

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"Not my will, but Thine, be done" – Luke 22:42*

## A WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship arises from hearts that contemplate God and His glory. 1 Chronicles 16:10-11 exhorts us, "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually." Each time when we draw unto Him in worship, we must grow in affection towards Him and His greatness and goodness. "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD" (Psalm 105:3).

## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

*Defilement*

**Hebrews 12:15**

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Dn Kelvin Lim*

\*Hymn 16: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

### \* Invocation & Gloria Patri

### \* Responsive Scripture Reading

*Psalm 37:1-8*

Hymn 65: And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

### Collection of Offerings

### \* Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 255: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart

### Scripture Memorisation

### \* Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

"Marriage or Singlehood?"

*Matthew 19:10-12*

\*Hymn 348: Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

### \* Benediction & Threefold Amen

*\* Congregation Standing*



**TODAY, 18 MARCH 2018**

**NEXT LORD'S DAY, 25 MARCH 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> Pr Daniel Lim<br><b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim<br><b>Musician:</b> Eunice Choy<br><b>Flowers:</b> Winnie Yap<br><b>Refreshments</b> Gan Sheu Hoong<br><b>Ushers:</b> Lawrence Ng & Jonah So   | <b>Worship Leader:</b> Gan Chin Hwi<br><b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim<br><b>Musician:</b> Dyllis Teo<br><b>Flowers:</b> Tay Soo Thian<br><b>Refreshments</b> Rose Chua Ah Moey<br><b>Ushers:</b> Chan Tuck Whye & John Peh   |
|                | ENGLISH SERVICE  | <b>Worship Leader:</b> Dn Kelvin Lim<br><b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy<br><b>Musicians:</b> Jasmine Low, Jeremy Teo<br><b>Ushers:</b> Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c)<br>Ng Kwan Teng, Theodore Wang<br>Benny Skariah, Cayson Chok<br>Timotheus Liu, Chan Tuck Whye<br><br><b>Greeter:</b> Winnie Yap<br><b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 3<br><b>Flowers:</b> Mah Lean Choo<br><b>Refreshments:</b> Stella Tan, Amanda Leong<br>Rachel Teo, Mary Lee<br><b>Junior Worship:</b> Eric Delina, (Adeline Chong)<br>Karen Quek, (Cecilia Siah)<br>Annie Ho | <b>Worship Leader:</b> Dn Low Boon Siang<br><b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy<br><b>Musicians:</b> Ellyzabeth, Sarah Lee<br><b>Ushers:</b> Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c)<br>Andy Lee, Danial Wong<br>Jonathon Lim, Ricky Yang<br>David Ng, Julius Del Rosario<br><br><b>Greeter:</b> Lee Kim Lei<br><b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 4<br><b>Flowers:</b> Tomei Tan<br><b>Refreshments:</b> Lena Chan, Karen Quek<br>Lok Qian Hui, Rhodora Resuma<br><b>Junior Worship:</b> Dorothy Ng, (Daryl Kabingue)<br>Jolyne Cho, (Cornelius Koshy)<br>Pr Kelvin Lim |
| 1.30pm         | FILIPINO SERVICE | <b>Worship Leader:</b> Eric Delina<br><b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kabingue<br><b>Musician:</b> Duaine Kabingue<br><b>Usher:</b> Jordan Ballega<br><b>Refreshments:</b> Edeliza Ballega   | <b>Worship Leader:</b> Norefel Resuma<br><b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kabingue<br><b>Musician:</b> Ayn Tindaan<br><b>Usher:</b> Jomart Tindaan<br><b>Refreshments:</b> Roscelle Lim  |
| 3.30pm         | LIONS HOME       | <b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2<br><b>English Speaker:</b> Eld Mah Chin Kwang<br><b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Eld Alan Choy  | <b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13<br><b>English Speaker:</b> Stephen Yap<br><b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim   |

18 March 2018

# Thinking Biblically About Church – Part I

*In commemoration of Gethsemane B-P Church's 30th Anniversary*

*Prabhudas Koshy*

Dear Gethsemaneans,

Thirty years have passed since our church was established. Only a handful in our present congregation were there when it was started. Most of us were added to the church along the way. Now, it is an appropriate time for every member to ponder over some pertinent questions, like: Why am I part of this church? Do I regard the church as God's Word teaches us about it? Have I been conducting myself as a genuine member of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ?

