



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

April 30<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 Karen Ee/Kenny Tan

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong

\*Hymn HOP 26 Immortal, Invisible

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 122:1-9

Hymn HOP 24 This Is My Father's World

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Jonah 1:4-16

Hymn HOP 141 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Prayer/Message Preacher Joshua Yong/Kong Vui Yip

### 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.

## Are you Running Away from God?

\*Hymn HOP 202 Jesus is Calling

\*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, And 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

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Dear BPCWAians, Last week, we looked at one of God’s purposes for establishing BPWA as His local and visible witness – for the salvation of souls. BPCWAians, let us not lose sight of what we as a church must do for salvation of souls. Reaching out does not merely involve the “going out”. When non Christians come in our midst, let us actively tell them about our Saviour, let us pray for them, let us teach them about God, let us live like our Saviour in obedience to His commands – in our interactions with each other, and with them. Will you do so together with us?

**After salvation, then what?** In many Christians’ minds, the evangelistic duty of the church is probably all that matters. It is the end of all things and it ends there. But there is more to salvation than merely delivering souls from the penalty of hell. It is also about delivering man from the power of sin. The true gospel teaches that salvation is deliverance from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. Hence, those who “were sometimes darkness” should now “walk as children of light” (Eph 5:8). Salvation includes the deliverance from the bondage of sin in a believer’s life, so that they should put off the old man, and put on the new man. And we do this when we are “renewed in the spirit of your mind” (Eph 4:22-24). This is another of BPCWA’s purpose, and it must be yours too, as you worship here. Church is not just for saving souls, nor just about service. A church is not merely an evangelistic society, but we are commanded in Col 1:28 to be, “. . . warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus”. This is the second reason why a church exists.

**(2) The edification of Christians through the teaching of God’s Word.** As unbelievers are brought under the power of the gospel and saved, they are like newborn babes, desiring the sincere milk of the word (1

Pet 2:2). No parent brings a child into the world and expects the child to fend for himself. It is a terrible crime to leave a child in a corner and not feed it at all. There is a responsibility to every parent to nurture the child, to feed and to take care of the child. When God uses the church to save someone, it has a tremendous responsibility to that soul. As the child grows and progresses from infancy to adolescence, the parent adjusts the diet to more solid food for the child to help him grow. In addition, a nursing mother needs nourishment herself, that she may be able to have milk to feed the baby. Similarly, a Christian at different stages of his life needs milk, then meat (1 Cor 3:2), and even strong meat (Heb 5:12). We would shake our heads in disgust if parents expected children to turn to strangers, or to go to their neighbours' homes to feed themselves. Unfortunately, this happens when churches fail in their duty to teach their flock. When Christians aren't "fed at home" – through their churches – they turn outside for their spiritual nourishment. This is one reason why groups such as Bible Study Fellowships and other parachurch organisations are so popular amongst Christians. But this is not God's intent and model. Because one cannot be sure of the content and doctrines taught at the many such parachurch groups, Christians, instead of growing in unity with the church, may be learning divergent doctrines. This will lead to confusion, instead of growth. God instituted churches as His witness, that there may be order and unity in faith and doctrines. To do this, the church fulfils its responsibility to teach. If a church provides good spiritual feeding for edification, then the responsibility of Christians is to participate and learn together with the church at these Bible Studies.

However, because many think that a church's only and sole responsibility is just to save souls, the function of the church to provide spiritual nourishment to build up the saints is often neglected. Eph

4:12,13 clearly refers to what God appoints to each church today. Pastors are given by God “For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till 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.” When God gives the church a Pastor, this is God’s blueprint for the Pastor’s role in church. Christ’s command to Peter was “Feed my sheep” (Jn 21:17). The teaching of the church enables Christ’s sheep to feed and grow. Saints must be built up and taught during Worship Services, Prayer Meetings, Bible Studies and Fellowships. Pastors must be work hard to teach, and believers must endeavour to come to study and grow.

Realising this is God’s purpose for the Church, then your role and desire must be to look forward and attend these opportunities so that you can grow in His Word. This is for your perfecting. You must look forward to these with the heart that seeks to be perfected – ie, to grow in holiness and Christ likeness. You may say “I’m a mature Christian”. But God says the ultimate aim and goal is a “perfect man”, until you reach “the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ” (Eph 4:13b). How do you want BPCWA to be like? God’s blueprint requires the church to help you be progressively sanctified as long as you live. We must want BPCWA to be a church that helps Christians to grow in faith, to know God, to strive against sin, and to be more and more holy so that we can please and serve Him. Hence, BPCWA must preach the whole counsel of God (which includes both His Love and also pointing out what is sin), God’s standards, and His Truth. When we fail, then BPCWA has ceased to be faithful to God. Such a church will not be blessed of God.

