

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## A WORD ON WORSHIP

God demands that His worshippers separate themselves from all worldliness and devote themselves to know and to do all that are pleasing to Him. Scripture says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2). True worshippers live to do His will and glorify Him.

## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

*Deliverance*

**Galatians 1:4**

Who (*our Lord Jesus Christ*) gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Dn Kelvin Lim*

\*Hymn 85: O Day of Rest and Gladness

### \*Invocation & Gloria Patri

### \*Responsive Scripture Reading

*John 6:63-71*

Hymn 175: For All My Sin

### Collection of Offerings

### \*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 352: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

### Scripture Memorisation

### \*Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

"The Last, First & the First, Last" - II

*Matthew 19:30 - 20:16*

\*Hymn 287: Wonderful Grace of Jesus

### \*Benediction & Threefold Amen

*\* Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 27 MAY 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 03 JUNE 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 <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Eunice Choy <b>Flowers:</b> Roscelle Lim <b>Refreshments:</b> Roscelle Lim <b>Ushers:</b> Chan Tuck Whye & Francis Tan	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Gan Chin Hwi <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Dyllis Teo <b>Flowers:</b> Tay Soo Thian <b>Ushers:</b> Cayson Chok & Lawrence Ng
	ENGLISH SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Dn Kelvin Lim <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Musicians:</b> Jeremy Teo, Dorcas Koshy <b>Ushers:</b> Bernard Lim (i/c) Andy Lee, Danial Wong Jonathon Lim, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario <b>Greeter:</b> Lee Kim Lei <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 3 <b>Flowers:</b> Alice Chee <b>Refreshments:</b> Stella Tan, Amanda Leong Rachel Teo, Mary Lee <b>Junior Worship:</b> Kamala, (Rhodora Resuma) Gina Sim, (Adlucia Lim) Stephanie Lee	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Pr Dennis Kablingue <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Musicians:</b> Ellyzabeth, Sarah Lee <b>Ushers:</b> Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Marcus Peh, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee <b>Greeter:</b> Mong Jee Pawa <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 1 <b>Flowers:</b> Evelyne Lee <b>Refreshments:</b> Lena Chan, Karen Quek Lok Qian Hui, Rhodora Resuma <b>Junior Worship:</b> Sharon dela Cruz, (Lok Qian Hui) Neo Kian Seng, (Corliss Ooi) Arvind Pawa
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Norefel Resuma <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kablingue <b>Musician:</b> Ayn Tindaan <b>Usher:</b> Jordan Ballega <b>Refreshments:</b> Aileen Enot	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Eric Delina <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kablingue <b>Musician:</b> Duaine Kablingue <b>Usher:</b> Julius Del Rosario <b>Refreshments:</b> Rowena Delina
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	<b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13 <b>English Speaker:</b> Stephen Yap <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim	<b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2 <b>English Speaker:</b> Eld Ng Poh Kok <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Kelvin Lim

# Our Response to Urgent Needs in the Building Project

*Prabhudas Koshy*

## **OUR URGENT NEEDS**

**Our Urgent Need for \$700,000:** Last week, our Building Fund has just crossed \$4.3 million [Funds received (\$ 3.2m) + Remaining payment from sale of present CRC (\$ 1.15m)]. The building which we are now aiming to buy would cost us about \$4.55 million, including GST, stamp duty, lawyers' fee, and other miscellaneous expenses. Additionally, we would need about \$500K for renovations, equipment, furniture, etc. So, our present shortfall is about S\$700,000. By the end of July (i.e. within next two months), this amount is needed.

**Our Urgent Need for Permits:** The building is purchased under Gethsemane Bible Witness Ltd. (GBWL), a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG), which has been registered to carry out the commercial and/or industrial activities of Gethsemane Bible-Presbyterian Church. GBWL will be applying for URA permit to rent out a "Multi-Purpose Hall" (as per URA's guidelines). GBWL

will also be applying for GST registration, which will result in the return of the GST we will have to pay for the building. In addition, applications for renovations also need to be submitted. (In this regard, we must also pray for a good contractor for the renovations.)

