

# 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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*Depravity*

**Romans 3:23**

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### Call to Worship

*Elder Mah Chin Kwang*

\*Hymn 46: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

### \*Invocation & Gloria Patri

### \*Responsive Scripture Reading

*Psalm 146*

Hymn 66: Fairest Lord Jesus

### Collection of Offerings

### \*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 317: The Solid Rock

### Scripture Memorisation

### \*Intercessory Prayer

*Elder Mah Chin Kwang*

### Sermon

*Rev Reggor Galarpe*

*"Deprived of Sight But Not of Faith"*

*Mark 10:46-52*

\*Hymn 178: At The Cross

### Holy Communion

Hymn 551: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hymn 555: According to Thy Gracious Word

### \*Benediction & Threefold Amen

*\* Congregation Standing*



## TODAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2018

## NEXT LORD'S DAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2018

8.00 – 9.00am		CHURCH CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR
9.00am		CHINESE SERVICE	CHINESE SERVICE
		ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-REVELATION)	ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-REVELATION)
		CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY	CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY
11.00am	ENGLISH SERVICE	<p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang  <b>Preacher:</b> Rev Reggor Galarpe  <b>Musicians:</b> Sarah Lee, Dorcas Koshy  <b>Ushers:</b> Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c)            Andy Lee, Marcus Chee            Andrew Teong, Ricky Yang            David Ng, Julius Del Rosario  <b>Greeter:</b> Violet Quek  <b>AV Ministry:</b> Andronicus Koshy, Aron Ong            Jonathon Lim, Matthew Peh  <b>Flowers:</b> Gina Sim  <b>Refreshments:</b> Violet Quek, Edeliza Ballega            Rachel Teo, Corliss Ooi  <b>Junior Worship:</b> Melissa Mah, (Stella Tan)            Jolyne Cho, (Cecilia Siah)            Pr Ho Kee How</p>	<p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Alan Choy  <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  <b>Musicians:</b> Jasmine Kang, Ellyzabeth  <b>Ushers:</b> Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c)            Samuel Yong, Theodore Wang            Jason Low, Randy Laurencio            Arvind Pawa, George Chee  <b>Greeter:</b> Stephanie Lee  <b>AV Ministry:</b> John Ku, Andy Lee            Aidan Kang, Matthew Peh  <b>Flowers:</b> Evelyn Lee  <b>Refreshments:</b> Roscelle Lim, Lim Hua See            Amanda Leong, Mary Lee  <b>Junior Worship:</b> Edwin Quek, (Lok Qian Hui)            Elvin Siew, (Cornelius Koshy)            Eld Francis Lee</p>
2.00pm	OTHER MINISTRIES	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP ( <i>Cancelled</i> )	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
		CATECHISM CLASS	CATECHISM CLASS
		YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE ( <i>Every 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays</i> )	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE ( <i>Every 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays</i> )
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	<p><b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2  <b>English Speaker:</b> Bro Arvind Pawa  <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Bro Stephen Yap</p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13  <b>English Speaker:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang  <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim</p>

2 September 2018

# Can God's Children Be Sure That He Will Lead Them?

*Prabhudas Koshy*

God regenerates us by His Spirit by granting us repentance and faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ, that we might be His children (John 1:12; Romans 8:14; Galatians 3:26; 4:6). From the time we are led by the Spirit to be His children, He leads us forward - "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

Being stirred in the heart by the Holy Spirit, every child of God desires and pray for divine leading in his daily life. They pray like David, "Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day" (Psalm 25:4-5; cf. Psalms 5:8; 27:11; 86:11; 119:27; 143:8).

The assurance and counsel of God to every one of His children is: "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). It is certain that divine direction will be given to all those who humbly trust in the LORD for His direction. "The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way" (Psalm 25:9; cf. Psalm 23:3).

But those who follow their own ideas without acknowledging God's promise to direct them by His truth will face the outcomes of their folly. "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool" (Proverbs 28:26a). Refusal to cease from self-driven, self-pleasing ways to trust and obey God's truth and guidance for direction in life, is depicted as being spiritually dead – "For to be carnally minded is death" – while the wonderful promise to those who are "spiritually minded is life and peace" (Romans 8:6; cf. Ephesians 4:17-21).

God seeks His children's willing obedience, which is the obvious expression of their profound faith in Him. When He teaches and instructs us by His Word and His Spirit, He expects that we fully trust and apply His instructions in our lives so that we may be led forward in His blessed ways. In Psalm 32:8-9, the Lord says, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee." He tells us not to be like certain stubborn beasts which have to be always put under restraint, but as obedient children who joyfully follow His ways.

The prophet Isaiah describes the Lord as standing by our side, as it were, ready to tell us which direction we should go – "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left" (Isaiah 30:21). He speaks to us through His Spirit's leading of our heart. Again, the Lord assures us through Isaiah, "Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me. Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go" (Isaiah 48:16-17).

Our finite minds do not possess the necessary abilities to know, discern and perform all of God's will concerning our lives. Jeremiah acknowledges, "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not

in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Jeremiah 10:23). We need to pray, trust and submit to Him humbly. Then the Lord will lead us each step of the way by His Spirit and by His gracious providence.

Most of the time, the Spirit will guide us through the Word by rebuking, correcting, encouraging, comforting, illumining, instructing and convicting us. But when we are faced with situations which are beyond our powers, He will guide us forward by His sovereign, supernatural works. To everyone who is genuinely submissive to God, He will provide His sure help and guidance. He will supernaturally direct us through His path.

