

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

WORD ON WORSHIP

God demands that His worshippers separate themselves from all worldliness and devote themselves to know and to do all that are pleasing to Him. Scripture says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2). True worshippers live to do His will and glorify Him.

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Endurance

Matthew 10:22

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake:
but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Hymn 25: The Lord Is King!

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Scripture Reading in Unison

Nehemiah 8:13-18

Hymn 440: Lead On, O King Eternal

Announcements

Hymn 395: A Heart Like Thine

Scripture Memorisation

*Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"The Joy of Walking in the Truth"

3 John 1-4

*Hymn 323: Trust and Obey

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

**Congregation Standing*



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

TODAY, 10 JANUARY 2021

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 17 JANUARY 2021

9.30am	Chinese Worship Service is held at Gethsemane Media Centre, 33 Ubi Crescent. (Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim)	
10.00am	Worship Leader: Elder Ng Poh Kok Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Sarah Teo Ushers/Greeters: Timotheus Liu, Lijoy George, Jordy Kay, Jonathon Lim, David Tan, Ng Kwan Teng	Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Choong Kai Shuin, Dorcas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Jason Low, Benny Skariah, Chan Tuck Whye, Ricky Yang, Sean Lee, Mah Lean Choo
2.00pm	Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Titus Ho, Sarah Kay Ushers/Greeters: Edward Wong, Eunice Wong, Gerry Lee, Melvin Mendoza, Theodore Wang, Violet Quek	Worship Leader: Pr Jeremiah Sim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Abigail Koshy, Low Hui Lin Ushers/Greeters: Marcus Chui, David Ng, Julius Del Rosario, Gerry Lee, Andy Lee, Hendrick Foo
6.00pm @ GMC (Amendments to Constitution)	Worship Leader: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musician: Dorcas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Juffrey Balicao, Dn Lok Kwok Wah	Worship Leader: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musician: Eunice Setiawan Ushers/Greeters: Jeffrey Setiawan, Amoz Choy

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EARLY ADVICE ON EXTRAORDINARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ECM) ON 6 FEB 2021

An ECM via Zoom is scheduled to be held on 6th February 2021 to approve the amendments to Church Constitution. A unique link will be emailed to each active communicant member nearer to the date of the ECM and one device is to be used per member to login. All active communicant members who had not previously registered for the recent ACM on 25 Oct 20 are to register via this link http://gg.gg/GBPC_ECM2021 or scan the QR code to register. The closing date for registration is on 22 January 2021.



10 January 2021

2020 DVBS Report

Kelvin Lim

2020 was a year of changes! However, what has remained constant is the preaching of God's Word in the Gethsemane Children Ministry (GCM). The Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS) is an annual event of the GCM during the school vacation for our children to be nourished in the Word of God and to reach out to their friends, both within and without the church of Christ. Despite being nearly hindered from ministering to children due to the invasion of the coronavirus worldwide, especially with the implementation of the "Circuit Breaker" in Singapore (April – June 2020), we are thankful that the LORD is good to us! "We were troubled on every side, yet not distressed . . . cast down, but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:8-9). We were able to adjust quickly and GCM went online, with technical support from our brethren. All glory be to God!

With 2 sessions of GCM meetings held every Saturday (11am and 2pm), we were led to the idea of running our 3-day DVBS online for 2020. When restrictions on physical gathering and studio recordings were eased, the GCM

committee decided to hold DVBS in a hybrid manner: both physically and virtually! Instead of hosting the event via Zoom from our homes, the event was hosted in BWMM Studio in Gethsemane Media Centre (GMC). In doing so, some local children were able to physically participate in the event while others joined virtually, especially those abroad!

