



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

January 1st, 2017

SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

1 The LORD is in His Holy Temple

The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD is in His holy temple; Let all the earth keep silence, Let all the earth keep silence before Him Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.



Prelude/Preparatory Hymn Sharon Poon/Kenny Tan

The LORD is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn **HOP 180** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 119:57-64

Holy Communion [Eld James, Dn Michael, Dn Adrian,
Dn Stephen, Dn Joel, Robert]

Hymn **HOP 99** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
HOP 100 The Old Rugged Cross

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 18:21

Hymn **HOP 273** There Shall be Showers of Blessing

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

It Is Time To Choose

*Hymn **HOP 404** O Jesus, I Have Promised

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 4

*Congregation Standing

THEME FOR 2017:

“... STAND FAST IN ONE SPIRIT, WITH ONE MIND STRIVING TOGETHER FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL” (Philippians 1:27)

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PASTORAL LETTER

Dear BPCWAIans, Blessed New Year wishes in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Count down to the new year occurred around the world last night, and celebrations continue today and will probably continue for several more days. What is the world hoping for and looking forward to? I guess to some, it is with a hope for a better year ahead than the past ones. To others, it is to resolve to live better, do better, and achieve more. Well, of course there are those who are happy just to have any reason to party, drink, and make merry. But what should be in the Christian's thoughts as we enter the New Year?

In Exodus 12, in the month God brought His people out of Egypt, He told them it would commence a new year for them. He said, "This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the first month of the year to you." It would begin a new calendar altogether with new names for the months for them. What did God want His people at that time to have in mind with this new calendar? Was it merely to have a different calendar?

As they left Egypt, the principle God wanted to instil in His children was that of the start of a new order of life - that God will give them a new life with a new way of worship, new holy days, and a new culture altogether. It was to symbolize a fresh start and to leave Egypt's ways and lifestyle behind and to forget it forever. These all indicated a new and unique spiritual significance to them. It was for a spiritual purpose. Christians today need not have a different calendar just so that we do not use the secular one. We do not see

this injunction to the New Testament believers. But the principle remains. Like the children of Israel, we must have a totally new perspective of life and living. Our objectives, purposes, and aims are not to be like the world. Each new year must remind us again of the new life in Christ. After salvation, each day, each month, and each year must be lived for Christ alone, and not for self ambitions and pursuits. And with each passing year, we must grow more conformed to the image of Christ than the previous year. This is what should be on the believers' mind as we enter each new year. We look forward to the new year as a church, as a family, and as an individual, aiming to love the Lord more fervently, serve Him more diligently, and obey Him more faithfully.

But taking the children of Israel out of Egypt was easier than taking Egypt out of Israel. The people of God physically left Egypt but the ways of Egypt, the idols, and the sinful desires lingered in many of them. If this were so with any of us, let us resolve that 2017 will be the year that we will truly resolve to pursue after God wholeheartedly.

Here are some ways you can resolve to do this. Husbands and fathers, commit to lead your families to study the Word seriously, to bring them church to learn and grow, and to take up an area of service for the Lord's Kingdom. Wives and children, resolve to follow your husbands and fathers, leaving aside worldly activities that do not contribute to your spiritual growth. And individuals, determine to use your time, working leave, resources, and talents

to pursue God in His Word, and crucify the flesh which is reluctant to study the Word, serve, and grow in the Lord. What has kept you back in 2016 from growing spiritually? It is time to lay it aside. Will you take time today to resolve to do these in your families and individually?

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” Heb 12:1.

It is time to make a total clean break from our “Egypt” with its pomp and pride, and start a new order of life in our personal walk and family life. May we not only enter 2017 with such a resolution, but to take actions to do so by His enabling grace! As a church, let us be our brother’s keeper, and stir each other on to walk for Christ in the upcoming year!

