

30th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

A WORD ON WORSHIP

GIVE GOD HIS DUE

"I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and will call upon the name of the LORD."

Psalm 116:17

David made a personal vow to be a thanksgiving and prayerful person before the LORD. There is a tendency in the Church of God today for the congregation to be so caught up with the programmes that we become unmindful of the need to be thankful. As we commemorate God's goodness upon our church for the past 30 years, let us remember to give thanks to God like David did. Here, we have heard His voice through His Perfect Word, experienced the communion of the saints through the working of His Holy Spirit in our midst, mutual encouragement and prayer support of the brethren, etc. There is no greater thanksgiving than when we avow ourselves to depend on Him and worship Him.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Mah Chin Kwang

*Hymn 1: O Worship the King

* **Invocation & Gloria Patri**

* **Responsive Scripture Reading**

Psalm 138:1-8

Voices of Gethsemane

Hymn 197: All Glory, Laud and Honour

Collection of Offerings (Gethsemane Children's Choir)

* **Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 440: Lead on, O King Eternal

Baptism & Transfer of Membership

* **Pastoral Prayer**

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Christ, Children of His Kingdom"

Matthew 19:13-15

*Hymn 269: Come to the Saviour

* **Benediction & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*

GETHSEMANE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thinking Biblically About Church - Part II

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

Prabhudas Koshy

THE CHURCH IS ALSO CALLED UNTO HIS FELLOWSHIP

As much as the church of God is called to be saints, it is also “called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Corinthians 1:9). Likewise, the apostle John wrote: “truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ” (1 John 1:3). Our fellowship (or partnership) with Christ, the Son of God, must determine every fellowship we have with people or organisations.

Our fellowship within the church must also be based upon Christ. In other words, we should not enter into a relationship or fellowship that would dishonour or hinder our fellowship with the Son of God. John warned us, “If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth” (1 John 1:6). Paul also reminded us in Ephesians 5:10-11, “Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”

Every church member ought to examine himself to see whether his fellowship with Christ is growing more affectionate and profound, or whether it is hindered

by sins and worldly friendships and activities. The effectiveness of a church is very much dependent on the strength of its members' fellowship with Christ. If church members abide in Christ, the church will be a fruitful one. The stronger its relationship with Christ, the greater is the impact of the church as a witness to the world!

THE CHURCH IS CALLED TO BE ONE UNITED PEOPLE

In 1 Corinthians 1:24, we read: “But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.” God has called both Jews and Greeks alike, that they may have Christ as their power and wisdom. In the church, everyone, regardless of ethnic or national diversity, has the same spiritual inheritance. In Christ, every man, whether Jew or Greek, is called to partake of the divine provision of power and wisdom.

All believers share in the same spiritual inheritance. Therefore, there is no reason why any true believer should feel that he is less privileged or more privileged than others. We are all joint-heirs with Christ. In Romans 8:17,

Paul wrote: “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ”.

Let us, therefore, regard one another in the church with mutual respect and love. Let us not despise but esteem one another, and thus keep our unity in Christ for God’s glory. Paul dealt with members of the church who were from different classes of society, and taught them how they should live as Christians though God’s providential appointments for them in society vary. He wrote: “But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches. Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised. Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God. Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather. For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord’s freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ’s servant. Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God” (1 Corinthians 7:17-24).

Even though Christians are all one in Christ, each believer should remain in the same calling which the

Lord has providentially allotted to him. Jewish believers should not try to become Gentiles, and Gentile believers should not try to become Jews. A Christian’s racial or social background and his present vocation are of little consequence in his spiritual relationship with Christ. If the vocational status of a Christian can improve, well and good; if it does not, it is not a matter of concern. What matters is that every Christian should realise that he is Christ’s slave and needs to render obedience to Him. Every vocation then becomes Christian service performed for the Master (Ephesians 6:5-8).

