

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship is a time when the LORD's redeemed gather together to glorify and exalt Him with their hearts and voices. "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders" (Psalm 107:31-32).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Doctrine

Titus 2:1

But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Alan Choy

Hymn 41: Before Jehovah's Awful Throne

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

Psalm 90

Hymn 108: I've Found a Friend

Collection of Offerings

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 200: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Scripture Memorisation

*Intercessory Prayer

Elder Alan Choy

Sermon

Pr Ho Kee How

"Whatsoever Thy Hand Findeth to Do"

Ecclesiastes 9:10-12

*Hymn 351: He Leadeth Me

*Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen

**Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 6 OCTOBER 2019

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 13 OCTOBER 2019

Duty Roster

8.00 – 9.00am	CHURCH CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR
9.00am	CHINESE SERVICE	CHINESE SERVICE
	ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-Ezra & Nehemiah)	ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-Ezra & Nehemiah)
	CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY	CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY
11.00am	<p>Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Ho Kee How Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Dorcas Koshy Ushers: Benny Skariah Samuel Yong, Theodore Wang Lijoy George, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee</p> <p>Greeter: Low Siew Lian AV Ministry: Khoo Xin Hao, Aron Ong John Ku, Andronicus Koshy</p> <p>Flowers: Cecile Batrina Refreshments: Karen Quek, Judy Chan Esther Quek</p> <p>Junior Worship: Sharon dela Cruz, (Adeline Chong) Aileen Yan, (Jasmine Tan) John Peh</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Elder Ng Poh Kok Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Choong Kai Shuin, Sarah Lee Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang Amoz Choy, Danial Wong Edward Wong, Stephen Yap Timotheus Liu, Sean Lee</p> <p>Greeter: Mah Lean Choo AV Ministry: Andy Lee, Kit Meng, Matthew Peh Aidan Kang, Rayson Tan</p> <p>Flowers: Gina Sim Refreshments: Lena Chan, Clara Tai Lok Qian Hui, Rachel Teo</p> <p>Junior Worship: Melissa Mah, (Sarah Yap) Pawa Mong Jee, (Adlucia Lim) Carolyn Koshy</p>
2.00pm	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP
	Preacher: Pr Samson Hutagalung	Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy
	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
	CATECHISM CLASS	CATECHISM CLASS
	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE
3.30pm	<p>Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Bro. Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Bro. Stephen Yap</p>	<p>Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Bro. Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Bro. Stephen Yap</p>

6 October 2019

Church Leaders' Pitfalls – I

Prabhudas Koshy

Church leaders are not free from the temptations of sin. They need to be always on guard lest they be suddenly overtaken by the deceitfulness of sin. My prayer is that the Biblical expose of the deceitfulness of sin that surrounds church leaders will further intensify our vigilance and prayer so that we may keep ourselves pure for the work of the Lord.

PITFALL #1: HAVING A SENSE OF SELF-GLORY AND VINDICTIVENESS

The apostle John wrote about an early church leader who walked into this pitfall. “I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not” (3 John 9). It is not at all uncommon that the behaviour of certain men in the church leadership degenerate into one of self-assertiveness and self-glory. A sense of immunity from accountability and authority fills their minds. They

act as though they are above everyone, and even the demands of morality and charity.

Like Diotrephes who opposed and sidelined the apostle John and other leaders of the early church, some of the modern-day church leaders also act highhandedly. They become domineering, bossy and love the prestige and power of leadership so much that they care for none but themselves. They forget godly men whom God has used to nurture the church. They slander good men and promote those who are just like themselves.

Let us protect ourselves from this sin of pride by co-labouring with and submitting ourselves to godly men who love God's truth and righteousness and serve before Him humbly, faithfully and diligently. The apostle Peter advises church leaders, “Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock ... Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed

with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time” (1 Peter 5:3-6).

