



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 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/Kenny Tan

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Joel Wong/Sonny Lim

\*Hymn **HOP 7** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 119:121-128

Hymn **HOP 231** Under His Wings

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:5-19

Hymn **HOP 259** Be Thou My Vision

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

## All In Vain If No Resurrection

\*Hymn **HOP 111** Low In the Grave He Lay

\*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

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Dear BPCWAIans, We thank God for seeing many students return back into our midst for the start of a new university term, and for the start of a new school semester for students. For students to learn, teachers play an important role. And this is most critical in the Church of God. So today, we want to understand the role of teachers a bit better, particularly within the church. The Bible tells us what is important in teaching, and in teachers.

**Uphold God's Truth.** God's truth is absolute. Teachers of the world present all theories as valid for the student to choose their "preference". But Bible teachers cannot do so. They must point students to God's Truth alone. It is the strait gate and the narrow way. Hence, they present the whole counsel of God, and not just what man likes to hear. They must also warn against the way that leads to destruction. Right ways must be enforced, and at the same time, errors must be corrected. This is no easy task, because it may offend some. But the study of God is the highest study that man can pursue, and God can only be known in the hearts of those who fear Him.

**Be Students of the Bible themselves.** As parents would attest to, no one would trust sending their child to a teacher who has not spent time and effort in in-depth study of the subject that they teach. The Bible commands study: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim 2:15) We teach God's Truth, so we must be accurate. The Bible teacher must study hard to present to the students what God says. Teachers cannot be lazy and careless, and "make it up along

the way". Worshippers are looking for answers from the Bible. In fact, as the Teens QnA has proven, children often ask questions that adults don't even think of! And so, we must not misrepresent God with our own opinions or the world's philosophies. For this to be so, every teacher of God's Word, whether you are teaching children, youths, or adults, should first be a diligent Bible student. If you are teaching or facilitating in BPCWA, you must be committed first to having a systematic and ongoing study of the Word yourself. The teacher of Scriptures must first be a diligent student of it.

**Be examples for the students.** Perhaps the most difficult part of all, is your life. Teachers will stand before God with a greater accountability (Jas 3:1). In all 3 of the Synoptic Gospels, Christ warns of the seriousness of stumbling His little ones (Mt 18:6, Mk 9:42, Lu 17:2). Christ often rebuked the Pharisees and scribes for not living out what they taught (Mt 23:3). The lesson does not end in the classroom. Students inevitably look up to their teachers. What teachers do and how they live, the students will emulate. Do you teach Biblical separation but ignore it in your personal walk and choices? Do you teach against worldliness but live a life of covetousness? This is what your students will learn. Dear parents and teachers, be very mindful of how we live, because our children and students are watching!

**Assist in Building Up the Church in the Unity of the Faith.** When teaching about Pastors (who are the teaching elders, or called "pastors and teachers" in Eph 4:11), Apostle Paul states that one of God's purpose for them is to teach so that in the church, "... we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness

of Christ:" (Eph 4:13). But Pastors are finite humans, and cannot be in every group at the same time. So, I thank God for raising teachers for the adults and children's Sunday school classes and the Friday night fellowship groups. Since they assist in teaching, they must have the same aim. Every one assigned must realise that their purpose is to contribute to the edification of the church towards a unity based on God's Word. This is God's mandate for all teachers of His Word. With this same purpose amongst teachers, students would not be confused and "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine." (Eph 4:14). That is why in selecting teachers (though admittedly not a failproof mechanism), we begin with those who are church members, who have pledged their belief in the same faith and practice. In doing so, whether we, our children or our friends attend Sunday School classes or fellowship groups, we have the assurance that we will all be growing in one mind.

Having studied what the Bible requires of teachers of God's Word, let us continue to pray for the teachers and the teaching of God's Word at BPCWA. It is my personal prayer and desire, that God will raise a next generation of *faithful* soldiers for Him, ones that will love and defend His truth, whatever the cost. "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." (2 Tim 2:2).

