

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship is the tribute which we pay to the King of kings, who has saved us and made us His people. We acknowledge His sovereignty over us, and our dependence on Him. Let us be filled with inward reverence and praise, that we may offer them outwardly in songs, prayers, meditation of His Word and service unto His glory. May we come to Him with a true heart, confessing, "The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey" (Joshua 24:24).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Doers

James 1:22

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Alan Choy

Hymn 60: Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Hymn 299: My Saviour

Collection of Offerings

Gethsemane Combined Choir

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 338: Show Me Thy Way, O Lord

Scripture Memorisation

*Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Biblical Ministries of the Church – Prayer (II)"

Selected Scriptures

Holy Communion

"Jesus Paid It All"

*Rendition by Bro. Samuel Lee
& Bro. Choong Kai Shuin*

*Hymn 365: Teach Me to Pray

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2019

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2019

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: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Sarah Lee Ushers: Benny Skariah Andy Lee, Edwin Quek Marcus Peh, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario</p> <p>Greeter: Violet Quek AV Ministry: Andy Lee, Kin Meng, Matthew Peh Aidan Kang, Rayson Tan</p> <p>Flowers: Diana Koh Refreshments: Violet Quek, Stella Yang Cecilia Siah, Corliss Ooi</p> <p>Junior Worship: Edwin Quek, (Eunice Choy) Pr Kelvin Lim, (Dorcas Koshy) Low Siew Lian</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Pr Kelvin Lim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Setiawan, Sarah Teo Ushers: Dn Lok Kwok Wah Samuel Yong, Marcus Chee Lijoy George, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee</p> <p>Greeter: Winnie Yap AV Ministry: John Zhang, Goh Yong Wei Gideon Lee, Zacharias Tan</p> <p>Flowers: Stephanie Lee Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Khoo May Ping Mary Lee, Mary Ong</p> <p>Junior Worship: Choy Luan Kheng, (Gan Chien Huey) Dn Low Boon Siang, (Trang Thanh) Hendrick Foo</p>
2.00pm	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP
	Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim	Preacher: Pr Samson Hutagalung
	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. Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim</p>	<p>Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Bro. Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Bro. Stephen Yap</p>

3 November 2019

Biblical Guidelines for the Ministry of Church Choirs

A Report of the Choirs' Seminar by Bro. Cornelius Koshy

The Gethsemane Church Choir, Youth Choir and Children's Choir give thanks to God for blessing us in the Gethsemane Choirs' Seminar held at City Beach Resort on Monday, 28 October 2019. Pastor Koshy instructed 112 adult, youth and older children participants on the biblical understanding of the music ministry of the church. Concurrently, 10 younger children were separately taught on the same topic by Mrs Carolyn Koshy. This report serves as a brief summary of the key lessons learnt from the two sessions of learning, so that the choirs may reaffirm these biblical principles, and others may be reminded of God's guidelines for music in the church.

More than an accompaniment of God's Word, music is a carrier of God's Word! In worship, music should not be for the mere pleasure of the ears, but for the declaration of God's Truth (cf. Deuteronomy 31:19; Colossians 3:16). Therefore, singing should be prioritised over mere music without lyrics because the lyrics invoke our understanding. "Sing praises to God, ... sing ye praises with understanding" (Psalm 47:6-7, cf. 1 Corinthians 14:15). With this as starting point, worshipful singing must fulfil the following three purposes:

Firstly, music must be God-glorifying (Psalm 92:1). Moses declares, "The LORD is my strength and song" (Exodus 15:2), and Isaiah joins in: "the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song" (Isaiah 12:2). Secondly, music must be used for teaching (Colossians 3:16), with lyrics which are rich with the wisdom of the word of Christ. Finally, music must affirm the congregation in God's Goodness and Righteousness. Music helps the children of God retain the things which He has done for them or which they have learnt, so that "they shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness" (Psalm 145:7).

Anything contrary to these purposes is a perversion of music in the worship of God. So, great caution must be exercised in the choice of music in the worship. While some argue that music by itself is amoral (i.e. 'not concerned with morality'), the way it is arranged and articulated can represent worldly, heathen backgrounds and associations (cf. Daniel 3:7). Moreover, when music is carelessly expressed, it will promote misconceived spiritual assurance (cf. Amos 5:23; 6:1, 5; Isaiah 5:12).

Having laid down the principles for worshipful music, Pastor went on to delineate the prerequisites for singing in the choir ministry:

1. A singer in the choir ministry must be a saved person. The worship ministry is exclusively for believers: "Sing ...his praise in the congregation of saints" (Psalm 149:1; cf. Psalms 22:22, 25; 68:26; 89:5; 111:1; 116:18; Hebrews 2:12). The believers must be baptised (or at least in the midst of being prepared through catechism for baptism). God does not want the wicked to take His Word in their mouth (cf. Psalm 50:16).
2. The singer must be filled with the Spirit, and have a commitment to gain understanding of God's Word (cf. Ephesians 5:18-19; 1 Corinthians 14:15).
3. Finally, the singer must be skilled in singing (cf. 1 Chronicles 15:22).