Yours in our Lord’s service

Pastor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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1. We wish to welcome Preacher Joshua Yong who has ministered God's Word in BPCWA in Pastor's absence.
2. **Lunch Fellowship:** All worshippers and visitors are welcome to stay back and join the lunch fellowship after Worship Service today.
3. **Church Family Camp 2017:** Part Time and Full Time Campers can register in the Fellowship Hall today. If you are planning to attend the camp Part Time or have yet to register for Full Time, please kindly do so today. With few spaces left, do register today to avoid disappointment.
4. **Church Combined Fellowship Series (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30 pm):** Will be held this and next Friday on "Worship Music or Worship of Music?" Some churches use contemporary worship music, some use hymns, while others may worship without any music at all. Is it all a matter of preference? Must the music that we use for praising God be pleasing to worshippers? Is Contemporary Christian Music just a matter of personal taste? Come and study this topic together as a church. Interpretation will be available. All are encouraged to attend.
5. **Men's and Ladies' Fellowship (Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 6 pm):** Will be held next Sunday in Church, starting with dinner together at 6 pm. Come and learn God's Word together so that we may know what we ought to be as Christian men and Christian women. Chinese translation will be available as everyone is welcome.
6. **Car Parking:** As a courtesy to those who would like to leave early, if your car is blocking someone else, please repark your car straight after service before resuming fellowship with others. If you haven't registered your car, please add it to our car park register at [www.bpcwa.org.au/carpark](http://www.bpcwa.org.au/carpark).

## 7. Programs planned for May:

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
5/5, 12/5 Friday	7:30 pm	Church Combined Fellowship Series
7/5 Sunday	6:00 pm	Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship
14/5 Sunday	3:30 pm	Husbands' and Fathers' Fellowship
21/5 Sunday	3:30 pm	Adelphe Bible Study
27/5 Saturday	10:30 am	Seniors' Fellowship
28/5 Sunday	2:00 pm	City Evangelism

## 8. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for seeing brother Yew Jinn and the online Far Eastern Bible College students through their recent semester examinations.
- Thank God for many who have registered to attend the Family camp in July.
- Pray that the messages preached last week will strengthen the Myanmar churches to stand strong for God and to continue to be faithful and sound in doctrine and practice. Pray for the lessons at the children's program to draw some unbelieving children to trust in God, and for next generation of believers to be grounded in the faith. Pray for safe journey back for all.
- Pray for the preparation of the Combined Fellowship messages this and next Friday to be used to strengthen and protect BPCWA against the tides of contemporary worship, and that worshippers will understand how to be watchful in the aspect of music.
- Pray for Men's and Ladies' Fellowships to be used to help us to continue to grow in the Lord and in fellowship with one another in the church.
- Pray for God's continued preservation of BPCWA as a faithful witness for Him as we give thanks for another year's service for Him. Pray that we will continue to strive together in unity and steadfastness for the extension of His kingdom where He has placed us.

SERVICE DUTY	30/4 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch	7/5 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Preacher Joshua Yong/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Kenny Tan	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Winnie Lim
Welcomers (Foyer)	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Mark Heath	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Yi Choong Liew
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Eugene Leong, *Kenny Tan, Terry Chong Caleb Cheng, Deacon Michael Lee Deacon Stephen Chia	*Edward Ee, *Caleb Cheng, Pei Shion Chai, Yan Wei Allan Ang, Terry Chong
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Shie Tian Wong
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Kenny Chia
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Julia Chia, Ilhoa Ramachandran Mable Soon	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

### Nursing Home Ministry

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

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Tuesday	2/5	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Ellainne Cheng
Friday	5/5	10:00 am	Mothers' and Wives' Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Church Combined Fellowship Series: Worship Music or Worship of Music?
Sunday	7/5	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
		6:00 pm	Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowships

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (23/4)

Attendance: 231 (Combined-196; JSS-35); Prayer Meeting: 72

Offerings in Total: \$6578.25; General Fund: \$6578.25

(#4221-\$85.30; #4222-\$395.05; #4223-\$75.25; #4224-Library-\$50.00; #4225-Family Camp-\$230.00)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What is required in the sixth commandment?** The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavours to preserve our own life, and the life of others. (Ephesians 5:28-29)