

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## WORD ON WORSHIP

Christian worship is Theocentric and Christocentric. Only through the Lord Jesus Christ can one ever acceptably come before God (John 14:6; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 John 9). Furthermore, if God the Father hath not granted a man to come to His Son, the Lord Jesus, no one can come to Christ (cf. John 6:45, 65). So, both the Father and the Son are engaged in mutual glorification in the hearts of the people of God (cf. John 13:31-32). In fact, the Holy Spirit is also at work in our hearts to glorify Christ (cf. John 16:13-14).

## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

*Employee*

**Ephesians 6:5**

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Call to Worship**

*Elder Francis Lee*

\*Hymn 16: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

**\*Invocation & Gloria Patri**

**\*Scripture Reading in Unison**

*1 John 2:18-29*

Hymn 312: We Bless the Name of Christ, the Lord

**Announcements**

Hymn 352: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

**Scripture Memorisation**

**\*Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

**"Deceivers Are Coming!"**

*2 John 7-11*

\*Hymn 70: Jesus, I Am Resting

**\*Benediction & Threefold Amen**

*\*Congregation Standing*



# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

**TODAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2020**

**NEXT LORD'S DAY, 6 DECEMBER 2020**

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Ushers/Greeters:</b> Jason Low, John Peh, Chan Tuck Whye, Lee Kim Lei	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Ushers/Greeters:</b> Lijoy George, Amoz Choy, Chong Khai Siang, Samuel Yong
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Chinese Worship Service is held at Gethsemane Media Centre, 33 Ubi Crescent. (Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim)</b>	
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Francis Lee <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Ushers/Greeters:</b> Marcus Lim, Aileen Yan, Edward Wong, Eunice Wong	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Ushers/Greeters:</b> Marcus Chee, George Chee, David Tan, Aileen Yan
<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Ushers/Greeters:</b> Arvind Pawa, Mong Jee Pawa, Melvin Mendoza, Diana Chan	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Alan Choy <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Ushers/Greeters:</b> Gerry Lee, Violet Quek, Hendrick Foo, Diana Chan
<b>6.00pm (Evening Teaching Service @ GMC)</b>	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Ushers/Greeters:</b> Dn Lok Kwok Wah, Lijoy George	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Ushers/Greeters:</b> Jeffrey Setiawan, Cornelius Koshy

Duty Roster

## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES/ROSTERS (JANUARY TO JUNE 2021)

Leaders of all fellowship groups are kindly asked to submit your programme/roster for January to June 2021 to Bro. Norefel at [norefel.gbwl@gmail.com](mailto:norefel.gbwl@gmail.com) for consolidation and Sunday's bulletin announcement purposes. Please do so by 14th December 2020.

To facilitate the collation and announcement of information, please include the following information in your schedule: (i) the preacher, (ii) the topic, and (iii) the name of the chairperson.

## 2021 BIBLE WITNESS CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Bible Witness Media Ministry is giving a set of 2021 Desk and Wall Calendars to each family worshipping in Gethsemane (one set per family). For additional sets of these calendars, the special price is \$10 per set. If you would like to purchase only the desk calendar, limited quantities are available. The prices are as follows:

- 1 to 9 pieces: \$8 each
- 10 pieces and above: \$7 each

You may also place your order via this link: [bit.ly/2021-bwcalendar](http://bit.ly/2021-bwcalendar). This link can be shared with your friends who are interested to purchase.

29 November 2020

# Preacher's Remuneration

*Prabhudas Koshy*

Should the ministers of the Word (and others who are called to serve the Lord full-time) support themselves by taking on a secular job, or should the church provide them with a regular salary? To put forth the question more bluntly, is materially recompensing a pastor (or a preacher) by his church an unbiblical practice?

Some advocate that all preachers should support themselves because the apostle Paul engaged in 'secular work' on some occasions (e.g. tent-making when he was in Corinth – cf. Acts 18:3; 20:34-35; 1 Corinthians 4:12; 2 Thessalonians 3:8-9) in order to support himself. However, this was not the norm for either Paul or others who are called to be ministers of the Word (pastors, preachers, etc.). The instructions in Paul's writings and the rest of the New Testament on the subject is that the church should support her Gospel-workers so that they may give themselves to the ministry of the Word and to the care of souls, without being burdened and distracted by their own personal and families' needs.

Paul asked the Corinthians, "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" (1 Corinthians 9:11). In other words,

Paul was asking the Corinthian church whether it would be too much to receive material rewards from them for the spiritual work that Paul and his apostolic team had rendered to them. In fact, Paul had earlier argued, "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?" (1 Corinthians 9:7). Here, Paul gave three illustrations to show that paying workers is normal and valid, and hence it was nothing wrong for Gospel-workers to receive their wages/support. Paul put forward this truth through rhetorical questions which obviously anticipated the answer: "None!" Soldiers, farmers and shepherds do not fight or labour during the day and then take a second job at night to procure food, clothes and houses for themselves and their families. Soldiers do not serve their king and nation at their own expense. They are provided with food, clothing, arms, lodging, and whatever else is needed to live and fight effectively. Farmers who cultivate crops, and shepherds who tend their flocks eat their food and earn a living from the products of their farming and shepherding respectively.

