

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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Those who seek God in true worship shall not be devoid of truth. Just as Abraham's servant had testified that God "hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth" (Genesis 24:27), the psalmist has also declared that "his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:5). Furthermore, we who abide in Christ have this promise to be guided by His truth, for "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Let us therefore confess: "O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth" (Isaiah 25:1).

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Deliverance

Psalm 34:4

I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Elder Francis Lee

*Hymn 1: O Worship the King

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

John 14:15-27

Hymn 278: Look to the Lamb of God

Collection of Offerings

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 352: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

Scripture Memorisation

*Intercessory Prayer

Sermon

Preacher Kelvin Lim

"More Love for the LORD"

1 John 5:1-5

*Hymn 392: More Love to Thee

*Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 29 APRIL 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 6 MAY 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: Tay Soo Thian Refreshments: Roscelle Lim Ushers: Cayson Chok & Francis Tan	Worship Leader: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Francis Tan Ushers: Robert Ooi & Lawrence Ng
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eld Francis Lee Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim Musicians: Sarah Teo, Dorcas Koshy Ushers: Bernard Lim (i/c) Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Marcus Peh, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Stephanie Lee AV Ministry: Crew No. 2 Flowers: Stella Yang Refreshments: Lena Chan, Karen Quek Lok Qian Hui, Rhodora Resuma Junior Worship: Eric Delina, (Jenice Choy) Aileen Tan, (Jasmine Kang) Dn Lok Kwok Wah	Worship Leader: Eld Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jasmine Kang, Sarah Lee Ushers: David Tan (i/c) Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Chong Khai Siang, Linus Kok Greeter: Aileen Tan AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Karen Quek Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Cecilia Siah Edeliza Ballega, Khoo May Ping Junior Worship: Pr Kelvin Lim, (Adeline Chong) Mong Jee Pawa, (Cecilia Siah) Samuel Yong
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Cecile Batrina	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Julius Del Rosario Refreshments: Edeliza Ballega
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Pr Kelvin Lim	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim Dialect Speaker: Stephen Yap

CRITICAL CONCERNS (2) ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Prabhudas Koshy

30 years of Gethsemane Bible-Presbyterian Church's existence provide many things for any sharp-eyed person to evaluate and comment. We are grateful for both cheering and corrective comments from God-fearing and faithful Christians. Many believers whom the Lord added to the church in the course of the last 30 years also brought much joy and assurance concerning the church's testimony.

You might be wondering what critical concerns about our church could there be? Are we not sound in our doctrines? Are we not making every effort to preach the Gospel to the unsaved, and also to edify the believers? Do we not have a biblical form of worship? Still, can there be some aspects of our activities and ministries that the Lord is very displeased with?

The leaders and members of the church should not become complacent to the extent of not checking our individual lives and our service to see whether

we please Him always. Our private affairs of life, our attitudes, our relationships, our activities, our dependence on God, our obedience to God, and all else must be evaluated before Him. "No stone should be left unturned" in checking whether we are pleasing the Lord.

Having studied the first three chapters of the book of Revelation in our recent Sunday afternoon GBI classes, a deep concern fills my heart about what the Lord would say concerning the spiritual state of our church. Out of the seven churches, five of them were sharply rebuked by the Lord. Two of them (Sardis and Laodicea) were in grave spiritual danger of being wholly discarded by the Lord because of their sins. Only the churches in Smyrna and Philadelphia were not chided.

Consider the following words of the Lord's rebuke to five of the churches in Revelation, chapters 2 and 3.

<u>Church</u>	<u>The Lord's Rebuke</u>	<u>Sins</u>
Ephesus	"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love" (Revelation 2:4).	Left its first love for the Lord and His people.
Pergamos	"But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate" (Revelation 2:14-15).	Embraced false doctrines, love for money and sexual immorality
Thyatira	"Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols" (Revelation 2:20).	Allowing a wicked woman to be the church's teacher/ leader, sexual immorality and idolatry.
Sardis	"... thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.... I have not found thy works perfect before God" (Revelation 3:1-2).	Sought man's applause, though the Lord denounced their activities as dead.
Laodicea	"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.... (for) thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" (Revelation 3:15, 17).	Delighted in wealth and fame, while disregarded its members' spiritual impoverishment and wretchedness. Christ was excluded from their fellowship; still He knocked at the "door", that they may open unto Him (Revelation 3:20).

It is instructive to note that churches like Ephesus, Pergamos and Thyatira also received commendation from the Lord for various things they did rightly in His sight. Ephesus was a church that was applauded for labouring earnestly and patiently, and for its uncompromising stand on doctrines. The church in Pergamos was praised by the Lord for enduring persecution and poverty in the service of the Lord with an uncompromising stand against false teachers. Likewise, the church in Thyatira was commended by the Lord for its works, charity, service, faith and patience. Yet each of them had specific rebuke from the Lord for failing in specific areas (which are mentioned in the chart above).