We must reckon our church just as our Great Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, instructs us in His Word. If we neglect His counsels concerning the church, we will certainly incur His wrath. His warnings and condemnation against every form of foolish, irreverential misconduct within the church are fiercely vivid and ominous. For His avowed

exhortation has constantly been: "Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth" (Revelation 2:16; see also 2:5; 3:3). Christ also declared rewards and honour to those who persevere joyfully to do His will in the church. His promise to His faithful people in the church is: "be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10b; see also 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28; 3:5, 12, 21).

As we prepare for the 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service (on the Lord's Day, 25th March 2018), I am moved in my spirit to contemplate and write on the biblical doctrine of the church.

## **WHAT IS THE "CHURCH"?**

The biblical definition of "church" is that it is a group of people whom God has called and

assembled as His people through Jesus Christ. Hence, the church consists of the people whom God saves through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ and who have been incorporated into His body through baptism with the Holy Spirit.

### **The church is a “called out” people of God.**

The New Testament Greek word for church (*ekklesia*) means the “called-out ones”. It refers specifically to the assembly of a people whom God has called out of sin, falsehood and the world for Himself. This truth is best expressed by the apostle Paul when he wrote to the church in Corinth – “Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours” (1 Corinthians 1:2; cf. Romans 1:6-7).

As a church, we are a separated entity of God’s people for God’s own purpose and glory. Only when all of us in the church joyfully and passionately respond to the call of God can our church be truly a faithful and fruitful church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**(Westminster Confession of Faith,  
Chapter XXV, paragraph VI)**

*“There is no other head of the Church but the Lord Jesus Christ. Nor can the Pope of Rome, in any sense, be head thereof; but is that Antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalts himself, in the Church, against Christ and all that is called God.”*

### **The church is called to belong to God.**

The frequently used New Testament description, “church of God” (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:2; Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 10:32; 11:22; 15:9; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:13; 1 Timothy 3:5), indicates that the local churches like those in Corinth belong to God. God owns the church, having purchased it for Himself with the blood of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ (cf. Acts 20:28).

Because the church belongs to the Lord God, it is also depicted as “the house of God” in 1 Timothy 3:15. The church is God’s household. It is not an institution or organisation that should be controlled and directed by human ideologies and fancies which are contrary to God’s revealed

purposes in His Word. No man should assume absolute authority over the church. God has made His Son, Jesus Christ, the Head of the church (Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:15; 5:23; Colossians 1:18). So, no one should ever lord over the church.

### **The church is called to be an assembly of saints.**

The church is made up of those whom God has called out of the darkness of sin and the world to be an assembly of holy people. Hence, Paul explicitly speaks about the members of the church as those who “are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints” (1 Corinthians 1:2b; cf. Roman 1:7). The word “sanctified” (*hagiazō*) means “to be separated from profane things and be dedicated to God for His use”.

It is through Christ that God sanctifies us from our sins for His holy purposes. Christ cleanses our sins by His blood and imputes His righteousness to us, that we may be separated from sin unto God for His service. Scripture says, “we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” (Hebrews 10:10). In Ephesians 5:25-26,

Paul said, “Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word”.

Note also what Paul mentioned in 1 Corinthians 1:2 concerning the church: the members of the church were “called to be saints”. The calling of the church is to function as a congregation of saints. All members of the church are summoned by God to live a life of holiness in this wicked world. Every member of the church who lives in worldliness and sin without genuine repentance defies God’s call and corrupts His purpose for His church. So, let us cease from every sin and live a holy life that pleases our blessed Master, who loved us and gave His life for our sanctification. Nothing weakens the church as much as the sins of its people! Thus, we must separate ourselves from sin and falsehood.