Concerning the singer's attitude in the choir ministry, the singer must:

1. be ready to be musically trained (cf. 1 Chronicles 15:22);
2. be spiritually prepared (cf. 1 Chronicles 15:12, 14);
3. be completely devoted in the ministry of music – to the extent that those who are called to serve full-time in the ministry of music should be supported by the church (cf. 1 Chronicles 9:33; Ezra 7:24; Nehemiah 11:23);
4. have a commitment to serve patiently and pastorally – as manifested by the choir which David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD: "they ministered ... with singing ... and then they waited on their office according to their order" (1 Chronicles 6:31-32). The choir is called to minister in song and patiently serve ("waited on their office") in their appointed times. While pastors and preachers, as ministers of the Word, proclaim the Word, singers minister the Word in song.

Indeed, the calling of a singer in the worship of God is a high calling, which requires strict spiritual and choral discipline. It is the sincere prayer of the choir leader and choir members that we will press on to be biblical, beautiful-sounding, and the best singers for our King! Where we have not been up to scratch as singers, we are grateful to God for the gentle

correction we received from His Word and the opportunity to sanctify our lives for an acceptable service to Him. May the choirs be obedient to His Word in their personal lives, choir-practices, and presentations of praise unto God!

With regard to administrative matters, the choir leader gives thanks to God for the sacrificial service of many who have rendered help in planning and preparing for the seminar. From the booking of the function room and logistical / transport arrangements to the food contributions and assistance with the children's programme, God has greatly blessed us with edifying fellowship around His Word and His people. All glory be to God!



Photo of participants at the Choirs' Seminar

Junior Worshipper's Page

Be Not Hearers Only

*"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."
(James 1:22)*

James the Apostle was most concerned that true faith must be accompanied with good works. He admonished all those who profess themselves to be believers, that if they are keen only to hear the preaching of the Word and not to put it into practice, then they are deluded into thinking that they are believers. While those who consistently disobey God's Word prove their lack of faith in Christ, those who consistently obey the Word prove their faith in Him.

Many churchgoers think that listening to in-depth preaching and teaching of the Scriptures would prove that they have faith. However, the above admonition specifically points out that knowing the Scriptures and yet having no desire to live out the profound truths revealed therein, is simply a sign of fake faith!

Genuine believers are not like the audience in a concert hall who, after listening to a singer or a speaker, go away at the end of the programme, having no commitment to what they have heard. Instead, they pay attention to the truths of God's Word so that they may appropriate them in their lives.

The "hearer only" is on the road to final spiritual ruin. James asserted that being a hearer without being a doer is to fall into the pit of self-deception. On the other hand, Peter assured true believers that "if ye do these things, ye shall never fall" (2 Peter 1:10b).

Prabhudas Koshy





COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 27th October 2019

Tithes: 6,700.00

Offerings: 9,519.00

GBWL: 1,100.00

Designated Gifts: General Fund 20.00; TGCM 60.00; Rev. Ephrem 100.00; GBPC Ethiopia 100.00; Cornelius Koshy 100.00; Sarah Yong 50.00; Dn Lok Kwok Wah 50.00; Andronicus Koshy 100.00; David Ng 200.00

Non-Sunday Love Gifts

BWMM: 12,000.00

General Fund: 200.00

GBWL: RM600.00

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).



GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Bro. Norefel Resuma

Date & Time: Sat, 9 Nov 2019, 4.00pm

Venue: Home of Elder & Mrs Francis Lee

35 Moonbeam Terrace, Singapore 277308

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



GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: "The Christian Heart's Struggle
against Sin—The Priorities of the Heart"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Bro. Matthew Peh

Date & Time: Fri, 15 Nov 2019, 7.30pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Gan Chin Hwi

Blk 609, Elias Road, #07-174

Singapore 510609



GETHSEMANE YAF-YF COMBINED RETREAT

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

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

Those who have not submitted their forms and payment may submit them to either Bro. Tan Yeh Wen or Bro. John Ku by today.



FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES & ROSTERS

(JANUARY TO JUNE 2020)

Leaders of all fellowship groups are kindly asked to submit your programme/ roster for January to June 2020 to Bro. Norefel at norefel.gbwl@gmail.com for consolidation and Sunday's bulletin announcement purposes, latest by 16th December 2019.

To facilitate the collation of information, please include the following information in your schedule:

- the preacher and the topic,
- the address of the venue and the name of the host(s), and
- the name of the chairperson in the roster.



DEDICATION OF GETHSEMANE MEDIA CENTRE

Date: 16th November 2019 (Saturday)

The timings of the programme for the day are as follows:

Morning Session

9.30am – 10.15am: Viewing of GMC by Group 1

10.30am – 12.00pm: Dedication Service

12.00pm – 12.45pm: Viewing of GMC by Group 2

Afternoon Session

3.30pm – 4.15pm: Viewing of GMC by Group 3

4.30pm – 6.00pm: Dedication Service

6.00pm – 6.45pm: Viewing of GMC by Group 4

There will be catered buffet lunch and dinner. Participants are to find out their viewing groups from the lists which have been put up in the foyer. If clarifications are needed, please approach Elder Francis Lee.



CHINESE SERVICE BIBLE STUDY RETREAT

Dates: 2nd – 5th December 2019
(Monday to Thursday)

Theme: “Arise and Build”

Speaker: Pr Zhu Xin Kai

Venue: The Katerina Hotel, Batu Pahat

For sign-up details, please look for Bro Gan Chin Hwi.

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 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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