



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

March 12<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.

Prelude/Preparatory Hymn Winnie Lim/Allan Ang

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong

Wong/\*Hymn **HOP 17** All Creatures of Our God and King

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 119:137-144

Hymn **HOP 432** Thanks to God!

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation **HOP 260** A Charge to Keep I Have

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:23-34

Hymn **HOP 419** When We All Get to Heaven

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

### 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.



## Awake, Because There Is Resurrection! (Pt 2)

\*Hymn **HOP 110** I Serve a Risen Savior

\*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 just announced today that Rev Paul Cheng has been co-opted to form BPCWA's Board of Elders. He graduated from the Far Eastern Bible College in 2009, served in Gethsemane Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore, and is currently the Pastor of Bethel Bible-Presbyterian Church in Melbourne, where he has served for 8 years. Many of us are familiar with him, as he has preached at our family camp and also conducted the wedding of our church members as well. Why is there the need to co-opt? What are the roles of the BOE and Session?

**Why do we need a BOE when we already have a Session?** One key reason is because, being a Presbyterian church, there should be a Board of Elders, in addition to the Session. What does Presbyterian mean? The name comes from the Greek word "*presbuteros*", which means "elders". In the Presbyterian form of church government, the church is led by a plurality of Elders. Hence the BOE cannot consist of me alone. An important distinction in the Presbyterian church is that though it is led by Elders, it is not a single man rule (for example, like in the Episcopal and Roman Catholic Church), but is characterised by a plurality of Elders (BOE). This is why, when there is no plurality of Elders, our Church Constitution provides for co-opting (Article 12.2) Pastors or Elders from another likeminded Bible-Presbyterian church. By co-opting an Elder from another church, we are able to have a BOE. A Pastor is a teaching Elder (Eph 4:11). Being an ordained Minister and Pastor himself, Rev Paul Cheng is hence co-opted in as Associate Pastor, forming BPCWA's plurality of Elders in our BOE together with me.

**What are the roles of the BOE?** What are the responsibilities of the BOE? The BOE is responsible for the spiritual oversight of the Church in matters of doctrine, principles of government, church elections, admission and discipline of members (Article 11.1). Because of the importance of this role, the BOE acts by consensus. On decisions required by the BOE, a decision cannot proceed unless there is 100% agreement among all the Elders. Such a consensus rule acts as a safeguard. The plurality of Elders prevents the church from being led astray by a single man with absolute power and rule over the whole church whereby he can introduce unbiblical doctrines or practices contrary to the church's doctrinal confessions. This is the reason why Elders must be spiritually mature men with deep seated Biblical convictions that are fully aligned with all the doctrines of the church. When this is the case, there will be a happy harmony in the BOE, wherein everyone will make decisions biblically with one heart and one mind to build up the church in the unity of faith and practices.

**What are the roles of the Session?** The Session meets at least once in 2 months to discuss and plan church matters. The Deacons help to execute the spiritual and executive decisions of the BOE. While general spiritual and administrative oversight of the Church is under the BOE, this oversight may be delegated by the Board of Elders to the Session (Article 11.3). Even the most efficient and capable Pastors are unable to spend their hours both in all the operational activities of the church and also preparing to feed the flock of God with the Word. This is where the Session comes in. Deacons help in assisting in the administration of the church, under the oversight of the BOE.

Hence, while doctrinal, spiritual, and executive decisions are made by the BOE, the day to day running of the church in matters such as routine maintenance, operational improvements, and meeting regulatory accounting standards are delegated to the Deacons. We thank God for giving such a model for the church in Acts 6:1-4.

We thank God for His provision and Rev Paul Cheng's willingness to be co-opted in to assist BPCWA form a Board of Elders. Do pray much for BPCWA to remain united, faithful, and zealous as our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd and Head of BPCWA, leads us along.

