

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Not my will, but Thine, be done” – Luke 22:42*

## WORD ON WORSHIP

Those who seek God in true worship shall not be devoid of truth. Just as Abraham’s servant had testified that God “hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth” (Genesis 24:27), the psalmist has also declared that “his truth endureth to all generations” (Psalm 100:5). Furthermore, we who abide in Christ have this promise to be guided by His truth, for “grace and truth came by Jesus Christ” (John 1:17). Let us therefore confess: “O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth” (Isaiah 25:1).

## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

*Ear*

**Matthew 11:15**

He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

\*Hymn 49: How Great Thou Art!

### \*Invocation & Gloria Patri

### \*Scripture Reading in Unison

*2 Timothy 3:1-7*

Hymn 51: Jesus Is Dearer Than All

### Scripture Memorisation

Hymn 259: Lamp of Our Feet

### \*Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

*“Understanding the Times—II”*

*Jude 18, 19*

\*Hymn 389: Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

### \*Benediction & Threefold Amen

*\*Congregation Standing*



19 July 2020

# Let Us Be a Soul-Winning Church

*Prabhudas Koshy*

A church's God-given mission on earth is to preach the Gospel of Christ, that sinners may be saved and brought to the church for their spiritual growth. A church that is not committed to doing the Gospel-work has no right to exist, and it shall soon weaken and die off.

Preaching Christ is particularly important to the church that seeks true biblical growth. All its members must engage in soul-winning ministry, because it is the work that the Head of the church, the Lord Jesus, has given them to do. Jesus defined His work thus: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Then, He told His disciples that "as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21b). Hence every faithful church member, who goes about doing the will of his Saviour and Lord, must be mindful to do the work of soul-winning, which Christ has given to us to fulfil.

The apostle Paul is a fine example to all of us in the work of the Gospel. While writing to Timothy, he wrote how he had dedicated himself to be a soul-winner for the Lord – "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes,

that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory" (2 Timothy 2:10). He then urged Timothy, "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (2 Timothy 4:5).

Evangelism must be the primary purpose of the local church, and is one of the major reasons for which it exists. God's work in this day and age centres in the local church, and God's concern has always been to reach out in love to a lost and dying world with the good news of eternal life. Evangelism should be at the top of the list of our church's ministries. All our leaders and members must be involved in evangelism. Evangelism is not an option for the local church; it is a command. Jesus said, "...ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)!

Evangelism is not a system or a programme, but a personal involvement in the lives of people to help them know the things they need to know and believe on Christ

in order to be saved. Evangelism involves the message, as well as the presence and conduct of the messenger. “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ” (Philippians 1:27a). Scripture insists “that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life...” (Philippians 2:15-16a).

As the saying goes, many people talk a lot about evangelism, but not many are doing it. Much time and effort are put into many different plans and programmes, but it seems that evangelism is still one of our neglected areas of ministry. There are two basic principles that should give us a starting point for an understanding of evangelism. First, the local church is central to God’s plan for ministry in this age. This means that biblical evangelism centres in the local church, and the ministry of the local church must focus on evangelism. Second, it is the responsibility of all leaders to be involved in training others in ministry and leadership. This would place great emphasis on the responsibility of the church and its leaders to train and equip its members to do the work of the ministry (cf. Ephesians 4).

In Gethsemane, let all of us make special efforts to be ready to do the work of evangelism. I urge you in the Lord, dear reader, to dedicate yourself with all your heart, that you may be a joyful soul-winner for our glorious Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ.

A church that is dedicated to the work of evangelism will bring unbounded joy to its leaders and Christians everywhere. As a result, an evangelistic church will bring glory to the Lord. “We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; ... For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing” (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, 8).

Beloved, our initial enthusiasm to spread the Gospel should not die off. We should always be committed to do the work of evangelism. Let us not allow difficulties or lethargy hinder our involvement in this God-given duty. How wonderful it will be if our church receives from the Lord a similar commendation as the church in Thessalonica had received from the apostle Paul!

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! ...So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:13-17).

# San Antonio Mission Update from Elder Eliezer

Dear Pastor Koshy,

Greetings in the blessed name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

We praise the Lord for His sustaining grace and mercy upon our service for Him.

Thank God for the loving support we have been receiving from Gethsemane BP Church in Singapore for the mission churches in Bogo and San Antonio, and especially for the funds for the renovation works for the San Antonio church building. Thank you so much for upholding us in your thoughts and prayers.

We thank God that the renovation works of the San Antonio church have been progressing. The column blocks had been poured with concrete. The workers had piled hollow blocks for the wall, and they are now halfway through. Today (Monday, 13 July), additional workers started to dig the ground to lay the foundation for the fence on the right side of the church. God willing, within this week, the additional workers can start putting hollow blocks for the compound wall. Thank God that the work has been progressing quite well. Thus far, the work is well ahead of the timetable set by the contractor. Thank God for the safety of the workers and praise the Lord for the strength given to them.

I am attaching herewith the recent pictures of the ongoing renovation works of the San Antonio church. (Note that digging for the fence on the right side of the church is not visible.)