A Christian then can live in peace (1 Corinthians 7:15b) in his calling to whatever earthly vocation, and carry it out as one being responsible to God. In the church, members must hold one another in high esteem (Philippians 2:3; cf. Romans 12:10). No church can prosper if it is not united by mutual love and respect. Selfishness and pride will ruin the church, but humility and a sacrificial spirit will promote its unity and strength. So, may all church members take heed of Paul’s advice in Ephesians 4:3, 4 – “Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling”. This advice is further emphasised by Paul in Colossians 3:15, “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.” ■

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 18 March 2018

Tithes: 14,454.00

Offerings: 6,177.25

Building Fund (Project): 7,000.00; 650.00; 1,000.00; 150.00

Designated Gifts: Ethiopia Missions 100.00; Rev Ephrem 100.00; Pr Sujith Samuel 100.00; 50.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 50.00; Pr Jeremiah Sim 50.00; Angeline Wong 100.00; Carolyn Koshy 200.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Building Fund (Project): 2,500.00; 10,035.00; 1,000.00

General Fund: 200.00

Designated Gifts: Pastor Koshy 300.00; Cornelius Koshy 300.00; Pr Daniel Lim 300.00; Dn Lok Kwok Wah 300.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 300.00; Pr Jeremiah Sim 300.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 18 March 2018)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,546,906.20

**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*

BAPTISM & TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

25 MARCH 2018

Infant Baptism:

1. Elizabeth Anne Khong (daughter of Mr & Mrs Jonathan Khong)
2. Noelle Siew Rui Yi (daughter of Mr & Mrs Elvin Siew)
3. Nathan Zhang Jingyi (son of Mr & Mrs John Zhang)

Baptism:

1. Arlene Tangkay

Transfer of Membership:

1. Rudy Lim Boen Seng
2. Kevin Lim Guoyang

30TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING MUSICAL

Date: 25 March 2018 (today)

Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm

The Gethsemane Youth Choir has lovingly put together a musical-play in remembrance of God's faithfulness upon our church for the last thirty years. Outlining thirty years of faithful pulpit ministry, the musical consists of 4 Acts: A Christian Family, The Christian Battle, Christian Fellowship, and Christian Missions. The musical will be a joyful hour of 17 songs, featuring familiar hymns, choruses, spiritual songs and Scripture-in-song.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE & CANTATA

Date: Friday, 30 March 2018

Service: 10am-11am

Cantata: 11.30am-12.30pm

Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang

Musicians: Eunice Choy, Sarah Teo

Ushers: Bernard Lim (i/c), Samuel Yong, Lee Shing Shyan, Marcus Peh, Randy Laurencio, Arvind Pawa, George Chee

Greeter: Mong Jee Pawa

Flowers: Katherin Wu

Refreshment: Catherine Choy, Cecilia Seah, Edeliza Ballega, Khoo May Ping

Junior Worship: Melissa Mah, (Stella Tan), Elvin Siew, (Violet Quek), Carolyn Koshy

GETHSEMANE SENIORS' MINISTRY 13TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING

Retreat at Tropical Inn, Johor, Malaysia

Theme: "Biblical Wisdom for the Elderly"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Dates: 18-20 April, 2018

Brethren who are interested to join this retreat, please approach Sis Gina Sim for more information.

CHURCH CAMP 2018

Theme: Church - A Caring Communion of Saints

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

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. Please take the registration form from the reception table and submit the completed form to Bro Aron Ong or Bro Ng Kwan Teng

T-Shirt Sizing

Today is the final day of sizing for the Church Camp T-shirt. It will be done at 1.15pm. 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)

Cancelled in view of Thanksgiving Musical

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.*



Bible Witness
Magazine



Bible Witness
Web Radio



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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Elder Alan Choy

