



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

October 30th, 2016

SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

1 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen. Amen.

Preparatory Hymn

Jason Tey

Prelude

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 41 Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalms 117 & 118:1-14

Baptism

Jay-Son Lim, Vincent Naing, Mable Soon

Transfer of Membership

Benjamin Kan, Cheryl Lin,

Ilhoa Ramachandran, Douglas Th'ng, Ming Ming Th'ng

Hymn

HOP 379 Sweeter as the Years Go By

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation

HOP 212 How Firm A Foundation

Scripture Reading

John 14:6

Hymn

HOP 144 In Times Like These

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

2 Doxology

Praise God from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures
here below;
Praise Him above,
ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and
Holy Ghost, Amen.

3 The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and
keep you, The Lord lift His
countenance upon you,
and give you peace,
And give you peace,
The Lord make His face to
shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you,
be gracious, the Lord be
gracious, gracious unto
you. Amen.

Solus Christus

*Hymn

HOP 152 Jesus Saves!

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 3

*Congregation Standing



Theme for 2016: "SANCTIFIED, AND MEET FOR THE MASTER'S USE" (2 Timothy 2:21)

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PASTORAL LETTER

Dear BPCWAians, You have witnessed both water baptisms and transfer of memberships during our worship service today. What if someone asked you what do all these mean? Well you might utter that it is “outward sign of an inward faith”. But what does that really mean? Some of you have gone through baptism yourself in the past. What was going through your mind when you were baptised? Did you truly understand what does it signify and what are the implications of this sacrament?

We can understand more about water baptism from what Col 2:11-12 teaches. *“In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: (12) Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”*

What does baptism signify?

Firstly, the water reminds you of washing. Water baptism does not save or wash your sins away at that point of baptism. Rather, it symbolises to men that your sins have been, washed away (putting off) by the Blood of Jesus Christ. It is an outward expression of what has already happened to you because you have asked Christ to forgive you and wash away your sins. Hence, by obeying water baptism, it is your public declaration that you have turned to Christ alone as your personal Saviour. And this water baptism is called “circumcision made without hands” in the Colossians. It means physical circumcision is replaced by water baptism. ***Secondly***, it is about being a new regenerated life, where you are “buried” and “risen” with Christ through faith in Him alone. Hence, baptism is your public renunciation of your old sinful ways, and now, being a born again

believer, you are risen with Christ to walk in newness of life (Rom 6:3,4). So, the first point is about what has happened to you when Christ saved you, and the second is about the new life in Christ thereafter. These two points together represents the outward sign of your inward faith.

What are the implications of baptism?

Baptism is a command for believers to obey (Acts 2:38) and to confess Him as your personal Saviour. **Firstly**, the implication is that if you are a born again believer, it is disobedience if you avoid water baptism. Christ also commanded the church to baptise those who have been washed in His Blood (Matt 28:19). **Secondly**, there are implications to the church too. So should we baptise whoever puts up his hands and says he is a believer? Surely not. Because having known what baptism signifies, it is the duty of the church to ensure that it is done only after due diligence to ensure that the candidate understands what he is entering into. Hence the church must do their utmost to ensure the person is indeed a saved believer. This is a key reason why we have to conduct BBK, our catechism class, very thoroughly. That is why we ask the set of questions at baptism concerning salvation. But does it then mean that every person baptized is truly saved before that? Not necessarily too. No one can see the heart except God. But yet it is still the duty of the church to ensure that true Christianity and saving faith is clearly taught and explained through BBK. The question to the reader is - are you truly saved? Also, do not assume your children are saved because they went through BBK and were baptized.

Thirdly, water baptism about the commitment of the new regenerated life. At baptism, the believer is asked a set of questions to which he vows his lifelong commitment to walk in newness of life. There must be

no question in the baptismal candidates' mind. This is another reason for detailed teaching of BBK - to ensure that the believer has sound Biblical doctrines. Sound doctrines are the foundation of sound living and practices. So does it mean that the person will lead live a life that is obedient to God and glorifies Him? Not necessarily so. But it is still the duty of the church to ensure we teach and emphasise what the Christian walk entails before we baptise the person

To summarise, water baptism is firstly your outward confession that you believe that only Jesus can wash away your sins and that you have gone to Him for forgiveness. It is secondly your public declaration and vow of repentance to live a new life that is governed by God's Word. So take your mind back to the day you were baptized once again. Did you know it's meaning? Baptism is not simply just to tick the box of things to do as a Christian. You too took a vow to walk in newness of life. Has it been so since then? It is not too late. But it is definitely time to start. May today's baptismal service bring renewed joy and revive our commitment to Christ. God willing, we will see more of this what this newness of life and church membership are about next week.

