

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship arises from grateful hearts, for it is the expression of heartfelt gratefulness towards God. Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

God welcomes only grateful hearts into His courts for worship. Ungrateful hearts have no right to be in His presence. So let us remember all His benefits as we draw nigh unto God to worship Him (cf. Psalm 103:1-2).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Desire

Psalm 119:131

I opened my mouth, and panted:
for I longed for thy commandments.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Dn Kelvin Lim

*Hymn 37: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

***Invocation & Gloria Patri**

***Scripture Reading in Unison**

Psalm 69:30-36

Hymn 137: Thanks to God!

Collection of Offerings

***Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 378: More About Jesus

Scripture Memorisation

***Pastoral Prayer**

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"True Greatness According to Christ"

Matthew 23:11-12

*Hymn 377: More Like The Master

***Benediction & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 14 OCTOBER 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 21 OCTOBER 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	<p>ENGLISH SERVICE</p> <p>Worship Leader: Dn Kelvin Lim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jasmine Kang, Sarah Lee Ushers: Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Samuel Yong, Marcus Chee Andrew Teong, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Mong Jee Pawa AV Ministry: Andronicus Koshy, Aron Ong Jonathon Lim, Matthew Peh Flowers: Angela Ang Refreshments: Stella Tan, Chairine Chayadi Karen Quek, Stella Yang Junior Worship: Choy Luan Kheng, (Esther Quek) Pawa Mong Jee, (Adlucia Lim) Pr Samson Hutagalung</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Sarah Teo Ushers: Bernard Lim (i/c) Amoz Choy, Theodore Wang Jason Low, Stephen Yap Timotheus Liu, Linus Kok Greeter: Diana Chan AV Ministry: John Ku, Andy Lee Aidan Kang, Matthew Peh Carolyn Koshy Flowers: Violet Quek, Edeliza Ballega Rachel Teo, Corliss Ooi Junior Worship: Lee Kim Lei, (Eunice Choy) Pr Kelvin Lim, (Jean Tindaan) Annie Ho</p>
2.00pm	OTHER MINISTRIES	
	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP
	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
	CATECHISM CLASS	CATECHISM CLASS
	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE
3.30pm	<p>LIONS HOME</p> <p>Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Bro Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim</p>	<p>Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim Dialect Speaker: Pr Kelvin Lim</p>

14 October 2018

The Gospel Establishes Men!

Prabhudas Koshy

About a week ago, I was conversing with a young man in his mid-twenties who was brought to me by a youth in our church to seek biblical answers to his many questions. As our conversation progressed, I quickly noted that he was a canny and good-mannered young man who wanted biblical answers to his questions. After some discussion, he shared with me his experiences of some “rough rides” that left him distressed at times. I realised that if he had properly understood the good counsels of the Gospel according to the Scriptures, he would have been a well established soul. So, I offered to meet him and explain the Scriptures to him again, that the power of God may order and strengthen his life.

Many harbouring the hope of a happy and stable life pursue a materialistic, worldly life at the expense of the spiritual well-being of their souls. Such a godless pursuit of worldly prosperity and greatness leave them in great confusion and distress. Regrettably, some within the church even erroneously teach their children to give priority to such worldly pursuits.

Beloved, there is nothing that can stabilise our souls like the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In Romans 16:25, Paul says of the Almighty God: “... him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ ...” These words are from the apostle Paul’s final doxology in his epistle to the Romans. He wished people would know the power of God in the Gospel so that their lives may be steadied in accordance with the glorious will and purposes of God.

When the truth of the Gospel is set forth by faithful preachers like Paul, God works with His mighty power in the hearts of those who receive the message with faith. God will establish those who trust in Him through the truth of His Gospel. The word “stablish” (*stērizō*) means to make firm and stable. In the context of Romans 16:25, this word refers to one’s mind being settled and firmly rooted in the truth of the Gospel.

The unbelievers and the uninformed have neither conviction nor confidence about their salvation, or

God's purposes in their lives. Only when people's minds are filled with the knowledge of God's gracious Gospel, then will they be steadfast in their thoughts and emotions. Through the Gospel, God will establish the minds and hearts of those who would come to Him in obedient faith. No one but a Christian can be certain about his soul's salvation and be filled with the peace that surpasses all understanding. Only with Christ as the Guide can souls be unperturbed in this world of many evil, sufferings and sorrows.

True followers of Christ can testify, like Paul, "... I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12). So dear reader, put your trust in Christ and His Gospel, and take your steps according to His counsels in the Scriptures.

Certainly, God "would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Ephesians 3:16-19). Amen.

Thanksgiving Note from Kerala

To the Pastor and Members of Gethsemane B-P Church, Singapore:

Dearly beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ,

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). It is with great joy in the Lord that I write this letter to the brethren in Gethsemane B-P Church to express my gratitude and appreciation for the love and kindness you have shown to the flood-affected people in Kerala.

In August 2018, Kerala experienced torrential rain that resulted in landslides and unprecedented severe flooding not seen in recent history. The situation was made worse when about forty dams in the state had to have their floodgates opened! From south to north, all the rivers of Kerala (about 42 of them) overflowed their banks. Thousands of people had to leave their homes and stay in temporary shelters. While a few hundreds lost their lives, thousands more lost their homes and possessions. Most of the home appliances, furniture, bedding, valuable documents, etc. in the flooded homes were destroyed, either because they were washed away or damaged beyond repair. During this period of

flooding, severe disruptions to communication services and to supplies of electricity, drinking water, food, etc. were experienced, leaving people in utter distress and suffering.

