



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

May 7th, 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/Claude Yiu
 The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1
 Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/ Deacon Joel Wong
 *Hymn **HOP 57** Safely Through Another Week
 *Invocation/Gloria Patri 2
 Responsive Reading Psalm 123:1-4
 Holy Communion [Deacon Michael Lee, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Deacon Stephen Chia, Deacon Joel Wong, Robert Wong]
 Hymn **HOP 92** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
HOP 99 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
 Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
 *Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer
 Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
 Hymn **HOP 304** Am I a Soldier of the Cross?
 Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

Christian's Battle Orders

*Hymn **HOP 301** Sound the Battle Cry!
 *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, Over the last 2 weeks, we looked at God's purposes for a church. Why has He established BPCWA here? We saw that amongst the reasons that He has done so was for the salvation of souls, and for the edification of His children. Today, we will look at a 3rd reason for establishing BPCWA as God's visible witness locally here.

(3) The defence of "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). Edification of saints also often involves defence. Saints can only be edified by God's Truth. That is why Satan will always attack the Truth. Hence, God's Truth must be defended whenever and wherever such an attack occurs. We are in a spiritual warfare, and whatever advances the true church will be angrily watched by the enemies of the Church. The very fact that the Bible speaks of a Christian Armour (Eph 6:11-18) tells us that fighting and defence is a necessary and expected responsibility of the saints in His Church. The armour has both offensive and defensive components. Throughout history, the devil is always seeking to undermine God's witness by introducing heresies and errors into the church. When he succeeds to do that in a church, the building up of the saints at that church would be adversely affected. The only way that a church can defend her doctrines and her teaching is not by tradition, but by faithfully and courageously proclaiming "thus saith the Lord" without apology or pleasing man. Without the solid foundation of the Word of God, the church loses her defence. It becomes "my opinion" against "your opinion". So, BPCWA has a twofold defence responsibility: (a) to defend the true Gospel, and (b) to uphold and defend the Word of God. In defending the true Gospel, we must be against and expose those who preach "another gospel" (Gal 1:6) that does not save. Famous Megachurches today preach "another gospel" of "Hyper-grace". They may believe in unconditional election and that God's grace is undeserved. But their gospel teaches that God's grace frees believers from any requirement to obey God since we have been forgiven of past, present, and future sins. They scorn obedience to God's

law as Pharisaical legalism. Such a false gospel hardly (if ever) preaches on discipleship, in taking up the cross to follow Christ. It de-emphasizes repentance from sin and worldliness. This unbiblical hyper-grace is “turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness” (Jude 1:4). BPCWA must defend itself against such teachings creeping into our pulpits, Bible Studies, Fellowships, and reading material. Every member must help to watch against such false gospels and erroneous practices from coming in. This includes the need for all to be watchful against the dangers and gradual inroads of Contemporary Christian Music.

To promote and defend God’s Truth, BPCWA inevitably has to take sides when any battle arises on any aspect of Truth. In order to do this, the church must practice Biblical Separation. This is the distinctive of any sound church. Biblical Separation is not “a BP thing”. . It is a Biblical distinctive. Any church that professes to uphold God’s Truth must practice what is professed in God’s doctrines. We must lock arms in the fight against anyone that seeks to bring in doctrines contrary to the truth of the Bible. We must be against those who undermine the authority, inerrancy, and perfection of the Bible, God’s preserved Word. Like the serpent, some churches may say that the Bible is perfect, “but...” Without the Bible, we have no reference standard to distinguish truth from error. Many churches and Bible colleges which were once sound in faith have fallen. They may still have the same names - names which were once famous for defending the faith - but today are adding to the deceit. To defend the true faith, it means that BPCWA will not work with, nor have spiritual fellowship with, nor serve with groups that will not separate from false teachings and teachers. These certainly include Roman Catholicism, Charismatic, Ecumenism, New Evangelicalism, Modernism and Liberalism. Even in the name of evangelism and mission work, we cannot work together with such “Christian” groups because the gospel they preach is not the true gospel. Their false doctrines will not edify the saints. And co-operating with these groups also means

that the church will be neglecting her duty to defend the most holy faith.

The defence of the faith remains even more important today than ever. We live in an age when the Bible says “evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived” (2 Tim 3:13). If the church is negligent in this purpose, we will be overcome by falsehood. Those who do gardening will know that it doesn’t take a long time of neglect before weeds overgrow the gardens. You can’t sit back and say “I wish my garden had no weeds.” You must get down and pluck them out early before it overgrows the whole garden irreparably. Spiritually, a much worse thing will happen if false teachings come into the church. Souls are involved. More importantly, the Glory of God is at stake. Without rigorous defence of the truth, the church cannot preach the true gospel for salvation of souls. The church cannot edify believers. As a result, God is not glorified. The church will no longer be the pillar and ground of the truth. If it is not careful, a once sound church does not even need to wait for one generation to pass before falsehood overtakes and fills it. It takes generations to build a strong church, but it can fall to compromise in mere months. A church that fails to protect its sheep from the ravaging wolves of false teachers, from within and without, does not love God’s sheep.