Submit yourself also to a council of biblically-minded, spiritually-wise advisers. “Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established” (Proverbs 15:22). The Bible makes clear provision for rebuking an elder who persists in sin (cf. 1 Timothy 5:19-20). No one is above reproof. Everyone ought to be accountable. Let every one of us who serves in the leadership remind himself that God expects us to be humble, submissive and accountable to one another.

PITFALL #2: SUCCUMBING TO ITCHING EARS AS LOVE OF TRUTH EVAPORATES

The apostle Paul cautions, “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Many who express a passion for God’s truth at the beginning of their ministry have succumbed later to the popular notions and expectations of the people around them. The love of truth is weakened by the love

for recognition and admiration, and soon integrity has no leg to stand on. Every manner of rationalization and compromise to meet the demands of the expanding audience takes over. Doctrines are not emphasized; moral purity is not pursued after. The audience is to be entertained – the itching ears are to be “scratched” – or else he would have to face the unhappiness of the crowd. He is afraid that people would desert him, so immunity from objection and opposition is created with a heavy dose of relational ethics. The language of love, forgiveness and acceptance abounds – but for those who have eyes to see, it is but a camouflage to cover up the abandonment of love for God’s truth!

In order to protect ourselves from such perilous compromise in the ministry, we should cultivate an unflinching commitment to “preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:2). Remain fully dedicated to proclaim the truth, even in its smallest details, and turn a deaf ear to the desires of men to have their ears scratched. Compromise with falsehood often begins in small things.

In order to be a brave and faithful preacher of the Word, “study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). In the

ministry of many leaders, the Word of God has taken a back-seat to storytelling, social analysis, family discussions, psychological diagnoses, etc., which begin to usurp the authority of the inspired and preserved Word of God. Loose and sloppy handling of the Scriptures eventually leads to loose and sloppy living of the leaders and the congregation. Let all leaders protect themselves and their congregations through a disciplined study of God's Word and faithful preaching.

PITFALL #3: DISREGARDING THE FAMILY LIFE

The apostle Paul very emphatically advises that leaders should "be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly" (Titus 1:6; cf. 1 Timothy 3:2, 4, 12). It is tragic that many leaders have failed to give careful attention in the nurturing of their own children in the ways of God. Therefore, Paul challenges us, "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" (1 Timothy 3:5).

Our loving treatment of our wives ought to be the reflection of Christ's wonderful love for the church. The apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:25-27, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that

he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Let every church leader remember that his treatment of his wife is reflective of how greatly he thinks of the Lord's loving dealings with the church.

An adulterous church leader is a disastrous testimony before the church. He does not portray the Lord's faithful and true love for the church. The apostle Paul teaches us in Ephesians 5:31-32 that Christian marriage is a token of the mystery of the relationship that Christ has with the church. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Adultery is an appalling desecration of the image of Christ and His church.

Let every church leader remember that God expects him to prove his faithfulness as a leader in his own home first. Remind yourself repeatedly that your marriage is a living testimony of Christ's relationship with the church. We simply must recover the wonder of this truth. Marriage has to do with Christ, not just two people trying to seek fulfilment. It is a mission whereby God's love is to be portrayed to the world. It is an extraordinary calling.

Junior Worshipper's Page

Speak Sound Doctrine

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine."

Titus 2:1

This was the advice of the apostle Paul to his disciple, Titus, who had become a pastor (or preacher). Titus was challenged to take care of the congregation. The church had to encounter false teachings and false living, which threatened to undermine her spiritual well-being.

All preachers, like Titus, ought to speak right doctrines that will lead to right living. They should never deviate from their duty of teaching sound doctrine. They should give themselves to regular and careful pastoral instruction about Christian living, that people may believe in God's truth and obey all of it.

It is only when the people receive correct doctrine that they would be able to produce the right spiritual living. Doctrine and duty are closely related. Without the truth of God, people cannot live righteously. A church that is taught spiritual truths shall be protected from spiritual falsehood and sins.