Scripture reminds us again in 1 Thessalonians 4:7 – “For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.” Indeed, the Lord has “saved us, and called us with an holy calling” (2 Timothy 1:9a). So dear church, let us walk in holiness, in obedience to the calling we have received from the Lord.

*(To be continued...)*

# Overcome Bitterness that Defiles Us

*“Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.”*

*Hebrews 12:15*

I am sure you don't want to fail. Every child should desire to succeed in life. The same goes for our spiritual life. As children of God, we are expected to succeed in living a peaceful and holy life. In the previous verse, Christians were exhorted to “Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14).

If we are to succeed in maintaining godly relationships with one another, first and foremost, we must diligently rely upon God's grace. A harmonious and holy relationship with one another as God's children cannot be successfully pursued in our own power. We need to fully depend upon His grace, for only by His grace can we fulfil all our Christian responsibilities to one another and to God. Make sure you rely constantly on the promised grace.

Do always what God graciously commands you to do. Don't let your own bitter feelings against others corrupt your mind to disobey God's counsel concerning your relationship with and responses to other believers. If believers are to bear the good fruits of peace and holiness, then they must also shun sins, such as bitterness. Let not unhappy feelings and anger discourage you from relying on God's grace to follow peace and holiness. Remember to warn yourself always that bitterness of heart will defile you. So, if at any time bitterness starts to develop in your heart, seek diligently, by prayer, God's grace to subdue all ill feelings and act in a peaceful and holy manner.

*Prabhudas Koshy*

## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 11 March 2018

**Tithes:** 6,710.00

**Offerings:** 6,802.45

**Building Fund (Project):** 1,000.00; [550.00  
(Chinese Service)]

**Designated Gifts:** TGCM 110.00;

Ethiopian Students' Meals 100.00; Rev

Ephrem 300.00; 100.00; Pr Kelvin Lim

50.00; Pr Ho Kee How 50.00; Pr Sujith

Samuel 100.00

### NON-SUNDAY GIFT

**Building Fund (Project):** 650.00

**General Fund:** 600.00

**Bible Witness:** 200.00

### SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

*(as of 11 March 2018)*

**Building Fund (Project):** \$2,524,571.20

**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*

## FCM COMBINED MEETING

**Theme:** Revive Thy Work  
(Habakkuk 3:2)

**Speaker:** Pr Ko Ling Kang

**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).*

## PASTORAL VISITATION

### PAYA LEBAR REGION

**Date & Time:** Fri, 23 Mar 2018, 8.00pm

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

## GETHSEMANE ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Book Study of 1 Thessalonians

**Speaker:** Pastor Koshy

**Chairman:** Eld Ng Poh Kok

**Date & Time:** Sat, 24 Mar 2018, 4pm

**Venue:** Home of  
Mr & Mrs Chong Khai Siang  
89 Woo Mon Chew Road  
Singapore 455163

*Transport from Kembangan MRT  
Taxi Stand at 3.40pm.*

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

## 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 **by 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.*

## BAPTISM & TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

**Date:** Lord's Day, 25 March 2018

Parents of young infants seeking baptism  
of their children, and brethren from  
like-minded churches seeking transfer  
of church membership, are asked to  
register with Sis Joey Lim by today, 18  
March 2018. Please refer to Eld Choy or  
Eld Mah for any clarification.

## 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.*

## GETHSEMANE DEFENDERS' MINISTRY

**Video Screening:** "Patterns of Evidence: Exodus"

**Date & Time:** Sat, 31 Mar 2018,  
1.30pm to 4.00pm

**Venue:** Singapore Post Centre, Level 5 Auditorium

Light refreshments will be served after the screening. Please sign up at the reception table to facilitate catering.

## 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

Participants are advised to book plane tickets on their own as soon as possible. Please take the registration form from the reception table and submit the completed form to Bro Aron Ong or Bro Ng Kwan Teng.

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**  
1pm @ 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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## 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 Kelvin Lim

Deacon Low Boon Siang