

# 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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Worship is the proper response to God's glorious grace that has reconciled us to Him by the blood of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This truth is expressed by the apostle Paul in Ephesians 1:5-6, "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

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## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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*Desire*

**Psalm 42:1**

As the hart panteth after the water brooks,  
so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### Call to Worship

*Elder Ng Poh Kok*

\*Hymn 25: The Lord is King!

### \*Invocation & Gloria Patri

\***Responsive Scripture Reading** *Matthew 22:23-33*

Hymn 125: Jesus is the Joy of Living

### Collection of Offerings

### \*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 445: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

### Scripture Memorisation

### \*Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

"Jesus on the Resurrection"

*Matthew 22:23-33*

\*Hymn 215: I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

### \*Benediction & Threefold Amen

*\* Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 23 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 Ng Poh Kok  <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  <b>Musicians:</b> Dorcas Koshy, Jeremy Teo  <b>Ushers:</b> Bernard Lim (i/c)                      Amoz Choy, Danial Wong                      Jonathon Lim, Stephen Yap                      Timotheus Liu, Linus Kok  <b>Greeter:</b> Aileen Yan  <b>AV Ministry:</b> John Zhang, David Kablingue                      Khoo Xin Hao, Zacharias Tan  <b>Flowers:</b> Mah Lean Choo  <b>Refreshments:</b> Stella Tan, Chairine Chayadi                      Mary Lee, Stella Yang  <b>Junior Worship:</b> Sarah Yong, (Lok Qian Hui)                      Rossellini Liu, (Violet Quek)                      Arvind Pawa</p>	<p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Francis Lee  <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  <b>Musicians:</b> Ellyzabeth, Sarah Lee  <b>Ushers:</b> David Tan (i/c)                      Cornelius Koshy, Benjamin Quek                      Marcus Peh, Cayson Chok                      Marcus Lim, John Peh  <b>Greeter:</b> Low Siew Lian  <b>AV Ministry:</b> Andronicus Koshy, Aron Ong                      Jonathon Lim, Matthew Peh  <b>Flowers:</b> Tomei Tan  <b>Refreshments:</b> Catherine Choy, Rhodora Resuma                      Lok Qian Hui, Chong Shu Mun  <b>Junior Worship:</b> Evelyne Lee, (Daryl Kablingue)                      Pr Kelvin Lim, (Corliss Ooi)                      Eld Ng Poh Kok</p>
2.00pm	OTHER MINISTRIES	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	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> Pr Jeremiah Sim  <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Kelvin Lim</p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13  <b>English Speaker:</b> Elder Ng Poh Kok  <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Elder Alan Choy</p>

16 September 2018

# A Heart Strengthened!

*Prabhudas Koshy*

In the past week, there were several disconcerting news that our church leadership had to deal with, notwithstanding the heavy schedules of work and ministry each of them had to attend to. Much of those demanding challenges have to do with our interactions with the authorities with regard to the Building Project, and our preparations (especially pertaining to the audited accounts) for the ACM. Personally, it was a very stressful period and I felt very constrained and of little strength to wade through all the challenges. But I praise God that He has strengthened me with His good Word during my “quiet times” with Him. The two portions of the Scripture that the Lord gave me were Revelation 3:7-8 and Psalm 31:24.

I have expounded the first passage, Revelation 3:7-8, during last Tuesday night prayer meeting – “... These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.”

Now I would like to exhort you from Psalm 31:24 – “Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.”

The Lord provides us with an antidote to the sad hearts of believers who are undergoing trials and temptations. They are exhorted to “be of good courage”. It is not at all uncommon that God’s people become weary and disheartened in this world. Spiritual and moral courage is much needed to inspire our hearts to do right, especially in adverse circumstances. In most scriptural instances of the exhortation to be courageous, it is coupled with the exhortation to be strong. When courage is gone, the heart would melt in the fear and heat of adversity. So the exhortation is given: “Be strong and of good courage.”

In Deuteronomy 31:6, the Lord through Moses told the people of Israel, who had to battle against the giants who dwelt in their promised land, “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.” Their new leader, Joshua,

who had to lead Israel to conquer the promised land, was also told in Deuteronomy 31:7 to “Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.” This exhortation to be strong and of good courage had been repeatedly given to Joshua and Israel (Joshua 1:6, 9, 18; 2:11; 10:25).

Christians have very many duties to tend to, which can be often arduous. We have heard troubled Christians crying out: “How could I overcome these problems and fulfil all my tasks?” or “I am already exhausted. Where shall I get the strength to do these things?” Be that as it

may, every Christian must remember the exhortation, “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong” (1 Corinthians 16:13).