God’s leading of His people, whether it be individually or collectively, is not only promised and taught in the Bible but also demonstrated through the experience of His people. Please rejoice and be strengthened as you read the following biblical records of God’s leading of His people:

- Nehemiah 9:20 succinctly testifies of the Lord’s guidance through the Spirit and His miraculous provisions for His ancient people of Israel – “Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.”
- Psalm 77:20 tells of God’s leading of Israel by the hands of her leaders – “Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.”
- Psalm 78:52-53 likewise reiterate the same truth: “But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.”
- Psalm 80:1; 136:16; Exodus 3:10; 13:21; 14:19; 15:13; Deuteronomy 11:5; Isaiah 63:11-12; Hosea 12:13; Acts 7:35-36 give further instances of God’s unswerving leading of His people.

# All Have Fallen Short of God's Glory!

*"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."*

*Romans 3:23*

Here the apostle Paul boldly announces a most fundamental principle about all human beings. Whether people agree or not, Paul declares that all of human race are marked by the sad reality of their failure to please the most holy God.

The phrase "come short" means being last or inferior. Here, "come short of the glory of God" means that all men had failed to obtain God's approval or praise. Every human being comes in last, as far as the glory of God is concerned.

The whole world is proven guilty in God's sight. We are all culprits who have defied and transgressed God's glorious righteousness. God is perfectly righteous, but we are not.

None of us should pretend to be perfect. If anyone claims to be perfect before God, that claim is not only untrue and absurd, it is also unhelpful and destructive. Unless we admit our sins and seek God's forgiveness, we all will be condemned.

How can any man be just with God? We can never be just before God based on our own righteousness or perfection. It is only by His gracious provision of divine righteousness through faith in Christ. Only through faith in Jesus Christ can we be approved by God.

*Prabhudas Koshy*



## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 26th August 2018

**Tithes:** 2,880.00

**Offerings:** 6,102.00

**Building Fund (Project):** 1,000.00; 900.00;  
150.00; 100.00; 100.00; 10.00

**Designated Gifts:** Bible Witness Retreat  
(India) 200.00; 50.00; 10.00; Pr Sujith  
100.00; Rev Ephrem 100.00; Youth Retreat  
300.00; John Peh 100.00; Gladys Ratnam  
50.00

**Kerala Relief Fund:** 3,000.00; 2,760.00

### NON-SUNDAY GIFT

**Kerala Relief Fund:** 1,000.00; 1,000.00

**Bible Witness Retreat (India):** 1,000.00;  
500.00; 5,000.00; 400.00

### BUILDING FUND UPDATE

*(Cash at bank as of 31st August 2018)*

\$4,143,065.64

*(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)*

## GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Take note: In view of the Bible Witness  
Retreat to Vizag, India, the Gethsemane  
Men Fellowship (GMF) meeting on 8th  
Sept 2018 is cancelled.

## PASTORAL VISITATION

### JURONG / CLEMENTI

**Date & Time:** Fri, 14 Sep 2018, 8.00pm

**Venue:** Home of Mr & Mrs Lee Jong Lee  
Blk 632, Jurong West St 65, #10-280  
Singapore 640632

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 LADIES' FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

**Topic:** "Presence of Divine Help"

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Date & Time:** Sat, 15 Sep  
2018, 2.00pm-6.00pm

**Venue:** City Beach Resort

Please sign up at the reception table  
or via this link ([https://goo.gl/  
forms/OpWNBVDVSeF](https://goo.gl/forms/OpWNBVDVSeF)) to facilitate  
arrangements for refreshments.

Youths are strongly encouraged  
to join this seminar.

Please avail yourself of the  
seminar flyers for more details.

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



*Have you signed up for classes  
on GBI-Online?*

*Learn God's Word  
online @ [www.gbi-online.com](http://www.gbi-online.com)*

## CHURCH RESOURCE CENTRE CLOSURE

The CRC is now closed as we wait for our new premises.  
Temporary address for all correspondence will be  
Singapore Post Centre P.O. Box 1124, Singapore 914038.

## 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.

**For an excellent learning opportunity and  
an enriching experience, sign up quickly!**

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

## GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP RETREAT 2018

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Dates:** 24th - 26th December 2018

**Venue:** UK Farm Resort, Kluang, Malaysia

**Retreat Fees:** \$180/person (*Youths who require  
subsidy, please approach Elder Choy*)

All participants are strongly advised to submit their  
registration forms ASAP to facilitate the accommodation  
planning. Payment may be made at a later date.

## POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

*Please stay back after worship to join us for:*

### Refreshment & Fellowship

1.00pm – 2.00pm

### Catechism Class Filipino Fellowship

2.00pm onwards

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer**  
8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

**Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study**  
Cancelled in view of BW Retreat

**Thursday Seniors' Ministry**  
Cancelled in view of BW Retreat

**Campus Bible Study**  
Fridays, 12.00pm @ NAFA  
Semester Break @ SUTD

**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

11.00am  
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

### Our Office (Temporary Mailing Address)

Singapore Post Centre  
P.O. Box 1124  
Singapore 914038

### Our Websites

[gethsemanebpc.com](http://gethsemanebpc.com)  
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Deacon Daniel Lim  
Deacon Lok Kwok Wah  
Deacon Kelvin Lim  
Deacon Low Boon Siang