The conventional programmes of our DVBS were tweaked to suit the live-interaction on Zoom's platform, which included the singing of hymns and choruses, the preaching of God's Word and an activity time. Each day had two sessions: the morning session was for younger children (P2 and below), whereas the afternoon session was for the older children (P3 to P6). We thank God for the wisdom to adapt and adjust according to the needs, and for brethren who willingly offered their service for the smooth running of DVBS 2020, whose theme was "Christ of the Bible". The children were taught on 3 names of Christ in the Old Testament: "The Seed of the woman"

(Genesis 3:15), “Shiloh” (Genesis 49:10) and “The Stone of Israel” (Genesis 49:24). God willing, for future DVBS, we will continue with the same theme and teach our children more names of Christ from the Law of Moses.

On behalf of the committee, I would also like to thank the respective parents for their unstinting support and cooperation in sending their child(ren) to GMC on time for the morning and afternoon sessions over the 3 days (16-18 December) of DVBS.

Jesus had said, “Suffer (allow) the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God” (Mark 10:14). I thank the LORD for sending us participants from near and far, (locally and globally). More than 50 children joined us in total! This is truly the goodness of the LORD upon our church and her endeavours to propagate the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ! Included herewith are some testimonies from the participants:

TESTIMONIES FROM CHILDREN

Thaddeus, child of a regular worshipper since CB

I enjoyed the singing most. God is so good to me and I am saved. Jesus is my Saviour. I also enjoyed the Bible lessons. Thank you, Brother Cornelius and Auntie Luan Kheng!

Johan & Hannah

Thank God for allowing us to join this year’s DVBS. Even though we were not able to join together physically, we thank God for online-DVBS. Teacher Cornelius taught us from the Book of Genesis, on the topic: “Christ of the

Bible”. In three days, we learned 4 names of Jesus Christ from Genesis – her Seed, Shiloh, Shepherd and Stone of Israel. Secondly, thank God for all the efforts of GCM committee to teach us the Word of God. We pray to God that many children will be blessed by the GCM. All glory to God. Amen.

Esther and Naomi (Cebu City, the Philippines)

I praise God that my sister and I were given this opportunity to join the DVBS 2020 – through Zoom. We thank God for the blessed and fruitful time spent together with children all over the world, learning and growing in the faith of the Lord. I pray that as we grow older, we may be able to keep in mind all the lessons that we have learned in DVBS 2020. All glory be unto Him!

Ryan Skariah

Thank God for the opportunity to attend DVBS 2020 – live at GMC. During the lessons, I learnt about Christ of The Bible. Thank God for giving Pr Kelvin the wisdom to teach us and nurture us in His wisdom. During the messages, I learned about “the Seed of the woman” mentioned in Genesis 3:15, the “Shiloh” mentioned in Genesis 49:10, and “the Stone of Israel” mentioned in Genesis 49:24, which are clear references to Jesus Christ. It is so wonderful to know that the promise of a Saviour is prophesied clearly in the first book of the Bible. Praise God also for all the singspiration leaders, for Auntie Luan Kheng who never failed to remind us to be attentive to the messages, for the AV crew who made sure that the programme could be

brought to those at home, as well as for the games-leader, Bro Amoz. All glory be to God!

Annabelle

I thank God for the opportunity to learn God’s Word in the online Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS). Although I would have liked to attend it at GMC, I enjoyed all the online sessions. The DVBS’ theme was “Christ of the Bible”. I learnt the different names of Christ in the Bible.

Things I learnt during Brother Cornelius’ sessions:

1. There are names of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament - “Her Seed” in Genesis 3:15; “Shiloh” in Genesis 49:10; “Stone of Israel” in Genesis 49:24.
2. Jacob had many sons, and one of them is Judah, whom Jacob gave special blessings (in Genesis

49) - he shall: a) be praised; b) produce mighty warriors; c) be linked to “Lion of Judah”; and d) receive a sceptre and a crown.

Things I learnt in Preacher Kelvin’s sessions:

1. The Stone of Israel refers to Jesus Christ.
2. He does not come from the line of Joseph.
3. If you are heavy laden or weary in spirit, Jesus said, “Come unto me, and I will give you rest.”

