



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

April 23th, 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 Sharon Poon/Allan Ang

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn **HOP 4** Holy, Holy, Holy

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 121:1-8

Hymn **HOP 221** Yesterday, Today, Forever

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 16:1-13

Hymn **HOP 125** Open My Eyes, That I May See

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.

Biblical Mission Work

*Hymn **HOP 337** We've a Story To Tell

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 4

*Congregation Standing

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.



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, Last week, BPCWA commemorated our 31st Anniversary. We gave thanks for God's preservation and His goodness upon us. A wonderful hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord", stirs our heart to love and serve His Church on earth,

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God.
Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye,
and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall;
for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given,
till toils and cares shall end.

Christians must be concerned about the church. While all of us must pray for the soundness and faithfulness of the church, we are also to join together with the Pastor in watching for the church too. Some Christians today feel that since I'm saved and I have the Bible, what happens in or to the church is not my concern. Why does a visible and local church exist? God's church is a corporate and visible representation of His people, under His Name. God intends us to be an active part of a church. If so, we must all be concerned about the church. God puts in each church the Pastor as a watchman to that

house. “Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me” (Eze 3:17). Because we love God’s Church, we must work together with the Pastor and each other to promote God’s purpose for the church. It begins with being part of the local church. BPCWA is a visible and local church. God never intends for us to neglect the assembling together as the saints of God to worship Him.

What must BPCWA be like? BPCWA’s purposes are actually reflected in our Constitution. BPCWA must be clear of a few key objectives it must fulfil. God willing, we will look at just four such areas over this and the next few weeks. These are (1) The salvation of souls (2) The edification of believers (3) The defence of the Holy Faith (4) The promotion of godly worship.

(1) The salvation of souls. We live in what is often called the “church age”. It is a time whereby the church has the responsibility to point the unbelieving world around us to God and our Saviour. To do this, (a) BPCWA has a responsibility to be actively evangelistic, to go out and tell the unsaved and the lost about the only Saviour for mankind. This is why we organise gospel outreaches for everyone to participate in, like City Evangelism and Australia Day Outreach. The salvation of souls is also our focus in our many other ministries and activities, such as when we go out to Nursing Homes and to the Universities for Campus Outreach. That is why we encourage worshippers to actively invite unbelievers to our Good Friday and Easter Services. We must remember this important aspect in all our outreaches, and not just think that City Evangelism is our only outreach to unbelievers. Even in our fellowship meetings, we should invite unbelievers to join us

so that we may prayerfully sow the Word of God in their hearts. While we are often concerned about missions (and there is a role for missions in the church), we must not be forgetful to obey the Great Commission at our very own doorsteps in Perth, all around us. It would be a serious neglect if the church fails in this duty where God has placed us. If it is the duty of the church, then this can only be accomplished when every Christian within the church fulfils their duty individually to reach out to unbelievers in whatever way we can.

But in order to point unbelievers to God, (b) BPCWA also has the responsibility to be a “lively stone” (1 Pet 2:5) of God, by our testimony and witness. That is why as God’s witness in the Old Testament, Israel was told to obey God’s commandments. “Keep therefore and do *them*; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people” (Deut 4:6). Being God’s testimony and witness to the unbelieving world around us is not something done merely through our lips. When unbelievers come to church, they see our lives and how the church operates. How do we conduct ourselves as a people of God and as His Church? By what principles and rules do we order our lives?

God has not changed in the New Testament. In the New Testament, the Bible points the church back to the same purpose for Israel. “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy” (1 Peter 2:9, 10). This command goes not to an individual, but to “ye” – us, collectively, as God’s people. When BPCWA, as a church, follows

God's statutes and commands, our lives reflect the very character of God. His Holiness, His Justice, His Goodness, and His Truth. This testifies of a God that is different from the gods of the world.

May BPCWA be a faithful witness for God in Perth, WA!

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Church Family Camp 2017 Full Time Campers Registration (Today in Fellowship Hall):** Two thirds of camp accommodations have been taken up quickly already. If you are planning to attend Full Time and have yet to register, please kindly do so today to avoid disappointment. All worshippers are strongly encouraged to join.
- 2. Myanmar Mission Trip (25th to 30th April):** Pastor and the team will be leaving for the mission trip to Myanmar tomorrow night. This is a Combined Mission camp for First, Bethel (Dagon) and Ngalti Bible-Presbyterian Church in Myanmar. About 60 adult campers are expected, together with more than 13 children. Some unbelieving children are also being invited for the children's program as well. On behalf of the Myanmar brethren, BPCWA wishes to thank all who have contributed to the mission work, whether in offerings, giving of clothing, or who have helped in some way or other toward the preparation for this trip.
- 3. Lunch Fellowship (30th April):** Will be held next Sunday after the worship service. Please bring a dish to share and stay back for fellowship. All are welcome.

4. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the blessing of remembering Christ's work on our behalf on Good Friday and Easter. May we respond by reconsecrating ourselves for His use as our reasonable service.
- Thank God for seeing BPCWA through another year of witness and service for Him. Thank God for the opportunity to give thanks to God and fellowship with one another at our Anniversary celebrations last week.
- Thank God for new members who joined BPCWA. May God use them for His Glory.
- Thank God for the faithful labour of many of His children who served Him tirelessly behind the scenes for the various Services over last weekend.
- Thank God for His wisdom and guidance at the Session meeting yesterday.
- Pray for unbelievers who joined last weekend's Services to come to trust in Christ as their Saviour and join us in growing together in Him.
- Pray for the Myanmar Mission Trip:
 - Safety and protection of campers – team from BPCWA, Bethel BPC, and for Ngalti BPC travelling down from the mountains.
 - Camp messages to edify and strengthen the churches in Myanmar to uphold, spread, and defend the truth against false worship and practices.
 - Children lessons to build strong foundations for next generation of believers and reach out to the unbelieving children.
 - Mutual encouragement between the team from BPCWA and the saints at Myanmar.
 - Building up and preservation of these faithful Ministers and churches in Myanmar for God's work there.
 - Spiritual preparation for a faithful ministry for Preacher Lian Uk as he gets ordained.
- Pray for brother Yew Jinn as he prepares for his Far Eastern Bible College exams and his full time ministry. Pray for the Far Eastern Bible College online students to grow in their knowledge and love for God as they prepare for their exams.

SERVICE DUTY	23/4 COMBINED	30/4 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Preacher Joshua Yong/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Karen Ee
Welcomers (Foyer)	Deacon Michael Lee, Irene Lee Yi San Chieng	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Mark Heath
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Kenny Chia, *Yi Choong Liew Deacon Michael Lee, Eugene Leong Jonathan Woo, Allan Ang	*Eugene Leong, *Kenny Tan, Terry Chong Alex Luu, Deacon Michael Lee Deacon Stephen Chia
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Cheng, Kenny Tan	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow May Chee Tey, Edward Teng Joanne Teng	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Julia Chia, Ilhoa Ramachandran Mable Soon
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

Nursing Home Ministry

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

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Tuesday	25/4	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Preacher Joshua Yong/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Joel Wong, Hannah Th'ng
Friday	28/4	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	30/4	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

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (16/4)

Attendance: 203 (Combined-174; JSS-29); Sunrise Worship Service: 100; Prayer Meeting: 72
Offerings in Total: \$10,166.35; General Fund: \$10,166.35 (#4220-Anniversary Dinner-\$210.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: Which is the sixth commandment? The sixth commandment is, *Thou shalt not kill.*
(Exodus 20:13)