In Christ,  
Elder Eliezer



*Top: demolition works  
Bottom: render of new worship hall*

## Junior Worshipper's Page

# Let Your Ears Hear God's Word

*"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."  
(Matthew 11:15)*

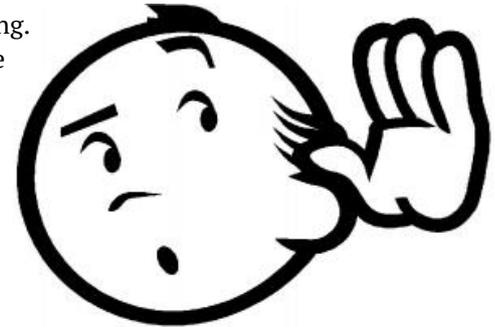
It was a repeated statement of our Lord Jesus Christ (cf. Matthew 13:9, 43; Mark 4:23; Luke 14:35; Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; 13:8-9).

When God gives us an ability, such as a hearing ear, we have a responsibility to use it as He requires. What God enables a man to do, that he ought to do.

Firstly, He, who gave you ears, requires you to ensure that you are a responsible hearer. Having two ears allows you to receive and analyse surrounding sounds. But you must pay attention to all that God wants you to hear. Make sure you take heed to listen. If you are unwilling to listen, then you will miss out learning many important things in life.

Secondly, He, who gave you ears, requires you to hear with understanding. Be not a careless hearer. Listen to God's Word with an acceptable spirit. Be teachable. Be receptive of all that God instructs you.

Thirdly, He, who gave you ears, requires you to hear His Word in order to apply it in your life. Let what you hear from His Word enter your soul. Make effort to understand God's Word, and make use of all its counsels. Be diligent to act on all that you hear from God's Word.



Prabhudas Koshy

## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 12th July 2020

**Tithes:** 5,933.00

**Offerings:** 7,223.00

**Designated Gifts:** Bible Witness 200.00; Cebu Building Fund 230.00; Missions 50.00; Cayson Chok 120.00; Ethiopia Missions 200.00

Non-Sunday Collections

(6th-11th July 2020)

**Offerings:** 5,250.00

**Tithes:** 780.00

**Designated Gifts:** Cebu Building Fund 120.00; Pr Daniel Lim 100.00; Jeffrey Setiawan 200.00; Matthew Peh 30.00

Total Funds Collection

(as of 17th July 2020)

**Cebu Building Fund:** 65,452.50

## FOR TITHES & OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH

Send in your gifts to 'Gethsemane Bible-Presbyterian Church' via bank transfer (DBS Current Account 025-011173-7), or you may scan the QR code to transfer via Paylah! or PayNow.



## FOR LOVE GIFTS TO GBWL

Send in your gifts to 'Gethsemane Bible Witness Limited' via bank transfer (DBS Current Account 025-904568-2), or you may scan the QR code to transfer via Paylah! or PayNow.



## BIBLE WITNESS MAGAZINE

The latest issue on

**"Out of Darkness into God's Marvellous Light"**

*(Volume 20, Issue 3)*

is available as a digital magazine. Download it from

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Deacon Kelvin Lim  
Deacon Low Boon Siang

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ACM) REPORT

Leaders of respective ministries and fellowship groups are to submit a short write-up for collation as part of the Annual Report for the upcoming ACM. Please send it to Dn Low Boon Siang at [lbs83@yahoo.com](mailto:lbs83@yahoo.com) by 26th July 2020.

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### DO STAY UPDATED!

Members & regular visitors are urged to keep abreast of church matters through our church's virtual meetings, holy communion services & updates via the Prayer Hotline.

To be kept informed of the above, do sign up by sending a WhatsApp message to the Hotline, indicating your name. Remember to save the Prayer Hotline number (8138 8139) on your phone to receive the broadcast messages.

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## OUR ONLINE RESOURCES

In this period where our regular church meetings are curtailed, we hope that our online resources will continue to be a source of encouragement and edification for you.

- For Christian literature, please visit [biblewitness.com/magazine](http://biblewitness.com/magazine) to find past issues of our BW Magazine.
- For 24/7 fundamental Christian music, please visit our Bible Witness Web Radio at [biblewitness.com/webradio/radio-player/](http://biblewitness.com/webradio/radio-player/)
- For our sermons, you may visit our church's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/user/gethsemaneipc/](http://youtube.com/user/gethsemaneipc/) or [gbi-online.com](http://gbi-online.com)
- Finally, you may also follow our church's Facebook page at [facebook.com/Gethsemane.BP.Church/](https://facebook.com/Gethsemane.BP.Church/) to stay updated with any urgent announcements from our church leaders.

Please pray for our BWMM staff as they labour to maintain all these services and resources.

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## UPCOMING ZOOM FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

*Links to the meetings will be provided in the respective Whatsapp Groups.*

### YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** The Joy of Motherhood

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Chairperson:** Sis. Merisa Teong

**Date & Time:** Fri, 24th July 2020, 4.00pm

### ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** The Book of 1 Thessalonians

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Chairperson:** Bro. Norefel Resuma

**Date & Time:** Sat, 25th July 2020, 4.00pm