I like the teaching of God’s Word. I also liked the activities and games that were conducted. May God help me to learn God’s words well so that He can use me to serve Him in time to come.



Testimony from Combined Retreat of GYF and GYAF

Tan Yeh Wen

I thank God for overseeing the smooth conduct of the Retreat and for His Hand of protection over us. Truly, by His grace, not only were the respective participants able to meet in GMC over 2 days, but the live stream over YouTube and prayer meeting over Zoom were also smoothly executed. Thank God for His enabling grace upon all who laboured, for the participants, as well as for the planning committee (for their patience and forbearance), in the light of the many changes that have happened. Surely, we are weak, but He is strong.

Thank God for empowering Pastor Koshy and Bro Cornelius in ministering to us – for the challenges and rebukes which I have received through the messages – as well as for Pr Kelvin and Sis Abigail in ministering to the children. The divine commissioning and appointment of leaders into the church leadership instil in my heart a great sense of reverential fear – this is not for man to appoint on his own, nor for any to foolishly appoint another. The Lord’s working must be seen in that man through his inner calling and its manifested evidence. Without this, no man can enter into the church leadership, regardless of his physical gifts or position in society. It is then foolishness to claim to be called but yet manifest no evidence, and thereby go against the Scriptural order.

Thank God also for the lessons on the expectations of church leadership, namely stewardship, steadfastness, studiousness, stainlessness, stout-heartedness, flexibility, and teamwork / cooperation. Are not these also expected of consecrated Christians? That we are to be servants of the Lord in all humility; that we are to walk and remain in His way; that we are to be like the noble Bereans searching the Scriptures; that we are to abstain from all appearances of evil; that we are to be strong in the Lord, holding faith and a good conscience; that we are to be able to bear one another’s burdens, seeing we are members of the same body; that we are to build up one another in the faith, supporting one another’s service in the Lord, and to esteem others better than ourselves – these too are some of the qualities which we as Christians

should strive to have according to the Word. Surely, these are not qualities confined only to leaders; rather, these are what we should all aspire to have a part in.

I thank God for the instructions on how to read the Bible as well, and how to derive lessons from the truth written in the Word better. In particular, the lesson on John 21:1-14, where we were taught not to be distracted from what the Lord has called us to do, but to remain firm regarding what He has instructed through His Word. There are many things which may seem innocuous in my life (including entertainment), but if that should distract me from the things which the Lord has called me to do, then what does it profit me? Better to part with these things than to have my service hindered.

Truly, praise be to the Lord alone, who has richly showered us with many spiritual blessings over the 2 days, in a time when a famine of the Word is clearly seen. But the sacrifice of the lips, even thanksgiving, will not be accepted except the heart be first consecrated to God, and wholly devoted to Him. May God be merciful unto us, lest we heard God's voice clearly but yet perceived it not, neither laid it in our heart nor manifested it in our lives. Let the Word which has been so clearly expounded take deep root in every heart instead, and may God be pleased to cause it to bear much fruit in Him in His good time. God be gracious unto us to grant us a God-fearing church leadership, and that every member of the church may offer up spiritual sacrifices, as commanded by the Scriptures.

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

Junior Worshipper's Page

Enduring in Hater-Filled World

*“And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.”
(Matthew 10:22)*

Here, Jesus cautioned Christians concerning the general hatred that exists in the world towards them. Since the beginning of Christianity, Christians faced hostility, even violence, around the world. Though we thank God for opportunities to live and serve the Lord without having to face much angry aggression, this is not the norm in an ungodly world.

The apostle Paul highlighted this grim reality when he described his encounters with hostility in 1 Corinthians 4:11-13, “Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; and labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.”

