

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A WORD ON WORSHIP

Christian worship is Theocentric and Christocentric. Only through the Lord Jesus Christ can one ever acceptably come before God (John 14:6; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 John 9). Furthermore, if God the Father hath not granted a man to come to His Son, the Lord Jesus, no one can come to Christ (cf. John 6:45, 65). So, both the Father and the Son are engaged in mutual glorification in the hearts of the people of God (cf. John 13:31-32). In fact, the Holy Spirit is also at work in our hearts to glorify Christ (cf. John 16:13-14).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Deliverance

Psalm 91:3

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Mah Chin Kwang

*Hymn 19: Come, We That Love the Lord

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

***Responsive Scripture Reading** *1 Timothy 6:3-21*

Hymn 29: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Collection of Offerings

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 101: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Scripture Memorisation

*Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"The Utter Poverty of Riches"

Matthew 19:23-26

Holy Communion

Hymn 183: Jesus Paid it All

Hymn 420: I Surrender All

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 6 MAY 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 13 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: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Francis Tan Ushers: Robert Ooi & Lawrence Ng	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Jennifer Goh Ushers: Cayson Chok & Jonah So
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eld Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jasmine Kang, Sarah Lee Ushers: David Tan (i/c) Samuel Yong, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Chong Khai Siang, Linus Kok Greeter: Aileen Tan AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Cecilia Siah Edeliza Ballega, Khoo May Ping Junior Worship: Lee Kim Lei, (Adeline Chong) Mong Jee Pawa, (Cecilia Siah) Samuel Yong	Worship Leader: Eld Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Sarah Teo Ushers: Gerry Lee (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Timotheus Liu Jason Low, Low Chip Hung Marcus Lim, John Peh Greeter: Low Siew Lian AV Ministry: Crew No. 1 Flowers: Diana Chan Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Corliss Ooi Chong Shu Mun, Jolyne Cho Junior Worship: Pr Dennis Kablingue, (Daryl Kablingue) Pr Jeremiah Sim, (Cornelius Koshy) Eld Francis Lee
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Julius Del Rosario Refreshments: Edeliza Ballega	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Jomart Tindaan Refreshments: Joy Del Rosario
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim Dialect Speaker: Stephen Yap	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Eld Alan Choy

6 May 2018

A Christian Student: Christ's Witness in the Campus

Prabhudas Koshy

Every Christian student must enter his secondary and tertiary institution as an ardent witness of Christ. In order to fulfil that goal, he must, primarily, be spiritually prepared. An ill-prepared and unresolved youth who enters the campus will quickly fall prey to the many spiritual and moral evils that lurk in the modern educational institutions. This situation will undoubtedly render him utterly unfruitful as a Christian. What a colossal waste of 3 (or 4) years of opportunity to live for Christ! Why waste your time on the campus by sinning and causing others to sin, without testifying for Christ?

Dear youths, take heed to the exhortation of God's Word: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16). Every Christian's life principle must be that he conducts himself as a wise child of God because of the limited opportunity to bear fruit for the Lord due to the hostility and snares

of the evil one around him. Therefore, my young friend, consecrate yourself in prayerfulness and take a resolute stand for Christ. Make the most of your time on the campus to be a good witness for Christ.

To support the students of our church, our preachers have come forward to meet with them at least once a week, wherever possible. We have special campus ministries for youths of various institutions. This effort is apart from the Gethsemane Youth Fellowship held fortnightly. There is also the Fundamental Christian Ministry led by Calvary Pandan B-P Church in several campuses. We thank God for many of our students who join these ministries to enhance their spiritual growth and witness for the Lord. But a stern word of caution from Scripture to those who neglect these ministries made available to you - Be "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

Testimonies of Students who Attended Gethsemane Campus Ministry

Stephanie Ow Jia Min

My name is Stephanie. I am 22 years old and currently a student at NAFA (Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts) School of Music. I was born and raised in a non-Christian family. Most of my family members are Buddhists/Taoists or free-thinkers. Yet I did not believe in the existence of any Supreme Being who created the universe and everything that dwell in it. To me, everything existed on its own. I followed my family to the temple to worship whatever they believe to be gods or to worship our ancestors during the Qing Ming festival, Hungry Ghost festival and death anniversaries of any of our late relatives. I heard bits and pieces about Jesus Christ from friends who are Christians, and also from some of my family members who spoke of Him as a “god” of the Western religion. Therefore, I did not really take this to heart. I was raised with this concept that I am a Chinese, so I must worship the Chinese gods and not the Western “god”. But deep down inside, I craved to know more about Jesus. Who is He? Why is everyone telling me that Jesus loves us?

