capabilities of your young children.
- Be mindful during worship that your attitude and words will not frustrate and provoke other family members. Even though we must rebuke and correct while applying the Word of God, we must take heed not to turn the times of worship into occasions to lash out at others and to nag at them for their mistakes. I have heard of family worship turning into a time of arguments and quarrels so much so that family members refuse to gather together.
- From time to time, remind the family members of the significance of good attitude in family worship. Tell them that all must participate reverentially and joyfully. Remind them that your family owes God gratitude and allegiance for His mercies and faithfulness.
- If you have lost your temper, and find yourself having no mood to participate, do not abandon worship altogether. If you have made a mistake, apologise and move on in worship. If others have made a mistake, correct them with love, and quickly move on in worship.
- If you ever become weary of leading the family worship, encourage yourselves by recollecting the

blessings of family worship. Caution yourselves against the spiritual maladies that can trouble your family if you fail in providing spiritual leadership to the family.

- Remember to pray on your own for the protection and blessing of your family worship.

A Note of Thanks & Encouragement for Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study at Bible Witness Bookroom

Dear Rev Koshy and Bro John,

Thank you for your dedication in serving the Lord through running the Bible Witness Bookroom and conducting the Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study.

The Bible Witness Magazine is also a regular source of biblical food for many like me, who need to continue to learn the Word of God.

Thank you, and God bless you and your families with health and joy always!

Sincerely and gratefully,
Sok Leng

Our Evil Heart will Lead to Evil Deeds

“All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.”

Mark 7:23

Jesus said in Mark 7:23, “All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.”

These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus after He had warned about wicked things that proceed from our hearts. Our hearts are very sinful. Jesus said, “For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness” (Mark 7:21-22).

Even the ancient prophets of God also warned God’s people against their own hearts. For example, the prophet Jeremiah said, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9).

Most of us do not recognise that our hearts are very corrupt.

If we do not recognise the evilness of our heart, we will fail to prevent ourselves from working out our evil thoughts. There are those who would tell us that we have a good heart and that we must believe in ourselves. But we must remember the warning of our Lord concerning evil deeds that proceed from our hearts.

Let us therefore humbly guard our thoughts. Whenever an evil thought arises, let us repent and ask the Lord to cleanse our hearts. Be alert against our own thoughts to prevent ourselves from committing evil works.

Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 4 March 2018

Tithes: 5,205.00

Offerings: 9,304.50

Building Fund (Project): 1,900.00; 70.00; 50.00; 50.00; 250.00; [50.00 (Filipino Service)]

Designated Gifts: TGCM 400.00; 50.00;

GBI International 10.00; Ethiopian

Students' Meals 100.00; Rev Ephrem

100.00; Kelvin Lim 200.00; Angeline Wong

100.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Building Fund (Project): 550.00

Bible Witness: 150.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 4 March 2018)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,522,371.20

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

*"Every man according as
he purposeth in his heart,
so let him give;
not grudgingly, or of necessity:
for God loveth a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7*

14TH BIBLE WITNESS RETREAT

MEETING TIMES FOR BRETHREN

TAKING THE COACH (14TH MAR 2018)

- Pick-up Point 1: Carpark beside Eunos MRT Station @ 6.45am
- Pick-up Point 2: Along Venture Avenue, Jurong East MRT Station @ 7.15am

The coach will first be at Eunos MRT. Thereafter, it will leave for Jurong East MRT and pick up the brethren living in the West. Please be at the pick-up points on time.

The retreat files will be provided to you on the coach. Please remember to bring your Bible with you.

GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of Ecclesiastes

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Bro Matthew Peh

Date & Time: Fri, 16 Mar 2018, 7.30pm

Venue: Home of Sis Kim Lei

408 Fajar Road #10-349

Singapore 670408

(Dinner fellowship will begin at 7.30pm.

The message will start at 8.30pm.)

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

Topic: "The Beauty of Holiness"

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Date & Time: Sat, 17 Mar 2018, 2.00-5.30pm

Venue: City Beach Resort

For more details, please avail yourself of the seminar flyers. Kindly sign up at the reception table or via this link <http://goo.gl/forms/OpWNBDVSeF>.

Youths are strongly encouraged to join this seminar.

There will be a separate programme for children aged 4 to 12.

Note to parents: As the children will be heading out of City Beach Resort, please ensure that you pack a small Bible and a water bottle for them. Optional items: cap, suntan lotion and/or mosquito repellent (you may apply beforehand).

FCM COMBINED MEETING

Theme: Revive Thy Work
(Habakkuk 3:2)

Speaker: Pr Joshua Yong

Date & Time: Fri, 23 Mar 2018, 7.30pm

Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC,
AV Room, Level 2

Packet dinner (6.30pm) will be provided. Kindly indicate if you need dinner to your respective FCM Coordinators. For enquiries, kindly contact Samuel Tan (9001 2454).

GETHSEMANE B-P CHURCH 30TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING

Date: Lord's Day, 25 March 2018

Let us prayerfully and joyfully praise God for His goodness towards us for the past 30 years. Buffet lunch will be catered. Adults and children aged 10 & above - \$10/person (subsidised), children under 10 - free. To facilitate the ordering of food, please sign up at the reception table today and make your payment to Sis Aileen Tan.

Thanksgiving Musical

Date & Time: Lord's Day, 25 March 2018 @ 2pm

In thanksgiving to God's unceasing faithfulness upon our church, the Youth Choir has lovingly put together a musical celebrating 30 years of faithful pulpit ministry. *Pamphlets are available at the reception table.*

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE & CANTATA

Date: Friday, 30 March 2018

Service: 10am-11am | **Cantata:** 11.30am-12.30pm

There will be a worship service and Cantata on Good Friday. Holy Communion will be served during the service. The theme of the Cantata is "The Atonement of Christ". The Voices of Gethsemane, Youth Choir and Children's Choir will be presenting during the Cantata.

CHURCH CAMP 2018 T-SHIRT SIZING

Theme: Church - A Caring Communion of Saints

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

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

Venue: Lexis Penang

Trial sizing of the Church Camp T-shirts will be done at 1.15pm every Sunday in March. The final day of sizing will be on 25th March 2018. All campers must submit their registration forms before proceeding to the T-shirt sizing. If you have any questions, you may approach Elder 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)

GBI-Revelation & CBS (1.45pm-3.00pm)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer

8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study

Cancelled in view of Bible Witness Retreat

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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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

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