As the news of this flood spread all over, helps from different agencies started to come in to Kerala. However, they were mostly controlled by the State Government. We thank God that various churches and Christian individuals also stepped in with supplies of food, water, clothes, blankets, medicines, etc. Yet, they couldn't meet all the needs of those who have lost much of their life-savings. Even to this day, many people are suffering, and are struggling to rebuild and recover from their losses and damages.

It was at such a needy time that Gethsemane B-P Church's helping hand was extended to these suffering people through your "Kerala Relief Fund". Your very generous help through the "Kerala Relief Fund" is distributed to the most deserving among our fellow believers and others. Already the amount has been distributed to about forty needy families, with a few more pending to be helped with this fund. I have been greatly helped in the distribution of funds by Bro Benny Skariah and Bro Lijoy George (members of GBPC, Singapore), who originally belong to Kerala State. They helped to transfer the apportioned gifts directly to the bank accounts of the deserving people, whose names I have passed to them. As suggested by your pastor (Pastor Koshy), I have been co-ordinating this fund distribution from here. Indeed, it was a great joy for me to be of some service to the suffering on your behalf.

The recipients of the gifts have been calling me to express their special thanks to GBPC. Hence, on behalf of all those who have received help, I hereby write to express their heartfelt THANKS AND APPRECIATION to all the members of GBPC and the church leaders. Thank God and may His name be praised.

We do earnestly pray for the pastor and the members of the Gethsemane B-P Church, and for the various ministries that you are doing for the extension of His kingdom and for His glory. May the Lord "make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Hebrews 13:21).

Truly in the bond of love in Jesus Christ,
Bishop Dr M. K. Koshy

Thirst for God's Word

"I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments."

Psalm 119:131

The words in beginning of the above verse – “opened my mouth, and panted” – express the picture of either an exhausted person desperately gasping for breath with his mouth wide open, or a thirsty animal craving for water. These words denote one of the most intense desires of a creature. Such was the desire that the psalmist has towards the Word of God, particularly for the commandments.

Many people say that the commandments of God are “grievous” or “burdensome”; however, that is far from the truth (cf. 1 John 5:3). The commandments of God are good to make us wiser (Psalm 119:98). They are pure (Psalm 19:8), faithful (Psalm 119:86), true (Psalm 119:151) and righteous (Psalm 119:172). Every one of God's commandments is like “a lamp” (Proverbs 6:23) that shows the path even in darkness.

Surely, we must not forsake God's commandments, but desire to know and obey them. So, let us pray to God that He will teach us and remind us to obey His commandments.

Prabhudas Koshy

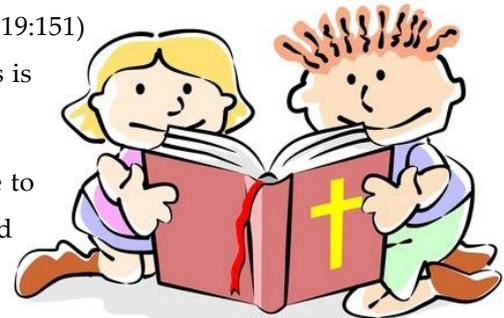


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COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 7th October 2018

Tithes: 5,330.00

Offerings: 9,667.00

Building Fund (Project): 500.00; 350.00; 200.00; 100.00; 50.00 [1,300.00 (Chinese Service)]

Designated Gifts: TGCM 50.00; Pangasinan Relief 500.00; 100.00; Gethsemane BP Mission Church (Pangasinan) 100.00; Rev Ephrem 100.00; Pastor Koshy 300.00; Sis Annie Ho 200.00; Pr Kee How 50.00; Pr Samson 50.00; Bro Raja 100.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFTS

Designated Gifts: TGCM 500.00; GBI International 500.00; Pr Ho Kee How 100.00; Dn Kelvin Lim 100.00; Bro Matthew Peh 100.00; Sis Joey Lim 100.00; Dn Lok Kwok Wah 100.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

(Cash at bank as of 12th October 2018)

\$5,171,173.32

(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, 19 Oct 2018, 7.30pm

Venue: Home of

Mr & Mrs Timotheus Liu

Blk 442B, Bukit Batok West Ave 8,
#10-859, Singapore 652442

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: "How to Understand God's Promise"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Sharon dela Cruz

Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2018

Time: 2.00-4.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Annie Ho
Block 306, Canberra Road, #11-79
Singapore 750306

(Transport from Sembawang MRT station Exit C at 1.40pm.)

Tea reception will be provided by the host.

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

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Bro Jordy Kay

Date & Time: Sat, 20 Oct 2018, 4.30pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs David Tan
175 Lompang Road, #15-43
Singapore 670175

Youth Choir Practice will start at 2.00pm.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Dates: 12th to 14th December 2018
(Wednesday to Friday)

Registration is now open. Please sign up via this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/lu09NTGrugWxKbt52>

Pamphlets for this programme are also available at the reception table. Please take as many copies as you need to invite your friends and relatives.

If you need further information about the event, please approach Pr Kelvin Lim or any of the GCM committee members.

GETHSEMANE DEFENDERS' MINISTRY (GDM) SEMINAR

Topic: "New Calvinism"

Speaker: Pr Ko Ling kang

Date: 6th November 2018 (Tuesday)

Time: 9.15am - 12.30pm

Venue: SingPost Auditorium Level 5

Please sign up at the reception table.

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

We will have a lunch break after the seminar, following which, we will have our prayer meeting at 2pm.

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.

**Only five seats left!*

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

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

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

Mondays, 11.00am @ NAFA

Fridays, 2.00pm @ 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

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your prayer item

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