## **OUR RESPONSE**

Very weak and disadvantaged we may be. But at this point, we must not let anxiety and doubt prevail among us. Inaction and quitting aren't for us, who have set out to do all things for the furtherance of the Gospel. We have garnered much, by the grace of God, in bringing many out of their miseries, in restoring many shattered lives, and in guiding many to pursue a renewed life in Christ. All these through tireless efforts to spread the Word of God through so many different means, whether it be social (TGCM, Seniors' Ministry, etc.), or media (BW magazine, BW Media Ministry), or internet (several websites, BW web radio, etc.) outreaches. Our

increasing need for larger premises to conduct all these operations is very acute. So, we must press on – but how?

**Fast and Pray:** Our church had on several occasions sought the Lord regarding new projects, needs and problems, by fasting and praying. This we did, firstly, for His strength and wisdom to remain focused and accomplish the tasks before us, and secondly, for His provision and help. He has always directed us forward and helped us with all our needs. Our experience has been as it was written in 2 Chronicles 14:7, “Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.”

Believers of all ages sought God with fasting in their time of need. Men of faith in the Bible, like Moses, David, Esther, Daniel, Nehemiah, Jeremiah, Anna, the Apostles, the early Christians, and many more fasted and prayed. Even our Lord Jesus fasted and prayed (cf. Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-4).

How do you view the spiritual exercise of prayer, even with fasting? I wish that you are not among those who despise fasting. John Calvin, the great Reformer and theologian, recommended that Christians practise

fasting as a private and public spiritual discipline. Read Calvin’s statement below:

“A holy and lawful fast has three ends in view. We use it either to mortify and subdue the flesh, that it may not wanton, or to prepare the better for prayer and holy meditation; or to give evidence of humbling ourselves before God, when we would confess our guilt before him. The first end is not very often regarded in public fasting, because all have not the same bodily constitution, nor the same state of health, and hence it is more applicable to private fasting. The second end is common to both, for this preparation for prayer is requisite for the whole Church, as well as for each individual member. The same thing may be said of the third. For it sometimes happens that God smites a nation with war or pestilence, or some kind of calamity. In this common chastisement it behoves the whole people to plead guilty, and confess their guilt. Should the hand of the Lord strike any one in private, then the same thing is to be done by himself alone, or by his family. The thing, indeed, is properly a feeling of the mind. But when the mind is effected as it ought, it cannot but give vent to itself in

external manifestation, especially when it tends to the common edification, that all, by openly confessing their sin, may render praise to the divine justice, and by their example mutually encourage each other.

Hence fasting, as it is a sign of humiliation, has a more frequent use in public than among private individuals, although as we have said, it is common to both. In regard, then, to the discipline of which we now treat, whenever supplication is to be made to God on any important occasion, it is befitting to appoint a period for fasting and prayer..." (Institutes of the Christian Religion, IV, xii, 15).

It is time, once again, for a special season of consecration and prayer with fasting, that we may humbly seek the Lord for help. I call on all Gethsemaneans to gather on Tuesday evenings to fast and pray for the Lord's guidance and help in our present urgent needs. Starting this Tuesday night, we shall set aside our evening meals and pray.

**Rise and Build:** Like the people of old, who rose to build their nation, their city and its walls, and the house of God, (cf. 2 Samuel 2:7; 1 Chronicles 11:10; 19:13; 2 Chronicles 14:7; 32:5; Ezra 6:22; Nehemiah 2:18-20), let us also rise and build in our time. During the building of the temple in Ezra's and Nehemiah's time, some gave generously, while others did whatever they could in the construction – "And some of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in his place: they gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests' garments. So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities" (Ezra 2:68-70).

Likewise, let us now arise and do all that the Lord has enabled us to do. May the work of the Lord be set forward for His glory!