Yours in our Lord's service,  
Pastor

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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1. **Lunch Fellowship:** All worshippers and visitors are welcome to join the lunch fellowship after Worship Service today. Do take the opportunity to fellowship and welcome back some of the returning and new students in our midst.
2. **Adelphie Bible Study:** Will be held today at 3:30 pm in church. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to join us in learning about becoming a woman of grace.
3. **University Orientation Day (O'Day) Outreach:** Continues this Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, at Murdoch University! This outreach is to invite students to BPCWA for our meetings, help them get oriented to Perth and to share the gospel with them. Help is needed and if you are free anytime between 9 am and 2 pm, do come and help by coming to the BPCWA stall at Bush Court, Murdoch University. Please contact Allan Ang 0433 032 709 for more information about Murdoch O'Day.
4. **Welcome Dinner (Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March):** This is a great opportunity to meet the new students from O'day outreach and to welcome them to our church. Program starts with dinner at 6:30 pm, followed by a gospel message. You can also invite friends and colleagues to come and hear the gospel.
5. **Sunday School Teachers Meeting** will be held for all teachers this Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March from 4 pm - 5 pm. If you are serving in the Sunday School as teacher or assistant, please attend this meeting as we go through some Sunday School matters and pray for the Sunday School ministry.
6. **Sunday School Promotion Ceremony** will be held next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9 am in the main sanctuary. Please bring your children, as we will be presenting certificates and promoting some students to their new classes. Pastor Joseph will give a short exhortation, and photographs will be taken after the event. As we will begin at 9 am, please be on time.

7. **Holy Communion:** Will be observed next Sunday. Please prepare your hearts to partake in this Sacrament.

8. Programs planned for March:

DATE		TIME	PROGRAM
2/3	Thursday	10:00 am	Murdoch University Outreach
3/3	Friday	6:30 pm	Welcome Dinner (Campus Outreach)
4/3	Saturday	4:00 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
5/3	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Promotion
11/3	Saturday	4:00 pm	Beach Games
12/3	Sunday	3:30 pm	Husbands' and Fathers' Fellowship
18/3	Saturday	10:30 am	Seniors' Fellowship
19/3	Sunday	10:00 am	Rededication Sunday
19/3	Sunday	3:30 pm	Adelphe Bible Study
26/3	Sunday	1:45 pm	City Evangelism

9. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for a blessed time learning God's Word and having fellowship together at the Men's and Ladies' Fellowship.
- Thank God for His help in the planning and for invitations extended to students at the recent UWA O'Day outreach.
- Pray for BPCWA to be used by God to draw many students to Himself during their periods of study in Perth. Pray for the Campus Outreach planning committee and helpers, and the kitchen ministry as they prepare for the Welcome Dinner.
- Pray for the Sunday School Promotion and for the ministry to be used of God to build up His children to believe and stand strong for God's truth. May parents and Sunday School teachers be faithful in teaching and serve as godly examples for the children.
- Pray for the unity and steadfastness of BPCWA to strive together for the faith of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for those who are physically unwell and spiritually discouraged.
- Pray that God will call a full time resident Chinese Minister to BPCWA according to His will and timing.

SERVICE DUTY	26/2 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch	5/3 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Joel Wong/Sonny Lim	Deacon Michael Lee/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Kenny Tan	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Karen Ee
Welcomers (Foyer)	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Lee Lian Yong	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Kenny Tan
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Alex Luu, *Kenny Tan, Claude Yiu Edward Ee, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Deacon Stephen Chia	*Yi Choong Liew, *Kenny Chia Jason Tey, Allan Ang, Mark Heath Yan Wei
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi Jye Chieng Ilhoa Ramachandran, Lee Lian Yong Yi San Chieng	Lilian Cheo, Li Xin Cheo, Lily Liow May Chee Mak, Valerie Wan
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

### Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Edward Ee (Hannah Th'ng)	Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng)
South Perth	Hall A: Kenny Tan Hall B: Caleb Cheng	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Allan Ang
Berrington	Edward Ee (Hannah Th'ng)	Mark Heath (Ben Kan)
Bull Creek	Kenny Tan	Caleb Cheng

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	28/2	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Deacon Joel Wong, Kenny Tan, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	1/3	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Systematic Theology (Anthropology)
Friday	3/3	10:00 am	Mother's Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	5/3	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	Choir
		12:15 pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont Bull Creek – RAAFA Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek WA 6149

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (19/2)

Attendance: 205 (Combined-172; JSS-33); Prayer Meeting: 73

Offerings in Total: \$9873.90; General Fund: \$9873.90 (#4189-\$290.00; #4190-\$510.00; #4191-\$83.00)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?** From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; (Genesis 2:2-3; Exodus 20:11) and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath. (Mark 2:27-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10)