Thank God that when I started my secondary school education, one of my teachers shared the Gospel with me. I decided that maybe I should open my heart to let

Christ in to be my Lord and Saviour, though I knew not what I was doing at that time. I did not fully surrender to Him and His will. I called myself a Christian but I still wanted to be in control of my own life. I clung to the concept of most people today: “No one controls my destiny except me.” For the past 7 years, I drew further and further away from God after I began to be more recognised by people as a musician who plays the erhu, a Chinese two-stringed fiddle. Opportunities for me to perform began to knock at my door. I was subsequently accepted as a musician of the Singapore National Youth Chinese Orchestra, granted a scholarship by Deutsche Bank to pursue my music studies, and I became one of the first musicians to join the Purple Symphony when it first started in 2015.

Yes, I know God has given me all these, and I am truly grateful and feel really blessed to be given such opportunities. Yet I never thought to acknowledge Him. The people I acknowledged were my family (who brought me to music lessons when I started learning music at the age of 14), my conductor, my music teachers, and my friends who stood by me and who never ceased to encourage me. I forgot about Him in the midst of the so-called peaks of my life. But the Lord has never let His sheep wander off far or long. He reached out to me whenever I hit my lowest points in my studies or in my personal life. He has sent Dorcas Koshy, my senior in

NAFA, into my life and she invited me to attend Bible study with her, together with a few other Christians and Pastor Koshy. (I have never been to a church as my family is concerned about me going to the wrong church with the wrong people, especially since what had happened in City Harvest Church.) Without hesitation, I took this opportunity to go as I felt this is what I need – to learn about God’s Word and pray for one another.

I have actually read about campus ministries in other schools and wondered if NAFA has one. After joining the Bible study this semester, which was my first time ever being in one, I have learnt a lot in the process about what true Christian faith really is. I realised it is not just believing in a God who created the heavens and the earth. It is also about knowing and accepting what Jesus did for us on the cross in Calvary, which thereby opened the way for us to go to the Father through Him; as well as overcoming the world, sin and temptation. Frankly, I have not really read the Bible properly before I joined the Bible study; I did not see the significance of it. Fortunately, God touched my heart and opened my eyes, allowing me to see the beauty of His Word while we were studying it together as a group, especially when Dorcas found a soft copy Bible so that I can read on my device Braille Sense U2, which works like the computer. I believe it is the Holy Spirit’s work within me, for I started to pray and read the Bible more frequently and

earnestly now. I feel that nothing else matters as long as I am in Christ and follow Him with all my being!

My mindset about the world has changed. I have been holding the world in one hand and God in the other. Now I understand the concept of “no man can serve two masters”. I will continue to pray for Christ’s salvation upon my family, and to be a good testimony for Christ. I truly thank Pastor Koshy and Dorcas for teaching me and being examples for me to follow. May the Lord bless them and keep them always. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Timothy Tan

I thank God for the Tuesday Bible Study, which was introduced to me through Dorcas. It has been much of a blessing to me. I have benefited much from the faithful teachings by Pastor Koshy, and the fellowship with like-minded sisters (no other brothers in the group yet) in Christ, which are of great encouragement to me. Being a new student in the school, I am grateful for this ministry in that even in a school full of worldly influences, there is this “lifeline” which reminds us to push away the things of the world, and to hold fast to God and His truths. I thank all who have been praying for us in the campus ministry and pray that God may continue to use it powerfully, for the furtherance of His kingdom.