The apostle then said that such an expectation to provide for the ministers of the Word is Scripturally lawful - "Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?" (1 Corinthians 9:8-9). The law of God, cited by Paul from Deuteronomy 25:4, states that God expects His people not to neglect the animals that labour for them. Even more importantly, according to Paul, the Lord's command to care for their labouring animals was meant to teach His people about the duty to provide for the needs of human workers who faithfully and diligently labour. God's concern is greater for men than animals (cf. Matthew 10:31; Luke 12:7, 24, 28). So Paul wrote, "Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope" (1 Corinthians 9:10). Paul's emphasis is that God was speaking altogether for man's sake, rather than for animals. Men should earn their living from their labour. The ploughman and the reaper should be able to work in the hope of having their share from the crops.

In fact, Paul observed that some who have been serving in the Corinthian church were already receiving material support from them - "If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather?" (v. 12a). However, he chose not to receive the material support that was due to him - "Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ" (v. 12b). Paul decided not to receive the support from the church in Corinth, not because that it was wrong to do so, but he felt

that (in this case) it might have hindered the Gospel work. The Corinthian believers, who were young in faith (and with some from Gentile background), might have thought of Paul as peddling the Gospel for money.

He went on to affirm that the right thing is for the ministers of the gospel to receive support from the church - "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:13-14). Paul provided two examples from Israel's religious life and Jesus' ministry. Paul's first reference was to the Old Testament practice of supporting the priests who performed sacred services in the Temple with the tithes of crops and animals, as well as with portions allocated from sacrifices of the people. Because the tribe of Levi had no inheritance in Israel, God demanded that the Levites should receive their income from the gifts which the people brought to God's sanctuary (Deut. 18:1). The priests received a share of what was offered on the altar. So, Paul's emphasis is that the provisions for the pastors and preachers of the gospel should be based on the same principle of provisions for the priests and Levites of the LORD's temple in the Old Testament. The second supporting precedent that Paul cited was Jesus' instruction to His disciples whom He sent out to minister to the people - "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Jesus had advised His disciples that "in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from

house to house” (Luke 10:7; cf. Luke 9:4; Matthew 10:10-11; Mark 6:10). The Lord Jesus’ advice for His servants was that they ought to receive their support from those whom they ministered. Jesus considered the preaching mission to be a full-time task that would prevent the preachers from earning income in a normal occupation. So, He affirmed their right to be supported.

With all the above arguments, Paul had put forth a watertight case for the support of the full-time ministers of the Word. He had cited the social norm, God’s Law and God’s Son to prove the legitimacy and necessity of material recompense for the teachers of God’s Word. It would be difficult to overemphasise the force of Paul’s argument about the duty of the believers (or the church) to remunerate those who taught them. To the Galatian church, he insisted, “Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things” (Galatians 6:6). Likewise, while exhorting Timothy, he wrote, “Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward” (1 Timothy 5:17-18; cf. 2 Timothy 2:6).

It is abundantly clear that Scripture stipulates that the beneficiaries of the ministry of God’s servants ought to supply their needs. The remuneration which they extend to the minister must adequately provide for his necessities and personal expenses in equipping himself for the ministry. Providing a salary that would sufficiently

support the minister and his family is the duty of the church where he ministers.

If it was Paul’s view that the church must remunerate the full-time workers of the church, why did he refuse his legitimate and irrefutable right to remunerations from the Corinthians at a great cost to himself? And why did he choose to be bi-vocational at times? Paul’s reason was that while he preached in pioneer areas in a pagan environment, he did not want the matter of his remuneration to be a distraction or hindrance to his hearers. He advocated greater flexibility in winning their hearts to the Gospel (cf. 2 Corinthians 11:8-11). Paul could hardly go to a new community and say, “The Lord commanded me to be supported by you.” Jesus’ words did not apply in the context of spreading the Gospel in the Hellenistic world. Modern missionaries too face similar circumstances as Paul in their pioneering work. Hence, the sending churches must support the missionaries. Paul himself gratefully accepted the help sent to him by the established churches, such as the church in Philippi – “I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity... Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity” (Philippians 4:10, 14-16; cf. 2 Corinthians 8:1-2; 11:8-9).

## Junior Worshipper's Page

# Christian at Work

*“Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ.”  
(Ephesians 6:5)*

We often hear of troubles between employers and employees, or between workers and management. Often these struggles result from selfishness and greed. Employees want smaller workloads, fewer working hours, longer vacation, more pay and benefits, while employers demand more productivity, more profits. Everyone wants more for less!

God’s Word commands the workers (“servants”) that they must be obedient to their bosses (“masters according to the flesh”). Obedience must always characterise Christians at their workplaces; the only exception would be when they are told to do something immoral, blasphemous in the sight of God. The Christian worker’s obedient attitude should be “with fear and trembling”. In other words, their obedience stems from their respect and honour for the bosses. When God gives Christians jobs, He expects them to show high regard for the employer. To talk and act in defiance and insubordination is to disregard God’s own appointments in our lives.