In our verse, we are given the divine promise that “he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.” God would give us His supernatural aid, strengthening our hearts with His gracious favour. We must not let our hearts become pessimistic. Let not doubt and gloom fill our hearts. We must hope in the Lord. Distrusting hearts will grow weary and fearful. Trusting in God’s promise, let us behave valiantly for the Lord. Expect trials. Remember the promises. Maintain faith. Serve the Lord.

## Thanksgiving Notes (15th Bible Witness Retreat)

Dear Pastor,

Greetings in our Lord’s most blessed Name!

Pastor, once again I want to thank you for the privilege extended to me in joining the Bible Witness Retreat. I thank the Lord for the manifold blessings received in listening to all the messages you have preached (*from establishing the concept of God / Jesus as King, expounding on the Gospel of the Kingdom to the very clear presentation of the Biblical covenants being a unity under the umbrella of the Covenant of Grace, as against the Dispensationalist view, with all appropriate applications to us*), and for the opportunity to see firsthand the progress of the work our brother, Pr Sujith, is doing for the Gospel in Vizag, India.

Likewise, I thank the Lord for the opportunity to minister to our brethren in Singapore in the main service (English), in the Filipino Fellowship, and even at TGCM morning devotions. By the way, two Sundays ago, there were 6 newcomers

(first-timers) who came to the Filipino service. They came to know of our church through one Filipino brother whom they had met at the food-court; since then, they have been visiting our church website to listen to the messages and finally thought of coming for the service last Sunday. I was with Bros Norefel and Arnold when I talked to these newcomers, and I encouraged them to follow up on these 6 souls. They, who by their own admission used to attend a Charismatic church, had expressed their desire to learn more of God's Word. I have also informed Pr Dennis about it.

With all these blessings received, I give all the glory and honour unto God!

Respectfully,  
Reggor

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### *Testimony of Elder Alan Choy*

All praise and glory to the Almighty King and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who has granted us great spiritual blessings and safety in our visit to see the Gospel work in Vizag, India, during the Bible Witness Retreat. Thank God also for the privilege to be able to feast upon the Word of truth pertaining to the "The Gospel of The Kingdom", as exhorted by our pastor. God had declared war against Satan and proclaimed the first good news for the salvation of His people right at the beginning in Genesis 3:15. God, our eternal, sovereign King, has prevailed over the kingdom of Satan (cf. John 16:11), with the ultimate victory through Jesus Christ. We have the full assurance of faith, together with all the redeemed of the Lord eternally secured into God's Kingdom. All glory and honour unto our King eternal!

May we continue to pray for our brother, Pr Sujith Samuel, in his teaching of the Word of God in Gethsemane Bible Institute (GBI India) in Vizag, in particular to the students, Bros Henjit, Joyson and Devakumar. The first two have come with their families to stay, while the third brother comes daily to learn God's Word in GBI India. Pray also for another brother, Praveen, that he may be able to return to learn God's Word at GBI India again.

Due to time constraints, we were not able to see the work in Odisha. Nevertheless, we pray that GBI India will bring the Gospel to the people there. Thank God for the opportunity to meet with Pastor Stephenson and his wife Anupama who serve among the hill tribes of Majjivalasa, as well as Bro Abraham, his wife and his son who serve in the remote village of the Asha Kiran Hospital. We rejoice because our Almighty God is able to bring His Word through His servants wherever He pleases. Nowhere is too remote that God cannot reach. Let His glorious name be praised!

# A Heart that Panteth after God

*"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."*

*Psalm 42:1*

A "hart" is a stag or male deer. In the fields of ancient Israel, there were plenty of deer. They are beautiful creatures, and very swift.

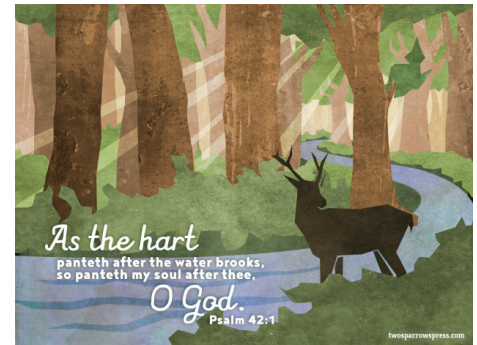
However, they are a pitiful sight when they become very thirsty. A hart that pants for water would rush to brooks or streams or water-holes to drink. Often they would be in danger as the predators would pounce on those thirsty and weary creatures.

Though a thirsty hart may look pitiful, its resolve to find water is very commendable. Nothing would deter it from getting to the water to quench its thirst.