Thus, it is crucial that we do not ‘rest on our laurels’, if there is any at all. Our chief concern ought to be whether we please the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the church, in all aspects of our faith, doctrine, life and ministry. People may be very pleased with our church, but is the Lord pleased with us? Nothing should be of more significant concern to the church than what the Lord has to say about us.

But, how can we know whether the Lord has a word of rebuke against us? The Lord has given very clear counsel (at the end of every one of the letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3) as to how all the churches should take heed to what the Lord has to tell them. He said, “He that hath an ear let him hear what

the Spirit saith unto the churches” (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22). Christ’s messages in those letters are for all the churches in all places and in all ages, and the Spirit of God will let the churches know of the Lord’s counsel specifically for them. The Holy Spirit is sent to us, that we may be instructed of the Lord’s will (John 14:17; 16:13; 1 John 2:27). Let us yield to the Spirit who would teach us through His Word. Let us also pray for the preachers and teachers of God’s Word that they will be enabled by the Spirit to admonish us faithfully according to God’s will. Like the apostle Paul’s statement in 1 Corinthians 2:13, “Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual”, may our teachers also be enabled by the Holy Spirit to teach us His will concerning us. Let us all, as a church of Jesus Christ, conduct ourselves at all times to please and honour our Lord, in all matters of life and ministry.

Let us remember, brethren, our church may be seen as having an excellent place of worship, running many well-organised programmes and even being economically sound. Yet, the Lord who searches our thoughts and motives may be very displeased. So, all leaders and members of the church must sincerely and earnestly seek to know the Lord’s estimation about us, that they may repent and renew themselves according to His admonition.

Deliverance from Fears

*I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
Psalm 34:4*

David is mostly known for his great courage and determination. He is called “Israel’s mighty warrior”, for truly, he was valiant. David distinguished himself as a warrior against many of Israel’s powerful enemies - the Philistines, the Moabites, the Ammonites, the Edomites, the Syrians, the Amalekites, etc.

But David had a greater enemy within himself; he mentions his fiercest adversary as “all my fears”! Many a time, David’s heart was overwhelmed by fear. In fact, in Psalm 31:13, David wrote that “fear was on every side”.

However, David overpowered all his fears. How? By seeking the Lord in prayer and by pleading to the Lord to deliver him from all his fears. David testified that when he sought the Lord in prayer, the Lord heard him and delivered him from all his fears.

Dear children, you also must overcome your fears first, before you can have victory over many difficulties and challenges that you will have in your life. Like David, learn to pray when your heart is afraid. The more you trust the Lord in prayer, the greater courage and strength you will find to win your battles. The Lord is our Deliverer from all our fears!

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 22 April 2018

Tithes: 6,497.00

Offerings: 9,804.00

Building Fund (Project): 100.00; [550.00

(Chinese Service)]

Designated Gifts: Seniors' Ministry 30.00;

14.00; Pastor Koshy 300.00; Rev Paul

Cheng 200.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 50.00; Pr

Daniel Lim 50.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 22 April 2018)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,566,246.20

**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 FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Those who would like packet lunch after worship service for the month of May 2018, kindly place your order with Sis Aileen Tan and make your payment today.

SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session today at

Blk 528 Bedok North Street 3
Singapore 460528

Please meet @ 1.30pm at the foyer.

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

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Study of 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Bro Rayson Tan

Date & Time: Sat, 5 May 2018, 4.30pm

Venue: Home of Sis Kim Lei
408 Fajar Road, #10-349
Singapore 670408

PASTORAL VISITATION CENTRAL/SOUTH REGION

Date & Time: Fri, 11 May 2018, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Eld & Mrs Francis Lee
35 Moonbeam Terrace
Singapore 277308

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 avail yourself of the seminar flyers for more details.)

Do sign up at the reception table to facilitate arrangements for seating and refreshments.

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

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION PROGRAMME

Please sign up at the reception table if you are interested to take the test on 27 May 2018. The test will be in written (25 verses from Set B) and verbal (15 verses) format. Sign up by 13th May 2018 in order to take the test. For more enquiries, please contact Dn Kelvin Lim.

MISSION BOHOL 2018

A short video of the recent mission trip to Bohol will be screened immediately after the Worship service today. A limited number of hard copies of the mission report and the team's testimonies are also available at the reception table. A soft copy is available at <https://bit.ly/2Huo10J>

CHURCH CAMP 2018

Theme: "Church - A Caring Communion of Saints"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

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

Venue: Lexis Penang

Registration closes today.

Participants are to submit their registration forms to Bro Aron Ong or Bro Ng Kwan Teng **by today**. Please approach Elder Francis Lee if you need further 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

TURKEY-ISRAEL BIBLE STUDY TOUR (Organised by Bible Witness Media Ministry)

Date: 26th Nov - 7th Dec 2018

Visiting the Seven Churches of Revelation and other historical sites in the Asia Minor region.

Limited Seats Left!

For more information, please approach Dn Lok Kwok Wah.

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

Semester Break @ NAFA

Study Break @ 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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