



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

March 19th, 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

Deacon Joel Wong/Sonny Lim

*Hymn

HOP 360 We Praise Thee, O God

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:145-152

Rededication Sunday

Hymn

HOP 396 Give of Your Best to the Master

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-50

Hymn

HOP 262 Teach Me Thy way, O Lord

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pastor Joseph Poon/ Kong Vui Yip

Our Resurrected Body

*Hymn

HOP 406 Take My Life and Let It Be

*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, We just witnessed Rededication Sunday today. For those who are serving in various ministries, you took your vows to serve the Lord with continued fervour and purity. Some of you may still be on the sideline, either still wondering whether you should start serving or waiting and seeing how your life works out before you start. Really, serving our Lord is not an option. In fact, it is a privilege and joy.

You are part of the church. Being part of church is being part of a family, a spiritual family. Like any family member in our homes, we do our part to help in the household and contribute in different roles. We may be busy at work, have personal commitments, and may have to make sacrifices, but yet, we are naturally ready to make sacrifices to help our own family. So, Gal 6:9-10 reminds us, “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith”. God put you in BPCWA. It is your local household in the faith. Let us not sidestep and avoid our part.

You experience blessing when you serve. In Act 20:35 , we are told “. . . to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive”. It is a truth, a fact, which you will experience when you give of your time, energy, and resources to others and the Lord’s work. Those who serve know this best. Those of us who keep serving our own comfort, our own pleasures and our own possessions will soon find either the emptiness of it or the dissatisfaction in life. There is a true blessedness - a happiness

and joy - in giving rather than in receiving. This is what God made the believer to be. For the believer, you must know that the joy that comes from busy service far exceeds that of having much time to go shopping, sitting in front of the TV/internet or from meaningless wandering around to “kill time”. You can only experience this when you start serving the Lord.

You experience God’s help as you serve. Some of you may think 1) I have no abilities or 2) I am too busy and cannot serve. In the first case, God wants you to know He has given and assigned you at least one gift, although not everyone has the same and equal number of abilities. Do not belittle yourself. The fact that all have at least one talent is affirmed in 1Cor 12:7 “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal”, and in 1Cor 12:11, “But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will”. In the second case, if you think you are too tied up with family, work, and school and have no time or health, do know that God will enable, take care of things and provide, if you commit to serve Him. Why would not your Heavenly Father be pleased to make it possible for you who wish to please Him? In fact, a common testimony of those who serve indeed experience how God takes care of many things at home, work, and help in studies and health. If we choose to spend our energy on ourselves, then God lets us try to take care of our own things instead. God promised in 1Sam 2:30 , “Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed”. But

of course we should serve simply because we love Him, not so that He helps us in our things.

You may consider these areas. We should be willing to serve when approached with the privilege. However, we need not think that service to God means one must be in major and key roles. Neither does it mean that one must be doing something prominent in eyes of man. There are roles for leaders but there are also many other areas that need involvement of many as well. There is unity in diversity, 1 Cor 12:20 “But now are they many members, yet but one body”. And some parts are hidden and weak but are still critical, 1Cor 12:22 “Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary”. Background roles are often what help the foreground roles to function. Simple tasks you can be part of can be helping to set up and clean tables and chairs, come early to boil rice and water, packing up after an event, sitting with and talking to new visitors, hosting them in your home, picking people to church, helping to prepare the sanctuary for Worship on Sundays, flipping hymn books at Nursing homes, visiting and cooking for the sick at homes etc. In fact, the hospitality ministry of helping the elderlies, the sick, the families with new babies, and also the new students are all much needed areas of service. This is a spiritual work to encourage and care for others in their spiritual walk with the Lord as we help them. But remember, you serve the Lord, not the church, nor its leaders. So will 2017 be the year you will awake from slothfulness and start serving your Lord?