So, every BPCWAian has a duty to be vigilant to prevent this from happening to BPCWA. It is not enough to just know and to teach the right thing to do. Individually and as a church, we must be ready to personally “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 1:3), and practice Biblical Separation where needed. It may come as a cost. If we fail in God’s duty for us to defend His truth, even you may not have a sound church to worship in, in years to come. But if we faithfully do so, God will dwell among us, use us, and keep us till He comes for His Bride.

Yours in our Lord’s service
Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Men's and Ladies' Fellowship (Tonight, 6 pm):** Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship will be meeting tonight in Church starting with dinner together at 6pm. The Men's Fellowship will start at 7 pm upstairs with Pastor Joseph with the message entitled "David: A Man Stepping Up To His Task". The Ladies' Fellowship will be downstairs, commencing at 7 pm with Sister Sharon speaking on "3 Women of Influence: Herodias, her daughter, and Pilate's Wife". 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.
2. **Church Combined Fellowship Series (Friday 12th May, 7:30 pm):** Concludes the study on the topic "Worship Music or Worship of Music?" "It sounds nice, so let's use it", "As long as we sing hymns and don't use drums, it is not contemporary worship", "With sound doctrines, BPCWA is always safe from CCM". Are these statements true? Come and study this topic together as a church. Interpretation will be available. We encourage all worshippers to attend so that we can learn together as a church.
3. **Mother's Day (Sunday 14th May):** There will be a tea fellowship after worship service to celebrate this occasion. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. All are welcome.
4. **Husbands and Fathers' Fellowship (Sunday 14th May, 3:30 pm):** Will be held at church next Sunday. Are you fulfilling what God expects of a husband or father? Pastor will continue to share on the biblical perspective of being a husband and father from Eph 5:25. Husbands and fathers are encouraged to join.

5. **Church Family Camp 2017:** Camp registration closes today. Only a few places are left. Please see Brother Eugene Leong (Tel: 0401155386) or Brother Kenny Chia (Tel: 0425568918) personally to register.

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.

7. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for His grace, help and protection for the missionary trip to Myanmar. Thank God for the privilege to minister God's Word among like minded brethren there, and for the opportunity to teach the children and sow the gospel seed in the hearts of unbelieving children.

 - Thank God for principles on Worship Music taught during the Combined Fellowship, and those that came to learn.

 - Pray for all worshippers in BPCWA to grow spiritually in their personal walk through the study of the Word at fellowships. Pray for individuals to maintain daily devotions and that our public worships will be in spirit and in truth.

 - Pray for men and ladies to come together to encourage each other in their walk with God, and to be built up in the faith through tonight's Men and Ladies Fellowship meeting.

 - Pray for continued faithfulness of the Ministers and the Mission Churches in Myanmar. Pray for protection and spiritual growth amongst the brethren.

 - Pray for God's leading and His Truth to guide in the planning for the Church's growth and programs.

SERVICE DUTY	7/5 COMBINED - Holy Communion	14/5 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Claude Yiu	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Sharon Poon
Welcomers (Foyer)	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Yi Choong Liew	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Edward Ee, *Caleb Cheng, Pei Shion Chai, Yan Wei Allan Ang, Terry Chong	*Alex Luu, *Eddie Foo, Caleb Cheng Mark Heath, Claude Yiu Deacon Stephen Chia
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Edward Ee
P.A. System	Kenny Chia	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan	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	Mark Heath (Ben Kan)	Edward Ee (Ben Kan)
South Perth	A: Allan Ang B: Kenny Tan	A: Caleb Cheng B: Mark Heath
Berrington	Mark Heath (Ben Kan)	Allan Ang (Ben Kan)
Bull Creek	Allan Ang	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	7/5	6:00 pm	Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship
Tuesday	9/5	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Yi Mey Tan
Friday	12/5	7:30 pm	Church Combined Fellowship Series: Worship Music or Worship of Music?
Sunday	14/5	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
		12:30 pm	Teens Q & A
		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 Husbands' and Fathers' Fellowship

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (30/4)

Attendance: 201 (Combined-168; JSS-33); Prayer Meeting: 72; Church Combined Fellowship: 108

Offerings in Total: \$7363.95; General Fund: \$7363.95

(#4226-Family Camp-\$660.00; #4227-\$120.00; #4228-Anniversary Dinner-\$125.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is forbidden in the sixth commandment? The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbour, unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto. (Genesis 9:6; Matthew 5:22; 1 John 3:15)