*The God of heaven, He will prosper us;  
therefore we His servants will arise and build...  
(Nehemiah 2:20)*

# Our Deliverer from this Evil World

*"Who (our Lord Jesus Christ) gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father."*

*Galatians 1:4*

The world around us is evil. It is not just evil; in fact, it is an evil tyrant. The world takes captive children, men and women by its evilness.

The world we live in is not a perfect, holy place. It is full of idolatry, false doctrines and unholy ideas. It also promotes ungodly passions and pursuits. It distracts people from spiritual realities with its pleasures, wealth and pride.

The world subdues everyone who is born into it with its powerful temptations of sin. In Ephesians 2:2, we are told that all who "walked according to the course of this world" live "according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience". When people live worldly, they live disobediently before God.

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to this world to deliver us from the sin of this world that kept us under its monstrous tyranny. Children, Jesus is your Deliverer from the wicked world. Trust and obey Jesus, and you will have salvation and victory over the world.



*Prabhudas Koshy*

## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 20th May 2018

**Tithes:** 4,427.00

**Offerings:** 9,780.00

**Building Fund (Project):** 2,000.00;  
5,000.00; 30,000.00; 1,500.00; 70.00;  
500.00; 20.00; 360.00; 100.00; 100.00;  
600.00

**Designated Gifts:** Care Ministry 30.00;  
Rev Ephrem 100.00; GBPC Ethiopia  
100.00; Pr Edsel Locot 50.00; Pr Kelvin  
Lim 50.00, 50.00; Pr Jeremiah Sim 50.00

### NON-SUNDAY GIFT

**Building Fund (Project):** 30,000.00;  
800.00; 600.00; 300.00

**Designated Gifts:** Pastor Koshy 200.00;  
Pr Daniel Lim 200.00; Pr Jeremiah Sim  
200.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 200.00; Pr Ho Kee  
How 200.00; Cornelius Koshy 200.00

### BUILDING FUND UPDATE

*(Cash at bank as of 25th May 2018)*

\$3,237,205.09

*(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)*

## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

The scripture memorisation test will be held today over two sessions. Participants are to attend either one of two designated sessions: first session @9.15 am or second session @1.15 pm.

## CHURCH CAMP 2018

**Theme:** "Church - A Caring  
Communion of Saints"

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

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

There will be a short camp briefing and dissemination of camp booklets and T-shirts today, immediately after the worship service.

## SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session today at  
Blk 532 Bedok North Street 3  
Singapore 460532

Please meet @ 1.30pm at the foyer.  
(GBI class and Children's Bible Study are  
cancelled in view of this.)



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## GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Book Study of 1 Timothy

**Speaker:** Pastor Koshy

**Chairman:** Bro Tan Yeh Wen

**Date & Time:** Sat, 02 Jun 2018, 4.30pm

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

## FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE

*July - November 2018*

**Monday Night Class**

"Old Testament History III"  
*by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew*

Commencing on 16 July

**Thursday Night Class**

"Lamentations"  
*by Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy*

"Systematic Theology III - Soteriology"

*by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo*

Commencing on 19 July

## CATECHISM CLASS

The next series of Catechism Classes will begin at 9.30 am, Sunday 22 July, 2018. All brethren seeking baptism, reaffirmation or transfer of church membership are asked to register with Sis Joey Lim by 8 July 2018. For further information, please see Elder Alan Choy or Elder Mah.

## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES/ROSTERS (JULY - DECEMBER 2018)

Leaders of all fellowship groups are kindly asked to submit your programme/roster for July-December 2018 to the church office latest by 11th June 2018. Please email to Sis Joey Lim at joeylim.gbpc@gmail.com for consolidation and Sunday's bulletin announcement purposes.

## 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.

### Sign up quickly!

*For more information, please approach Dn Lok Kwok Wah.*



*Come, join us at our  
Tuesday Night  
Prayer Meeting!*



## 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  
5.00pm 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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Elder Ng Poh Kok  
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Deacon Lok Kwok Wah  
Deacon Kelvin Lim  
Deacon Low Boon Siang