Yours in our Lord’s service
Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Registration for Church 31st Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner (Today):** Registration will continue after the worship service at the fellowship hall. The church will subsidise \$50 for each adult's table (costs \$300) and \$20 for each children's table (costs \$120). If your child is over 10 years old but wishes to join the children's table (\$10 per child), you can indicate your interest at the registration table. But it will be on a first come first served basis and if seats are available on the children's table. More details are available at the registration table.
- 2. Rededication (Today):** Thank God for the Rededication service this morning. May all who made a rededication to the Lord remain true and faithful in the Lord's service. Please complete the Rededication form and Service Survey inserted in the weekly and place it in the box provided on the foyer table today.
- 3. Submission of Baptisms and Membership Transfers (Today):** Please submit your completed forms to Pastor by today and your testimonies by next Sunday (26th March).
- 4. Adelphé Bible Study (Today at 3:30 pm in church) :** Pastor Joseph will continue to lead us through a study on becoming a woman of grace. All ladies are encouraged to join us, to study and grow spiritually together with the same biblical understanding.
- 5. Committee Lead Training (Saturday, 25th March, 10 am):** Pastor will conduct a briefing cum discussion for leaders of fellowship groups and organisers of church events/activities, together with the leads of supporting ministries. An email has been sent to all leads who should attend this meeting. Leaders who are unable to attend are requested to have another committee member attend the meeting on their behalf.
- 6. Lunch Fellowship (Next Sunday, 26th March):** will be held next Sunday after the worship service. Please bring a dish to share. Do stay back to get to know each other, visitors and new students in our midst. All are welcome.

7. **City Evangelism (Next Sunday, 26th March):** If you are interested in participating, please ensure that you are on the registration form in the foyer. Please meet in church at 2 pm for a briefing and prayer. The street outreach will end with testimonies in church at 5 pm.

8. **Mission to Myanmar (25-30 April):** As part of our mission support work, we are collecting warm clothing (both for children and adults) and any working laptops to provide real physical needs for our brethren in Myanmar. This is a good opportunity for BPCWA to show the character of the fruit of the spirit “Love” as we have been learning at Tuesday night prayer meeting. “Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18). Please see brother Alex for further details if you are able to contribute.

9. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for the free gift of salvation and for everyone who promised today to continue to set themselves apart from the world for holy service to our Triune God.
 - Thank God for the opportunity to grow in His Word and mutual edification at the Seniors’ Fellowship.
 - Pray for wisdom upon the Session and the unity and steadfastness of BPCWA to strive together for the faith of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - Pray for the Committee Leads training to be useful for God’s workers and His work at BPCWA.
 - Pray for the preparation of messages for Pastor and for teachers who will be teaching the children at the Myanmar Mission Trip next month. May saints be strengthened and unbelievers be brought to hear the gospel. Pray for Rev Biak and his team as they plan for the camp in Yangon.
 - Pray for the planning of the April activities, including Good Friday, Easter, Membership Transfers and Anniversary Dinner. Pray for saints to be built up during these events.

SERVICE DUTY	19/3 COMBINED - Rededication Sunday	26/3 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Joel Wong/Sonny Lim	Deacon Michael Lee/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Kenny Tan	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Karen Ee
Welcomers (Foyer)	Deacon Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Lily Liow	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Kenny Tan, *Yi Choong Liew Deacon Michael Lee, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Jonathan Woo, Kenny Chia	*Eugene Leong, *Claude Yiu Terry Chong, Deacon Adrian Cheng Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Stephen Chia
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Kenny Chia, Julia Chia, Edward Ee	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Cheng, Lilian Cheo
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Kenny Chia
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Julia Chia, Ilhoa Ramachandran Mable Soon	Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho, Lee Fung Fong Ming Ming Th'ng, Xuan Rui Yong
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Edward Ee (Hannah Th'ng)	Pastor Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth	A: Kenny Tan B: Jason Tey	A: Mark Heath B: Caleb Cheng
Berrington	Edward Ee (Ben Kan)	Pastor Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
Bull Creek	Kenny Tan	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	19/3	3:30 pm	Adelphe Bible Study
Tuesday	21/3	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Joel Wong, Sharon Poon
Wednesday	22/3	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Systematic Theology (Anthropology)
Friday	24/3	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	26/3	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
		12:45 pm	Teens Q & A
		2:00 pm	City Evangelism
			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 (12/3)

Attendance: 212 (Combined-177; JSS-35); Prayer Meeting: 74

Offerings in Total: \$6820.70; General Fund: \$6820.70 (#4195-\$163.00; #4196-\$210.00; #4197-254.00; #4198-Library-\$20.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment? The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, (Exodus 20:9; Exodus 31:15; Leviticus 23:3) his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the Sabbath day. (Genesis 2:2-3; Exodus 20:11; Exodus 31:17)