

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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Our God is to be praised, for He has not despised nor abhorred us in our wretched conditions. He has shown great mercy to save, sanctify and strengthen us. His compassion towards us ceases not; His mercies are new every morning (cf. Lamentations 3:22-23). His pity towards us has been like that of a gracious and generous father (cf. Psalm 103:13; Matthew 6:32). So, let us exalt Him with thanksgiving, and by renewing our faith in Him and submitting to His glorious counsels.

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Defilement
James 3:6

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Elder Ng Poh Kok

*Hymn 8: Holy, Holy, Holy

* **Invocation & Gloria Patri**

* **Scripture Reading in Unison**

Mark 8:31-38

Hymn 266: I Am Coming, Lord

Collection of Offerings

Special Item

* **Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 382: I Would Be True

Scripture Memorisation

* **Intercessory Prayer**

Sermon

Preacher Jeremiah Sim

"The Consequences of Being Ashamed of Jesus"

Mark 8:38

*Hymn 433: Am I a Soldier of the Cross?

* **Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 08 APRIL 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 15 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: Eld Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Mehetabel Lim Flowers: Karen Quek Refreshments: Jennifer Goh Ushers: John Peh & Lawrence Ng	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Winnie Yap Refreshments: Jenn Lee Ushers: Chong Ah Huat & Robert Ooi
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eld Ng Poh Kok Preacher: Pr Jeremiah Sim Musicians: Dorcas Koshy, Sarah Lee Ushers: Gerry Lee (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Edwin Quek Jason Low, Low Chip Hung Marcus Lim, John Peh Greeter: Sally Lum AV Ministry: Crew No. 2 Flowers: Angela Ang Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Corliss Ooi Chong Shu Mun, Jolyne Cho Junior Worship: Cornelius Koshy, (Lok Qian Hui) Sharon dela Cruz, (Jean Tindaan) Jenny Lok	Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Sarah Teo Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Ng Kwan Teng, Theodore Wang Benny Skariah, Cayson Chok Timotheus Liu, Chan Tuck Whye Greeter: Mah Lean Choo AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Pansy Ng Refreshments: Violet Quek, Chairine Chayadi Lim Hua See, Mary Ong Junior Worship: Edwin Quek, (Evelyne Lee) Pr Kelvin Lim, (Corliss Ooi) Low Siew Lian
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Jeremiah Sim Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Arlene Igoy	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Julius Del Rosario Refreshments: Joy Del Rosario
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Eld Alan Choy	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Eld Ng Poh Kok Dialect Speaker: Stephen Yap

Let Us Guard Against Disunity

Prabhudas Koshy

Disharmony and disunity have existed in the church since New Testament times. The church in Corinth, for one, was most disreputable for its quarrels. Even in modern times, we have known of churches that have gone through schisms or that have even split.

WHY PEOPLE QUARREL?

“From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?” (James 4:1). Quarrels have been part of human society. Children throw tantrums and fight over toys, husbands and wives clash, business partners fell apart, politicians have rows, racial conflicts occur and nations go to war. The source of all fighting is man’s sinful heart. Man’s depraved, egoistic nature is the root of all discord and dispute. “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies” (Matthew 15:19).

By nature, man is self-willed and contentious. From cradle to grave, man is predisposed to his personal desires and whims. Unless believers “put off all these;

anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication” (Colossians 3:8), they would also be tempted to live for self-interest and self-glory, resulting in bitterness and acrimonious conduct. When two or more people are determined to pursue their own personal agendas, they will soon begin to fight.

CHURCH AND QUARRELS

Sadly, uncharitable contentions do occur in the church. Paul wrote to the Corinthian church: “For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it” (1 Corinthians 11:18; cf. 1:11), the reason being that “ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?” (1 Corinthians 3:3). Here, Paul is not saying that believers were in a totally carnal state, but that the Corinthians had been behaving in a carnal or fleshly manner. Paul had already taught that true believers are not carnally-minded as natural men are, but spiritually-minded (Romans 8:1-16). However, when believers do

not walk in the Spirit, they succumb to the impulses of the flesh. This is why believers are reminded: “Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would” (Galatians 5:16-17).

It is essential to understand that believers are not in an absolute carnal state; he has become a “new creature” (2 Corinthians 5:17) in Christ. The old, carnal man is crucified with Christ (Romans 6:6; Galatians 2:20). They have been changed, being regenerated and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. “And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts” (Galatians 5:24). Believers are no more in their spiritually dead and absolute carnal state. The unregenerate, natural men are in a totally carnal state. But a believer is now quickened as a spiritual man to live after the Holy Spirit. That is not to say that Christians cannot or will not sin. They are capable of sinning, so they must be vigilant to avoid temptations of the flesh and live in obedience to the Spirit.

The Corinthian Christians, instead of choosing to live spiritually, behaved in a carnal manner. Though they were spiritual men, they on occasion exhibited carnal behaviour, which was inconsistent with their

actual spiritual state. Hence Paul told them, “ye are yet carnal”. Oh, how tragic it is that Christians act carnally!

It is totally out of character for Christians to engage in quarrels and divisions within the church. It undermines the church’s testimony and effectiveness in the world. It gives an occasion for the devil and the world to scorn at the church. It grieves the Lord, and discourages and demoralises His people. In Galatians 5:15, Christians are admonished: “But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.” Quarrels fracture fellowship, rob Christians of their joy, weaken their effectiveness and dishonour the Lord. What a high price to pay for an ego trip!