Yours in our Lord's Service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Holy Communion:** Will be observed next Sunday. Please prepare your hearts to partake in the Sacrament.
- 2. Lunch Fellowship:** After the Worship Service today. Everyone is warmly welcome to join in the lunch fellowship so as to get to know each other better. It is an opportunity for you to welcome and get to know the brethren who have just gotten baptised or transferred their memberships to BPCWA today as well.
- 3. Seniors' Fellowship:** Our upcoming meeting on the 12th Nov (Saturday) will be our last for the year 2016. The meeting will begin at 10.30 am, followed by lunch together. Other details will follow next week. All are warmly welcome.
- 4. Young Adults Summer Camp Young Adults' Summer Camp:** Thank God for 60 full-time participants who have registered for this year's camp. If you have outstanding camp fees, please pay by EFT (details provided below), or in person at the registration table in the fellowship hall. Please also be advised that camp briefing will be held in 2 weeks time.

Pay by EFT

Account Name: Bible-Presbyterian Church WA

BSB Number: 016-268 **Account Number:** 478438319

Ref/Description: "Camp fees (your name)"

- 5. Church works at rear of Jeremiah:** The asbestos fence next to Jeremiah house was removed and the new fence should be installed by Friday, 4 November. This area has been taped off due to the trench and equipment. We request all to be careful and parents to supervise children as this area is dangerous.
- 6. Programs planned for November**

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
12/11 Saturday	10:30 am	Seniors' Fellowship
27/11 Sunday	6:00 pm	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting
27/11 to 1/12		Young Adults' Summer Camp

7. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for those who have taken their baptismal and membership vows today. Pray that they will be steadfast and kept strong in faith and earnest in zeal for our Lord.
- Thank God for the remembrance of the Reformation through which He raised godly men to contend earnestly for His truth and preserve a faithful light for us today.
- Thank God for the opportunity to be built up in truth at the Mandarin Family Care group.
- Pray for Session meeting on 5th Nov. Pray for God's wisdom and the fear of God to be upon Pastor and Session in all its decisions concerning church and its administration.
- Pray for the editorial and design team of BPCWA's 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving magazine as they compile it for publication.
- Pray for the planning of the Young Adults' Summer Camp and the speakers Pr Joshua Yong and Pastor to be guided to God's message for the attendees. Pray that this will be used to build godly friendships among the young people.
- Pray for the students who are preparing for their examinations to stay close to the Lord as they study.
- Pray for the spiritual growth of all worshipers, that each will conform more to the image of Christ daily in walk at home, at work, and in schools.
- Pray for the spiritually discouraged to find grace and joy in our Lord. Pray also for the physically unwell to find comfort in the Word and prayer.
- Pray for the FEBC online students at BPCWA as they prepare for their examinations. May they grow in truth and godliness as they study God's Word.
- Pray for brother Yew Jinn as he completes his assignments and prepares for his upcoming FEBC examinations.
- Pray for continued unity of BPCWA as we move forward. Pray that God will call a full time resident Chinese Minister to BPCWA according His will and timing.

SERVICE DUTY	30/10 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship	6/11 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Dn Joel Wong/Sonny Lim
Prep Hymns	Jason Tey	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Ruth Wong
Welcomers (Foyer)	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Mark Heath	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Mark Heath
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Alex Luu, *Jason Tey, Mark Heath Eugene Leong, Claude Yiu Dn Stephen Chia	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu Eugene Leong, Yan Wei, Mark Heath Edward Ee
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lee Lee Yong	Kenny Chia, Julia Chia, Lilian Cheo
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng Christine Chia, Ming Ming Th'ng Mable Soon	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew Mew Yung Tsing, Julia Sun Ilhoa Ramachandran
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Edward Ee (Hannah Th'ng)	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Allan Ang	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Pastor Joseph Poon
Berrington	Edward Ee	Mark Heath
Bull Creek	Mark Heath	Pastor Joseph Poon

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	1/11	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Dn Adrian Cheng, Sharon Poon
Friday	4/11	10:00 am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	6/11	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Mandarin Choir
		12:15 pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:00 pm	Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont Bull Creek – RAAFA Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek WA 6149		

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (23/10)

Attendance: 209 (Combined-180; JSS-29); Prayer Meeting: 59

Offerings in Total: \$6776.95; General Fund: \$6776.95

(#4124-\$400.40; #4125-\$102.00; #4126-\$33.90; #4127-\$135.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is the sum of the ten commandments? The sum of the ten commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbour as ourselves. (Matthew 22:37-40)