Yours in our Lord's service,  
Pastor

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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- 1. Board of Elders:** With Elder James Wong's resignation from leadership, Pastor and BPCWA's Session has prayerfully considered and invited Rev Paul Cheng of Bethel BPC (Melbourne) to be co-opted in to form the Board of Elders (BOE) of BPCWA. This is in accordance with the provision in BPCWA's Constitution. Rev Paul, together with Bethel BPC's BOE and Session, has kindly agreed to our request. Being an ordained Minister, Rev Paul Cheng is co-opted as Associate Pastor into our BOE with immediate effect. This forms BPCWA's BOE, with Rev Joseph Poon as Pastor and BOE Chairman.
- 2. Church 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner:** Registration starts today after the worship service. Please register with sisters Julia Chia or Cheryl Lin at the fellowship hall.  
Venue: North Lake BBQ Restaurant, 406 North Lake Rd,  
Bibra Lake WA 6163.  
Date: Sunday 16th April 2017 at 6 pm.  
Cost: \$25 (Adult), \$10 for children under 10 years old.  
Menu: Available at the registration table.
- 3. Husbands' and Fathers' Fellowship** will be held today in church at 3:30 pm. Husbands and fathers are encouraged to come and learn the biblical perspective of being a husband and a father.
- 4. Seniors' Fellowship (Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30 am):** Meeting is in church with Pastor Joseph speaking on "The Reason For Life". Since there is lunch fellowship after, please kindly bring a dish to share. All are warmly welcome to join us.
- 5. Rededication Sunday (next Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March):** If you have not been serving as you ought or at all, perhaps it is time to come back to the Lord. All who are involved in any of the church ministries should fill in the form inserted in today's weekly, and participate in the rededication vows during next Sunday's service. Please place your completed forms in the box provided in the foyer. If you are interested to know more about any ministry, or have questions for the Church, please fill out the Service Survey on the back.

6. **Baptisms and Membership Transfers (16<sup>th</sup> April)** will be conducted during the Easter Sunday Worship Service. Those who have completed the Basic Bible Knowledge course and who would like to be baptised or have their memberships transferred may get an application form from the Church Office (Mark Heath). Please submit your completed forms to Pastor by 19<sup>th</sup> March.

7. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the students and visitors that came for our church's activities and Worship Service over the recent weeks. Pray that the students will continue to come and grow spiritually with us during their time in Perth.
- Thank God for His guidance in the Session meeting yesterday and the formation of a Board of Elders at BPCWA.
- Pray for the unity and steadfastness of BPCWA to strive together for the faith of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Seniors' Fellowship to be used to strengthen the faith of His children and for mutual encouragement between the young and old in the church.
- Pray for preparation of hearts for Rededication Sunday, and for workers to labour together in the various ministries of the church for our Lord.
- Pray for the Information Technology and Audio Visual Ministries as they plan for resources to support the various activities and events in BPCWA.
- Pray for the planning of the April activities, including Good Friday, Easter, Membership Transfers, Anniversary Dinner and Mission Trip. Pray for saints to be built up during these events.
- Pray for brother Yew Jinn's studies in Far Eastern Bible College as he prepares for his fulltime ministry.

SERVICE DUTY	12/3 COMBINED	19/3 COMBINED - Rededication Sunday
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Joel Wong/Sonny Lim
Preparatory Hymn	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Sharon Poon
Welcomers (Foyer)	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Deacon Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Eugene Leong Pei Shion Chai, Eddie Foo, Edward Ee Deacon Stephen Chia	*Kenny Tan, *Yi Choong Liew Deacon Michael Lee, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Jonathan Woo, Kenny Chia
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lee Lee Yong	Kenny Chia, Julia Chia, Edward Ee
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun, Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi San Chieng	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Julia Chia, Ilhoa Ramachandran
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

### Nursing Home Ministry

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

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	12/3	12:30 pm	Teens Q & A
		3:30 pm	Husbands' & Fathers' Fellowship
Tuesday	14/3	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Joel Wong, Ellainne Cheng
Wednesday	15/3	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Recess
Friday	17/3	10:00 am	Mother's Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	18/3	10:30 am	Seniors' Fellowship
Sunday	19/3	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
		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 Adelpe Bible Study

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (5/3)

Attendance: 234 (Combined-200; JSS-34); Prayer Meeting: 77

Offerings in Total: \$5020.25; General Fund: \$5020.25

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?** The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations. (Nehemiah 13:15-22; Isaiah 58:13-14; Amos 8:4-6)