So should every one of us in our desire to come to God to have a close communion with Him. True godliness or piety is reflected in the soul's desire to draw nigh to God. Every worshipper, when he comes to God, must be like a thirsty hart.

As you come today to His presence, is your heart eager to be united with Him? Let your mind be keen to know God and His good will. Let your heart be enthusiastic to be comforted and strengthened by His Word. Seek ye the Lord, like a hart that pants for water.

*Prabhudas Koshy*



## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 9th September 2018

**Tithes:** 1,340.00

**Offerings:** 7,870.00

**Building Fund (Project):** 100.00

**Designated Gifts:** Pr Jeremiah Sim 50.00;  
Pr Kelvin Lim 50.00; Bro Raja 50.00; 50.00;  
Sis Annie Ho 200.00

### NON-SUNDAY GIFT

**Building Fund:** 5,000.00

**Designated Gifts:** Pastor Koshy 500.00;  
Rev Reggor Galarpe 200.00; TGCM  
3,000.00; Kerala Relief Fund INR2,140

### DESIGNATED GIFTS (2nd Sept 2018)

**Designated Gifts:** Bro Cornelius Koshy  
50.00; 100.00; Sis Gladys Ratnam 50.00;  
Rev Reggor Galarpe 100.00; Bro Raja  
100.00

### BUILDING FUND UPDATE

*(Cash at bank as of 14th September 2018)*

\$5,162,173.32

*(Inclusive of: (i) weekly collections, (ii) entire proceeds from the sale of the CRC, (iii) interest from fixed deposits and (iv) remaining funds from previous Building Fund collection)*

## GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Book Study of Ecclesiastes

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Chairman:** Bro Ernest Lim

**Date & Time:** Fri, 21 Sep 2018, 7.30pm

**Venue:** Home of Mr & Mrs Elvin Siew  
Blk 372, Hougang St 31, #15-42  
Singapore 530372

## PASTORAL VISITATION

**TAMPINES NORTH/WEST**

**Date & Time:** Fri, 28 Sep 2018, 8.00pm

**Venue:** Home of Mr & Mrs  
Lim Zhi-hao Adrian  
Block 518B, Tampines Central 7  
#17-62, Singapore 522518

## DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS) will be held from 12th to 14th December 2018 (Wednesday to Friday). Registration will commence soon. Parents with children aged 4 to 12 are encouraged to send your children for this annual activity of GCM.

*Volunteers are needed for DVBS. Kindly approach Pr Kelvin Lim or Sis Melissa Mah if you wish to serve the LORD in this event.*

## BAPTISM, TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP, AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Date:** Lord's Day, 23rd September 2018

### Infant Baptism

Ng Song Qi Luke  
*(son of Mr & Mrs Ng Kwan Teng)*

Trevor Ong Zhi Yang  
*(son of Mr & Mrs Aron Ong)*

### Adult Baptism

Goh Yong Wei,  
Sean Eio,  
Ong Chin,  
Ng Sow Ching

### Affirmation of Faith

Bernice Tan Yan Xin,  
Nicole Esther Lee

### Transfer of Membership

Edward Wong Sy Vui,  
Lee Siew Ling,  
Wong Kwang Yang Marcus,  
Wong Kwang Chung Andre,  
Chan Sung Tak,  
Foong Siew San

## 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**

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2018

**Date:** Lord's Day, 30 September 2018

**Time:** 2.15pm

**Venue:** SingPost L5 Auditorium

All Communicant Members, please collect your copy of the ACM documents available on the designated table at the foyer today.

## APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES

Bro Stephen Yap and Bro Neo Kian Seng, who were appointed as the trustees of the church, have resigned from their roles in order to facilitate the procurement of the new premises under Gethsemane Bible Witness Limited (GBWL). Pastor Koshy, Elder Mah Chin Kwang, and Elder Francis Lee are nominated to be appointed as trustees during the ACM that will be held on 30th September 2018. If appointed, they will serve as the trustees together with Elder Choy, who is presently a trustee. These new appointments are made to be in line with MCCY's latest advice that church trustees must be GBWL's directors.

## POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

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

### Refreshment & Fellowship

1.00pm – 2.00pm

### Catechism Class, Malayalam Fellowship,

### Filipino Fellowship, Youth Choir

2.00pm onwards

## 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

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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Church Weekly

## 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  
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### Our Websites

[gethsemanebpc.com](http://gethsemanebpc.com)  
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[gbi-online.com](http://gbi-online.com)

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### Our Session

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Elder Ng Poh Kok  
Elder Francis Lee  
Deacon Daniel Lim  
Deacon Lok Kwok Wah  
Deacon Kelvin Lim  
Deacon Low Boon Siang