Elder Ng Poh Kok

Elder Francis Lee

Deacon Daniel Lim

Deacon Lok Kwok Wah

Deacon Kelvin Lim

Deacon Low Boon Siang

TODAY, 25 MARCH 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 1 APRIL 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: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Mehetabel Lim Flowers: Roscelle Lim Refreshments: Rose Chua Ah Moey Ushers: Chan Tuck Whye & John Peh	Worship Leader: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Francis Tan Ushers: Robert Ooi & Francis Tan
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Sarah Lee Ushers: Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Andy Lee, Danial Wong Jonathon Lim, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario Greeter: Lee Kim Lei AV Ministry: Crew No. 4 Flowers: Tomei Tan Refreshments: Lena Chan, Karen Quek Lok Qian Hui, Rhodora Resuma Junior Worship: Dorothy Ng, (Daryl Kablingue) Jolyne Cho, (Cornelius Koshy) Pr Kelvin Lim	Worship Leader: Eld Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Dorcas Koshy Ushers: David Tan (i/c) Amoz Choy, Andrew Teong Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Chong Khai Siang, Linus Kok Greeter: Diana Chan AV Ministry: Crew No. 1 Flowers: Diana Koh Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Cecilia Siah Edeliza Ballega, Khoo May Ping Junior Worship: Sarah Yong, (Rhodora Resuma) Rossellini Liu, (Adlucia Lim) John Peh
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Cancelled in view of 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving Musical	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Randy Laurencio Refreshments: Jean Tindaan
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Stephen Yap Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim Dialect Speaker: Pr Kelvin Lim

Anniversary Greetings

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.” (1 Peter 2:9)

Heartfelt greetings to the Pastor, the Session, and the members of Gethsemane Bible-Presbyterian Church, Singapore! We praise the covenant-keeping God of Israel for His faithfulness in nurturing, equipping, multiplying, empowering and blessing Gethsemane Bible-Presbyterian Church for the past thirty years. The LORD has indeed preserved Gethsemane in His truth and has made her thrive in His work all these years.

As we look back, we can see the providing and guiding hands of the Almighty God upon Gethsemane both in her home and foreign missions. The Lord has fought her battles and strengthened her hands to accomplish His purpose, in season and out of season. Therefore, may we all rejoice in His goodness and give hearty praise to the living and true God!

In these perilous days of apostasy and compromise, it is our prayer that the leaders and members of Gethsemane will remain united as they “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 1:3). And as we look forward to another year of service, let us “Expect great things from God, and attempt great things for God.” And may each passing moment of the future years be dedicated to the fulfilling of your higher calling in Christ Jesus (cf. 1 Peter 2:9; Matthew 28:18-20)!

All the brethren in Ethiopia wish you all a joyful and fruitful 30th anniversary commemoration.

Yours in Christ’s service,
Rev Ephrem Chiracho

[on behalf of Gethsemane BPC Ethiopia and Gethsemane Bible Institute (Ethiopia)]

Anniversary Greetings

Dear Pastor, the Church Session and our beloved brethren at Gethsemane B-P Church (Singapore),
On behalf of the brethren here in Gethsemane BPC-Cebu, please receive our warm greetings on the occasion of your 30th Anniversary!

Three decades of service in the Gospel ministry is a milestone. It is one special occasion that we all can rejoice for all that the Lord has done in and through the church. At a time when people are into celebrating “month-saries” or “week-saries” (giving the impression of passing and fleeting endeavours/undertakings), we rejoice indeed in the Lord’s goodness and faithfulness in keeping you through these past 30 years.

By the grace of God, I have been with the church since the year 2000 and have seen how the Lord prospered the work in various aspects of the ministry. In addition to the regular ministries of the church, we praise the Lord for the Bible Witness magazine and the Web Radio, The Gethsemane Care Ministry, Gethsemane Bible Institute, as well as your active missions involvement through the setting up and support of mission churches in different parts of the world. As one of your mission churches, we have been greatly blessed by your zeal, enthusiasm and support for the Lord’s work.

One thing that I must mention here is the church’s sound and solid Biblical teaching and preaching, which the Lord has been pleased to use to “add to the church such as should be saved” all these years. I would take this opportunity to appreciate Pastor Koshy for all his labours and love for the Lord’s work and the Lord’s people. Pastor, thank you so much for “your work and labour of love, which (you) have shewed toward his name...” (Heb. 6:10). Praise God also for the Church Session for their commitment to serve the Lord with gladness and in much humility. Lastly, to my fellow Gethsemaneans: “be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58).

May the Lord richly bless you, and continue to prosper your labours, and enable you to do even greater things for His glory.

Yours in Christ,
Reggor B. Galarpe
Gethsemane B-P Church, Cebu City, Philippines