The Christian worker is also to serve his employer “in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ”. It means that the attitude of the Christian at work must always be characterised by sincerity and commitment. All forms of disorderly and disruptive behaviour, such as complaining, criticising, bragging and having a quarrelsome attitude, must be avoided. Every Christian must offer his service at work as it is unto Christ, his Lord and Saviour.



*Prabhudas Koshy*

## COLLECTIONS

### LORD'S DAY

on 22nd November 2020

**Tithes:** 4,295.00

**Offerings:** 5,730.00

**Designated Gifts:** Cebu Building Fund 1,000.00; 260.00; 120.00; 50.00; Charity Fund 200.00; 100.00; Cornelius Koshy 500.00; 200.00; Gladys Ratnam 200.00; Ladies' Fellowship 20.00; 20.00; 10.00

### Non-Sunday Collections

(16th–21st November 2020)

**Tithes:** 4,915.00

**Offerings:** 2,430.00

**Designated Gifts:** Cebu Building Fund 5,000.00; 600.00; 400.00; 300.00; 300.00; 250.00; 200.00; 250.00; 150.00; 100.00; 100.00; 50.00, 50.00; 50.00; 50.00; 50.00; 50.00; 50.00; 50.00; 50.00; GBPC Pangasinan 20.00; Rev. Ephrem 20.00; Matthew Peh 25.00; Cornelius Koshy 50.00; Pastor Koshy 50.00; Pr Jeremiah 50.00; Pr Daniel 50.00; 50.00; Ethiopia Missions 500.00; BWMM 100.00; 10.00; Ladies' Fellowship 50.00

### Total Funds Collection

(as of 22nd November 2020)

**Cebu Building Fund:** 266,327.50

## KABABAYAN BIBLE STUDY

**Speaker:** Pr Jeremiah Sim

**Chairperson:** Bro. Jomart Tindaan

**Date & Time:** Fri, 4 Dec 2020, 7.30pm

*(Zoom meeting link will be provided in the Whatsapp Chat.)*

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Book Study of Proverbs

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Chairperson:** Bro. Marcus Chee

**Date & Time:** Sat, 5 Dec 2020, 2.00pm

**Venue:** Gethsemane Media Centre

## YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** The Growth of the Christian—  
By Living in the Present for the Eternity

**Speaker:** Pr Ho Kee How

**Chairperson:** Bro. Jordy Kay

**Date & Time:** Sat, 5 Dec 2020, 4pm

**Venue:** Gethsemane Media Centre

Register for the meeting at

<https://forms.gle/PuHgHPeBwc3u7svHA>

*(Availability of seats at GMC is on a 'first come, first served' basis.)*

## HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion for the month of December will be held on 6th December for the three English Services, and on 13th December for the Chinese Service.

## 2020 DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (DVBS) VIA ZOOM

**Speakers:** Pr Kelvin Lim  
& Bro. Cornelius Koshy

**Date:** 16th–18th December 2020

**Timings:** 10am–11.30am (younger children), 2pm–3.30pm (older children)

Please register at

[doodle.com/poll/fz4gy59eky4nbp9d](https://doodle.com/poll/fz4gy59eky4nbp9d)

## COMBINED YAF-YF RETREAT

**Topic:** What should the Church Leadership Be?

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Date:** 24th to 26th December 2020

Morning Devotions on the topic, "Offering Spiritual Sacrifices", will be taught by Bro. Cornelius Koshy. Please sign up at <https://forms.gle/Dp1JrdRfZJn3Pbhx8>.

*The mode of meeting will be confirmed in early December.*



## GETHSEMANE BIBLE- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tithes, offerings and love gifts can be sent to the church account using the QR code above or via bank transfer (DBS Current Account 025-011173-7).

## FOR GIFTS TO GETHSEMANE BIBLE WITNESS LIMITED

Love gifts to GBWL can be sent using the QR code below or via bank transfer (DBS Current Account 025-904568-2).



## OUR WEEKLY MEETINGS

### Sunday English Worship Service I

8.30am @ SingPost L5 Auditorium

### Sunday Chinese Worship Service

9.00am @ GMC

### Sunday English Worship Service II

11.00am @ SingPost L5 Auditorium (YouTube Live)

### Sunday English Worship Service III

2.00pm @ SingPost L5 Auditorium

### Sunday Catechism Class

2.00pm via Zoom

### Sunday Evening Teaching Service (GBI—Nehemiah)

6.00pm @ GMC (YouTube Live)

### Campus Bible Studies (via Zoom)

NAFA-Lasalle: Wednesday @ 3.00pm

SIT: Wednesday @ 4.00pm

SUTD: Friday @ 2.00pm

### Staff Prayer Meeting

Tuesday @ 10.15am

### Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

8.00pm @ SingPost L5 Auditorium (YouTube Live)

### Seniors' Ministry (via Zoom)

Thursday @ 11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

### Malayalam Fellowship (via Zoom)

Thursday @ 8.00pm

### Children's Ministry Meetings (via Zoom)

Saturday @ 11.00am (younger children)  
& 2.00pm (older children)

### Place of Worship:

Singapore Post Centre,  
Level 5 Auditorium,  
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