Therefore, Jesus saw it fit to mention endurance of persecution as the evidence of genuine salvation: “he that endureth to the end shall be saved.” Persisting in faith and obedience to the Lord, even amid persecution, is called endurance or perseverance. So, persistence as faithful Christians is the proof of our salvation. A true Christian will not give up his faith in Christ or his commitment to His truths, even if he is hated and ill-treated.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 3rd January 2021

Tithes: 6,410.00

Offerings: 7,337.00

Designated Gifts: Cebu Building Fund 3,000.00; 2,601.00; 1,000.00; 1,000.00; 100.00; 50.00; Charity Fund 100.00; 50.00; General Missions 40.00; Pastor Koshy 200.00; Dn Lok 200.00; Pr Kee How 200.00; Pr Jeremiah Sim 150.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 150.00; Pr Daniel Lim 150.00; 100.00; Pr Samson Hutagalung 150.00; 117.00; Cornelius Koshy 100.00; Dorothy Ng 50.00; Matthew Peh 25.00; Combined Retreat 50.00; Pr Donald dela Cruz 120.00

Non-Sunday Collections

(28th Dec 2020—2nd Jan 2021)

Tithes: 7,526.00

Offerings: 5,365.00

Designated Gifts: Cebu Building Fund 5,008.00; 4,500.00; 2,000.00; 1,500.00; 500.00; 200.00; Ethiopia Missions 510.00; General Fund 700.00; Pastor Koshy 100.00; Pr Daniel Lim 50.00; Pr Ho Kee How 50.00; Pr Jeremiah Sim 50.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 50.00; Pr Samson Hutagalung 50.00; Elder Francis Lee 117.00; Dn Lok 50.00; Cornelius Koshy 50.00; Dorcas Koshy 50.00; Norefel Resuma 50.00; Sharon dela Cruz 250.00; 117.00; Rev. Reggor 50.00; Rev. Ephrem 50.00; Elder Eliezer Ortega 50.00; Pr Donald dela Cruz 50.00; Pr Edsel Locot 50.00; 101.00; Pr Engida 50.00; Pr Imane 50.00; Pr Sujith Samuel 50.00

Total Funds Collection

(as of 3rd January 2021)

Cebu Building Fund: 326,712.50

YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Anniversary Message from the Book of Ephesians

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Dn Low Boon Siang

Date & Time: Fri, 15 Jan 2021, 8pm

The Zoom meeting link will be provided via Whatsapp Chat.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR (VIA ZOOM)

Topic: The Legacy of the Christian Woman

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Sis. Carolyn Koshy

Date & Time: Sat, 16 Jan 2021,
2pm–6pm

1. Please register for the meeting at <https://form.jotform.com/GBPC/the-legacy-of-the-christian-woman>
2. The leaflets for the seminar & fellowship programme are available at the reception table.

COMBINED GYF GOSPEL MEETING (SINGAPORE & KUCHING)

Topic: The Christian's Assurance

Speaker: Bro. Cornelius Koshy

Chairperson: Bro. Gideon Lee

Date & Time: Sat, 16 Jan 2021,
2pm–4pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre
(and via Zoom)

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

YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Lord of my Family (I)

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Sis. Rhodora Resuma

Date & Time: Fri, 22 Jan 2021, 4pm

Updates will be provided via Whatsapp Chat.

ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Study of 1 Thessalonians

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Dn Lok Kwok Wah

Date & Time: Sat, 23 Jan 2021, 4pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre
(Availability of seats at GMC is on a 'first come, first served' basis.)



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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 Chinese Worship Service

9.30am @ GMC

Sunday English Worship Service I

10.00am @ SingPost L5 Auditorium (YouTube Live)

Sunday English Worship Service II

2.00pm @ SingPost L5 Auditorium

Sunday Catechism Class

On break

Sunday Evening Teaching Service

6.00pm @ GMC (Zoom: Constitution Amendments)

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,
10 Eunos Road 8,
Singapore 408600
(next to Paya Lebar MRT Station)

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