Yours in our Lord’s service
Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. The Session wishes all worshippers a Blessed New Year! In year 2017, may our Lord richly bless and guide each one of us, as we resolve anew to walk with Him daily in the light of His Word and in greater obedience and dependence upon Him.
2. **2017 Church Theme** is from Philippians 1:27 "... stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."
3. **Australia Pre-departure briefings in Singapore:** Worshippers who know of anyone coming to study in Perth from Singapore are welcome to invite their friends for our pre-departure briefings. 2 meetings will be conducted at Calvary Pandan BP Church (at 201 Pandan Gardens), on 8th (at 12:30 pm) and 15th January (at 4:40 pm). Queries can be directed to bro Yew Jinn or Pastor.
4. **2017 Church Calendar and Bookmarks** are available in the foyer for all worshippers. Please mark the dates of the church activities down in your calendars so that you can continue to grow together in the knowledge of God. You can save these dates electronically to your calendars by going to www.bpcwa.org.au/addcalendar.
5. **FEBC online courses:** The online courses commence Tuesday, 3rd January. We will be screening Systematic Theology (Anthropology) in the Church every Wednesday night. For this first week, we will meet at 7:00 pm for a time of prayer. On subsequent weeks, we will begin at 7:30 pm. All worshippers are invited to attend, whether or not you have signed up.

6. Pastor and Mrs Poon will be away in Singapore from 1st January to 20th January. For urgent matters and counselling needs, he can be contacted at +65-9632 8742.

7. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for His help in for the Christmas and Watchnight Services, and for the labour of many in preparation for the Christmas lunch and many other areas. Pray for unbelievers to come to trust in Christ as their Saviour, and for Christians to live for God.
- Thank God for preserving BPCWA through another year, and the labour of many in the church ministries and activities over the past year.
- Pray for everyone in BPCWA to serve together in unity and truth and to “stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel”.
- Pray for wisdom upon the various committee leads as they begin actual planning for each of the 2017 activities. Pray for willing hands and unity of hearts to support these ministries in labour and prayer.
- Pray for all worshippers to grow spiritually and pray for strong families in BPCWA that are patterned after God’s word at homes and are faithful in serving God at church in 2017.
- Pray for wisdom in the planning for the redevelopment of Nehemiah.
- Pray for worshippers and loved ones who are unwell. May God grant recovery according to His will.
- Pray for continued unity of BPCWA. Pray that God will call a full time resident Chinese Minister to BPCWA according to His will and timing.

SERVICE DUTY	1/1 COMBINED - Holy Communion	8/1 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pstr Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Eld James Wong/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Ruth Wong
Welcomers (Foyer)	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Yi San Chieng	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Mark Heath
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Alex Luu, *Edward Ee, Kenny Chia Yan Wei, Kenny Tan, Mark Heath	*Pei Shion Chai, *Claude Yiu Dn Michael Lee, Yi Choong Liew Eugene Leong, Caleb Cheng
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lilian Cheo	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Cheng Lee Lee Yong
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Kenny Chia
Kitchen Duties	Victoria Lew, Mable Soon, Shuin Ning Jong	Lee Lian Yong, Valerie Wan, Julia Chia
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng)	Kenny Tan (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Kenny Tan	Hall A: Jason Tey Hall B: Allan Ang
Berrington	Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng)	Kenny Tan (Ruth Wong)
Bull Creek	Caleb Cheng	Allan Ang

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK			
Tuesday	3/1	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Eld James Wong/Dn Joel Wong, Allan Ang, Yi Mey Tan
Wednesday	4/1	7:00 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Systematic Theology (Anthropology)
Friday	6/1	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	8/1	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
		12:15 pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
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 (25/12)

Attendance: 223 (Combined-192; JSS-31); Prayer Meeting: 64

Offerings in Total: \$9099.65; General Fund: \$9099.65 (#4163-FEBC-\$3360.00; Thanksgiving-\$100.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is forbidden in the second commandment? The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, (Deuteronomy 4:15-19; Romans 1:22-23) or any other way not appointed in his Word. (Leviticus 10:1-2; Jeremiah 19:4-5; Colossians 2:18-23)