Deliverance from the Fowler's Snare

*Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.
Psalm 91:3*

Do you know what does the psalmist mean by “snare of the fowler”? The fowler's snare is a trap laid by a hunter (fowler) to catch a bird. It is often set concealed or hidden from the sight of the bird.

Here the psalmist describes his soul as like a bird that is in danger of being trapped by the evil snares laid by satanic foes. Do you know that Satan is like a fowler, who seeks to trap and destroy many unguarded people? He has thousands of cunning devices to endanger the spiritual life of Christians.

The psalmist also mentions about “noisome pestilence”, which refers to deadly diseases. If anyone can deliver us from deadly pestilences, it is the Lord our God. It does not mean that all those who trust in God will never die of diseases. But rather, He will deliver us from such troubles until our work on earth is done.

We can trust the Lord to keep us from all troubles that seek to prevent us from doing all that God wants us to do. Let us not be afraid, but be of good courage. The Lord is our Protector until we accomplish all that He has assigned to us.

Prabhudas Koshy



(Bird caught in a snare)

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 29 April 2018

Tithes: 1,942.00

Offerings: 8,858.00

Building Fund (Project): 700.00; 5,000.00;
1,000.00; 50.00; 50.00; 105.00; 10.00; 20.00;
500.00; 500.00; 500.00; 1,000.00 [50.00;
1,000.00 (Filipino Fellowship)]

Designated Gifts: GBPC (Ethiopia) 150.00;
Rev Ephrem 150.00; Melissa Mah 50.00;
Joey Lim 50.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Building Fund (Project): 3,000.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

(Cash at bank as of 29 April 2018)

\$2,942,976.09

*(Inclusive of: (i) weekly collections, (ii) 10%
downpayment from the sales of present CRC, (iii)
interest from fixed deposits and (iv) remaining
funds from previous Building Fund collection)*

**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

FEBC 43RD GRADUATION & ORDINATION SERVICE

Date: Sun, 6 May 2018 (today), 6.00pm

Venue: Calvary Pandan B-P Church
201 Pandan Gardens, Singapore 609337

Congratulations to Bro Samuel Gan, who will be graduating with a Certificate of Biblical Studies (CertBS). Additionally, Pr Clement Chew (Tabernacle B-P Church) will be ordained during the graduation service.

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

GETHEMANE 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
8 Port Road, Singapore 117540
*(Transport from Labrador Park
MRT Station at 1.30pm.)*

All are welcome. Please sign up at the reception table.

*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 from Set A) format. Sign up by **13th May 2018** in order to take the test. For more enquiries, please contact Dn Kelvin Lim.

GETHEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: "Setting Standards:
God's Rules & House Rules"

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Sarah Yong
Date & Time: Sat, 19 May 2018,
2.00-4.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Roscelle Lim
322 Hougang Ave 5, #06-92
Singapore 530322

*(Transport will be provided from
Hougang MRT Station Exit B at 1.40pm.)*

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

GETHEMANE YOUNG MOTHERS WEBSITE

The Gethsemane Young Mothers website is now online. You may access it gethsemanebpc.com/gym for the GYM calendar of events and resources.

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 is now closed.

All brethren who indicated verbally that they are going to the camp must submit their registration forms to Bro Aron Ong or Bro Ng Kwan Teng **today** or they will not be included in the list of campers. This is because the rooming list has to be confirmed with the hotel by 8th May 2018. There will be a short camp briefing and dissemination of camp booklets and T shirts on 27 May 2018 immediately after the worship service.

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

PROGRAMMES ON BIBLE WITNESS WEB RADIO

(Week of 7th to 13th May 2018)

Faithful Men: Blessed Are the Meek

Women of Virtue: A Woman's Responsible Place - Part 1

Youth Bible Hour: The Helmet of Salvation

Visit www.biblewitness.com/webradio to listen to these programmes and other faithful Christian music and sermons. Please refer to www.biblewitness.com/webradio/bwwr-programme-schedule for the broadcast timings of the above programmes.

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 (1.45-3.00pm)

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

your prayer item

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