



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

January 15th, 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 Winnie Lim/Allan Ang

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Robert Wong/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn **HOP 20** A Mighty Fortress Is My God

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 119:73-80

Hymn **HOP 365** All That Thrills My Soul

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Acts 2:40-47

Hymn **HOP 283** Near to the Heart of God

Prayer/Message Elder James Wong/Sonny Lim

Practice the Healthy Growth of the Church

*Hymn **HOP 259** Be Thou My Vision

*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, you may not know this, but every year, we have a student outreach program in Singapore. BPCWA organises and leads this to help Singapore students who wish to come to Australia to study. We call this the Australia Pre-departure Briefings.

The aim. These talks are aimed at helping Christians who are coming to Australia to study (full time and exchange programs), to work, or to stay. The purpose is to help them find a Biblical and sound church to attend. This is so that they will continue to grow in Christ and not be waylaid when they are away from their home church. One can backslide, be led into erroneous doctrines, or get into the wrong company of friends. We understand many parents' concerns, and also the individual Christian's fears in this respect. Having people who are familiar with Australia to point them to the right church to worship where they can have godly fellowships are a relief to many. We do this for those going especially to Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, and Sydney. This is because we know we can safely recommend which particular BP Churches in these states that they can attend.

The event. This program is conducted over 2 Sundays. This year, it was on the 8th Jan (12:30 pm-1:30 pm) and 15th Jan (4:30 pm - 5:30 pm). We are given the kind permission to use the premises of Calvary Pandan BP Church every year. The different time slots allow for people who may not be able to attend a particular one due to the worship times in their own churches. By December, I would send out announcements to the various like minded BP Churches in Singapore to put in their bulletins so that their worshipers would know about these briefings. Some would invite their friends too. At the same

time, I also write to our affiliated Australian BP Church Pastors to request that they provide a representative. This person would be someone who has attended their churches before and who could help in Singapore during the event. Students or working people who are from Brisbane BPC, Bethel BPC, BPCWA, Sydney BPC churches that are present in Singapore during the event are most helpful in providing firsthand information during these talks. We then obtain the contacts of these who are coming, so that the respective churches can follow up on them when they are in Australia.

The content. The slide presentation and QnA sessions answer location specific questions students may have. For example, how to get to church, and what are the times of church worships, prayer meetings, and fellowships. Also, we give specific names of who to contact when they arrive at their state, and if they require pickup to church, and what possible arrangements are available for them initially. Other information include banking, mobile plans, the public transport system, and of course, importantly, where to get Chinese groceries for cooking. We also let them know what to expect in terms of safety and security, and cost of living.

The role you can play here. Why do I tell you about all these? So that you can inform your friends in Singapore too, if you know of any coming to Australia. And also because it is a program that God has enabled BPCWA to be useful in helping concerned parents and worried students, and because you can play a part in it too. This has pointed students and their friends to safe pastures the moment they arrive in Perth. Many will be bombarded by all sorts of Christian organisations the moment they land. But the program is totally

successful for the Lord only if we do our part when they arrive in BPCWA after the talk. We will need to engage them actively. Make them feel welcome. Show genuine Christian care and concern to Christ's Blood bought children. They can feel lost and alone. God put them in our midst for us to do our part. You can volunteer to help out in transport for them – we need many more to be part of the transport ministry. You can host them in your homes for a comfort meal and for special occasions. You can take them to Chinese grocery shops and show them where they can buy things that they need. You can help them transport bulky items they buy, or help them to move into their accommodations.

But above all, we do all this for a spiritual purpose - you must encourage them to come for worship and fellowships. You can make them feel welcome instead of alienated. At the event, we paint BPCWA as a church that is interested in their spiritual welfare. We can all do our part to make it so for the Lord's children away from their homes in a foreign land. If you were a parent, you would be appreciative of someone caring for your child who is away from home too. It is easy to want to have our own rest and recreation time. But our Lord says, "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt 25:40.

The University Outreach Ministry is one where most worshippers, old and young, working or students, can serve in some way or other, and we hope that many of you will consider helping out in areas where you can assist.

Yours in our Lord's service
Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Busy Bee (Saturday January 21):** This Saturday, we will be holding a Church Busy Bee from 9 am. We would encourage as many as possible to come to clean the Church and serve God in this area. Lunch will be provided.
2. **City Evangelism on Australia day (Thursday 26th January)** is a good opportunity to serve together as a Church. The outreach will begin at 3:30 pm for briefing and prayer at church. All are welcome, so please come and bring your family along. If you have any questions, please see Dn Adrian.
3. **Rostering:** Personnel serving in various ministries (eg ushering, welcomers, offering stewards etc) should check their scheduled service dates on the monthly roster which will be distributed the last Sunday of every month. If you will be away, please check against these rosters and make appropriate swaps if necessary. Please keep us informed of your away dates and roster changes by updating the information on <http://bpcwa.org.au/away>. Those who do not have internet access can notify Pastor or Dn Adrian.
4. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for His help at last week's Pre-departure briefings in Singapore. Pray that students intending to study or work in Australia will be drawn to worship and grow spiritually at sound like-minded BP churches during the time here.

- Thank God for a government that allows Christians the freedom to worship and evangelise in Perth.
- Pray for 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 the planning of the Australia Day outreach, and for prepared hearts to receive the gospel.
- Pray for God to direct in the planning for the maintenance and redevelopment needs of BPCWA.
- Pray for the online Far Eastern Bible College students at BPCWA, that they will persevere in the learning of God’s Word, and apply it in their daily lives.
- Pray for those seeking employment and the spiritually discouraged to find direction, grace and joy in our Lord and His Word.
- Pray for those returning to their home countries or travelling, that they will be a light and testimony for Him wherever they are.
- Pray for Brother Yew Jinn as he begins a new semester at Far Eastern Bible College.
- Pray that God will call a full time resident Chinese Minister to BPCWA according to His will and timing.

SERVICE DUTY	15/1 COMBINED	22/1 COMBINED	
Speaker/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Robert Wong/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong	
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Jason Tey	
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Sharon Poon	
Welcomers (Foyer)	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Lee Lian Yong	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Yi Choong Liew	
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Allan Ang, Yan Wei Caleb Cheng, Albert Ho, Dn Adrian Cheng	*Terry Chong, *Mark Heath, Jason Tey Claude Yiu, Alex Luu, Dn Stephen Chia	
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Kenny Chia, Julia Chia, Yi San Chieng	Edward Ee, Rowena Cheng, Yi Mey Tan	
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Albert Ho	
Kitchen Duties	Ming Ming Th'ng, Illhoa Ramachandran	Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow	
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)		
Old Folks' Home Ministry			
Subiaco	Caleb Cheng (Hannah Th'ng)	Edward Ee (Ruth Wong)	
South Perth	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Mark Heath	Hall A: Kenny Tan Hall B: Mark Heath	
Berrington	Caleb Cheng (Hannah Th'ng)	Edward Ee (Ruth Wong)	
Bull Creek	Mark Heath	Kenny Tan	
APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK			
Tuesday	17/1	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Mark Heath/Dn Joel Wong, Dn Adrian Cheng, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	18/1	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Systematic Theology (Anthropology)
Friday	20/1	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	21/1	9:00 pm	Busy Bee
Sunday	22/1	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 (8/1)			

Attendance: 184 (Combined-157; JSS-27); Prayer Meeting: 59

Offerings in Total: \$6021.85; General Fund: \$6021.85 (#4171-\$326.25; #4172-\$193.70)

SHORTER CATECHISM: Which is the third commandment? The third commandment is, *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.* (Exodus 20:7; Deuteronomy 5:11)