CHURCH AND UNITY

God has clearly forbidden quarrels in the church. He encourages unity within the church. In 1 Corinthians 1:10, Paul admonished the feuding Corinthians: “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”

The first need of the Corinthian church was harmony among its people. It is also the need of many churches today. Take note that this unity comes with proper judgement, being of “the same mind and ... the

same judgment”. Anything less is not true spiritual unity. Hypocritical unity that tolerates doctrinal errors and unholy living is not what is taught here. We are not simply to be in unity indiscriminately and avoid all conflicts though people pursue ungodly doctrines and unscriptural living.

When congregants differ in doctrine, or strongly disagree with the church leadership and policies, they cannot contribute to the spiritual unity in the church nor serve effectively. Of course, believers are not “carbon copies” of each other. They are different from one another in disposition, temperament, skill and gift, but they ought to be of the same mind in Christian doctrine and living.

If any kind of difference or dispute occurs, it must be resolved according to the Scriptures. Church leaders, who are men of knowledge and spiritual maturity, must make it a point to prayerfully attend to those issues, and advise the church what “seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to (them)” (Acts 15:28). No arbitrary ruling should be made, but the board of elders must make their decision unanimously, and in accordance with God’s Word under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Their godly counsel must then be humbly sought and obeyed, for Scripture commands believers to “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they

watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you” (Hebrews 13:17). Faithful believers then must be in complete harmony with their leaders to obey God’s will. When elders are one in the Spirit, the congregation should submit to the directions given to them by the elders.

Such unity would require much effort and prayer. But it is God’s way for His church to enjoy the sweet blessings of unity, as Paul said to the Philippians, “Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind” (Philippians 2:2). Let us remember the psalmist’s praise of brotherly unity - “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1).

Dear Gethsemaneans, let us always endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit (Ephesians 4:1-6), and make Paul’s prayer for the Roman church ours: “Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God” (Romans 15:5-7).



The Defiling Tongue

“And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.”

James 3:6

Though the tongue is a small member of the human body, it can cause great damage to our Christian testimony and to others' lives. If fire is not carefully managed, it can quickly spread, destroying and devouring everything in its path. Likewise, an uncontrolled tongue spread sinful and destructive words around. So, the tongue is described as “a fire” and “a world of iniquity”.

With their tongue, people spread many sins around. They tell lies, curse others, pass rumours around, speak boastful things, hurt others, call names, malign and threaten others, humiliate others, cause discord or quarrel, teach false doctrines, and even blaspheme God, among other sins.

Because of all such evils that a tongue commits, it often “defileth the whole body”. No person or child with an evil tongue will be regarded as good. Such an individual will be regarded as a corrupt or defiled person. Like fire, an evil tongue will damage the whole course of one's life. Evil things spoken can destroy individual lives, families, schools, churches and communities. The danger of the sinful tongue lies in its being associated with “fire of hell”. The fire of hell is unquenchable, keeps on burning (Mark 9:43-44; cf. Isaiah 66:24; Matthew 5:22). Note also that hell is Satan's place, prepared for him and his demons (Matthew 25:41). An evil tongue, like hell fire, represents Satan's hellish purposes to pollute, corrupt and destroy! So, let us guard our tongue. Pray that God will help us to use our tongue only for holy and honourable purposes.

Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 01 April 2018

Tithes: 6,780.00

Offerings: 9,772.00

Building Fund (Project): 3,000.00;
1,000.00; 500.00; 1,800.00 [50.00 (Filipino
Service)]

Designated Gifts: Bible Witness 50.00;
TGCM 50.00; Israel trip 200.00; Rev
Kendagor 80.00; Pr Sujith Samuel 100.00

GOOD FRIDAY on 30 March 2018

Tithes: 1,250.00

Offerings: 5,819.00

Building Fund (Project): 50.00; 100.00

Designated Gifts: Pastor Koshy 500.00; Pr
Kelvin Lim 50.00; Pr Daniel Lim 50.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 01 April 2018)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,558,926.20

**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

SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session today at

Blk 525 Bedok North Street 3
Singapore 460525

Please meet @ 1.30pm at the foyer.

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

PASTORAL VISITATION

SERANGOON/TOA PAYOH REGION

Date & Time: Fri, 13 Apr 2018, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Angela Ang
6 Chuan View, Singapore 554744

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 Edwin Quek

Date & Time: Sat, 14 Apr 2018, 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.

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: "Respecting and Loving
Grown-Up Children"

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Melissa Mah

Date & Time: Sat, 21 Apr 2018,
2.00-4.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Carolyn Koshy
Blk 826, Tampines St 81, #02-92
Singapore 520826

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

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION PROGRAMME

Please sign up at the reception table if you
are interested to take the test on 27 May
2018. It will be a written and verbal test.
More details to come next week. For more
enquiries, please contact Dn Kelvin Lim.

GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

Topic: "Faithful Men (Part IV) - Job"

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Dn Low Boon Siang

Date & Time: Sat, 12 May 2018, 2-6pm

Venue: City Beach Resort

*Please sign up at the reception table to
facilitate the planning.*

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

CHURCH CAMP 2018

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. Please approach Elder Francis Lee if you need any additional information.

COMBINED YOUTH CONFERENCE 2018

Theme: “To Live is Christ”

Theme Verse: Philippians 1:21

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Date: 20-23 June 2018 (Wed-Sat)

Venue: Calvary Pandan B-P Church

NEW CHURCH APP

The new app is now available on the App Store (“GBPCBWMM”) and Google Play Store (“GBPC-BWMM”). Download it today! *(You may delete the old app as it will no longer be updated.)*

Please continue to pray for the brethren who are actively fine-tuning the app. You may report any issues or bugs to webmaster.gbpc@gmail.com.



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.



Bible Witness Magazine



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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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