So, let us pray for all who teach God's Word in our church – that every one of them will be committed to teach us the truth of God. Let us also take heed when they speak and exhort us from God's Word, so that we may gladly fulfil God's truths in our lives through holy living.



Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 29th September 2019

Tithes: 9,148.00

Offerings: 9,151.00

GBWL: 3,295.00

Designated Gifts: GBPC-Ethiopia 200.00; Pr Sujith Samuel 100.00; India Missions 100.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 160.00; 100.00; Pr Jeremiah Sim 200.00; 100.00; Gina Sim 100.00

Non-Sunday Love Gifts

GBWL: 4,500.00

TGCM: 140.00

LOVE GIFTS TO GBWL

Please direct all love gifts related to the renovation and operational costs of 33 Ubi Crescent to Gethsemane Bible Witness Limited (DBS Current Account 025-904568-2).



CHURCH SESSION (2019-2021)

1. Rev. Dr Prabhudas Koshy (Pastor & Chairman of the Session)
2. Elder Mah Chin Kwang (Elder & Assistant Treasurer)
3. Elder Alan Choy (Elder & Session Member)
4. Elder Ng Poh Kok (Elder & Treasurer)
5. Elder Francis Lee (Elder & Session Member)
6. Dn Daniel Lim Hoe Chiang (Deacon & Session Member)
7. Dn Lok Kwok Wah (Deacon & Session Member)
8. Dn Kelvin Lim (Deacon & Session Member)
9. Dn Low Boon Siang (Deacon & Clerk-of-Session)



PASTORAL VISITATION

CENTRAL / SOUTH REGION

Date & Time: Fri, 11 Oct. 2019, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of

Mr & Mrs Aron Ong Wai Meng
Blk 3, Queen's Road, #07-157
Singapore 260003



GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Bro. David Tan

Date & Time: Sat, 12 Oct 2019, 4.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Edward Wong
45 Hindhede Walk, #06-04,
Springdale, Singapore 587978

*A concurrent, separate programme will
be catered for children aged 4-12.*



GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: "Losing, Yet Gaining"
(Philippians 3:7-8)

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Sis. Sharon dela Cruz

Date & Time: Sat, 19 Oct 2019, 2.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis. Sarah Yong
Blk 301, Ubi Avenue 1, #04-241
Singapore 400301

*A concurrent, separate programme will
be catered for children aged 4-12.*



DEDICATION OF GETHSEMANE MEDIA CENTRE

Date: 16th November 2019 (Saturday)

Session 1: 10.30am to 12.00pm

Session 2: 4.30pm to 6.00pm

Please sign up at the reception table to facilitate planning and logistics. Kindly choose one session only.



DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (DVBS)

Topic: "Rooted and Built Up in Christ"

Date: 11th–14th December 2019
(Wednesday to Saturday)

Registration will open soon.



GETHSEMANE YAF-YF COMBINED RETREAT

Dates: 19th to 21st December 2019 (Thurs to Sat)

Theme: "Understanding the Scriptures
and Knowing God's Will"

More information is available on the registration forms at the reception table. Forms and payment may be submitted to either Bro. Tan Yeh Wen or Bro. John Ku. Registration will close on 27th Oct. 2019.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshment & Fellowship

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Filipino Fellowship, Malayalam Fellowship, Catechism Class, Youth Choir Practice

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
Monday, 4.15pm (NAFA-Lasalle)
Friday, 5.15pm (SUTD)

Sunday Lions Home Ministry
Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim

PRAISE & PRAYER ITEMS

*Please send your praise and prayer items for
publication in the church prayer list to
Bro. Norefel at norefel.gbwl@gmail.com
latest by 10.00am every Tuesday.*

Time & Place of Worship:

11.00am

Singapore Post Centre,
Level 5 Auditorium,
10 Eunus Road 8,
Singapore 408600
(next to Paya Lebar MRT Station)

Prayer Hotline:

8138 8139

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