



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

May 28th, 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, And be gracious, The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. 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

*Hymn **HOP 30** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 126:1-6

HOP 145 I Hear the Saviour Say

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation **HOP 262** Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 16:19-21

Hymn **HOP 232** Wonderful Peace

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng

Holy Kisses

*Hymn **HOP 182** Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*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, What is the role of missions in a church? Some are of the view that missions work is indispensable to every church. Others may be inwardly looking only and not bother with missions work. How should a church view missions? It is necessary to understand some principles concerning the church and its missions work.

Missions must fulfil the Great Commission to teach. The New Testament has many accounts of mission work in the New Testament. The maps in many Bibles reflect the Apostle Paul's missionary journeys. Historical writings also indicate that many of the Apostles went out beyond Jerusalem, "unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Act 1:8). Indeed, Christ, the Head of the Church, commands His followers to "teach all nations" (Matt 28:19). Christ further adds in this injunction that in combination with this, there is the "baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" as well as the "Teaching them to observe all things". This is an important reminder of the church's role in missions outreach. We "go", in order that there may be teaching. The purpose isn't merely organising gospel rallies to get people saved and then move on. Instead, the ultimate goal of all "going" in missions is a twofold teaching. It is to tell unbelievers the about the only Gospel that can save them, as well as to help believers grow in sound churches where they can be baptised, and learn to obey God's Truth in their lives. Sadly, many associate missions only with getting people saved, and helping the poor people physically in foreign lands. As a church, our primary goal is spiritual. The physical help is also with a spiritual aim. The chief aim of man is not merely to go to heaven and be rescued from hell,

but to glorify God. This means that those who get saved must be taught about God in faithful churches, so that they too, can in turn reach out to others in the land. Our desire then, is not just to set up a church, but to ensure and to support a work which helps a local church or teacher - who in turn will follow up in the faithful teaching and spreading of God's Word thereafter. The Apostle Paul ensured that there were faithful men leading in the churches planted. Such an approach is Biblical and responsible missions work.

Missions must be fundamentalist and separatist. Because the end of the Great Commission is to teach, it is important that the organisation or worker that is supported must be sound in the Holy Faith. It must also "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 1:3). As stewards of God's substance, we will not lend support to any ecumenical work that will join hands with Charismatics, New Evangelicals and Liberals. To support these ones would be helping to promote such work. As a church and even as individuals, we must scrutinise who we give support to. So, the beliefs and practices of the work and the workers must be duly examined and clarified before we start working with any such ones. It does not end here.

Ongoing support and assistance. The ongoing guidance, training, and support need to continue until mission stations are able to stand on their own. And this may take very many years due to their financial situation. Missions are a long term commitment. It is not about feeling good that we have done something by making trips to

3rd world countries once in a while. Working closely with the local full time workers is necessary to ensure the work is progressing and going in the right direction. As long as the work is supported, the Pastor must continually examine the doctrinal direction of the supported mission to ensure that the work has not only begun well, but continues well in the faith. In many ways, it is in fact running another church. Hence, people in BPCWA must be excited, have the commitment to help, and to give support for the missions that God plans for BPCWA.

Ultimately, mission work is about the extension of God's Kingdom by obedience to the Great Commission. Hence, it is not just about simply whether we have a mission work or not, but how we engage in this work. We must pray for it, be ready to support it, and be committed to a long term engagement. As we co-labour with Bethel BPC in Myanmar, we seek to learn and at the same time help each other in shouldering the financial burdens. We thank God for raising faithful men in Myanmar and we must also pray for the work there. Here are some items that you can support in prayer for the work : 1) Ministers to remain faithful and diligent in the teaching and preaching of the Word of God. 2) The 2 Far Eastern Bible College students in their final semester to be trained to help extend the work in Myanmar. 3) Worshippers to love and obey God's Word as the worldliness increases in the country. 4) The literature ministry to be used of God to send out His Truth to other churches and Christians in times of growing apostasy in Christianity there.

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Lunch Fellowship (Today, after worship):** All worshippers and visitors are welcome to join the lunch fellowship after Worship Service today. Do take the opportunity to get to know one another better as a church family.
2. **City Evangelism (Today, 2 pm):** Do join us in sharing the Gospel in Perth City area. Please ensure that you are on the registration form in the foyer. We will meet in Church at 2 pm for a briefing and prayer. City Evangelism will end with testimonies in Church at 5 pm.
3. **Hymn CDs:** A limited number of hymn CDs are available for sale. Please see Ilhoa Ramachandran in the fellowship hall after worship today if you wish to purchase them. We will purchase more for sale if there is interest.
4. **Far Eastern Bible College online courses:** The courses for next semester are Systematic Theology (Soteriology), Deuteronomy and Charismatism Q&A. The brochures are on the foyer table. Those who are interested can enquire with Mark Heath.
5. **Sunday School Family Day (5th June, 9:30 am):** Will be at Piney Lakes Reserve, Winthrop, on Monday (which is a public holiday). There will be lunch after the event. Invitations for parents, Sunday School teachers and children are available in the foyer.

6. Programs planned for June:

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
5/6 Monday	9:30 am	Sunday School Family Day
17/6 Saturday	10:30 am	Mandarin Care Group
25/6 Sunday	6:00 pm	Men Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship
30/6 Friday	7:30 pm	Combined Church Fellowship

7. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the study of God's Word and encouragement at the Adelphe Fellowship.
- Thank God for building up the Seniors at yesterday's Seniors Fellowship. May every Christian continue to labour for God till He comes.
- Pray for the City Evangelism outreach to be used to preach the gospel to the unsaved in Perth, and to draw God's sheep into His Kingdom.
- Pray for the Session to have much wisdom and unity of hearts in making decisions according to God's Word and His will for BPCWA during the Session meeting on Saturday.
- Pray for the Nursing Home ministry to reach out to the unsaved in their evening years, and to encourage believing residents in these Homes.
- Pray for BPCWA to be united in truth and love, serving the Lord fervently in the ministry of the saints. Pray for protection from the wiles of the devil.
- Pray for Pastor as he prepares for his speaking engagements at the Gethsemane Missionary Conference and Truth BP Family Camp during the first 2 weeks of June in Malaysia.

SERVICE DUTY	28/5 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch	4/6 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng	Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Michael Lee/Sonny Lim
Preparatory Hymn	Allan Ang	Deacon Joel Wong
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Sharon Poon
Welcomers (Foyer)	Eddie Foo, Carol Foo, Albert Ho	Colin Tey, May Chee Tey, Lee Lian Yong
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Pei Shion Chai, *Kenny Tan Deacon Michael Lee, Eddie Foo Edward Ee, Deacon Stephen Chia	*Alex Luu, *Edward Ee Yi Choong Liew, Pei Shion Chai Kenny Chia, Colin Chng
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Cheng, Kenny Tan	Kenny Chia, Julia Chia, Shie Tian Wong
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, May Chee Tey Edward Teng, Joanne Teng	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	Pastor Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)	Yew Jinn Chieng (Hannah Th'ng)
South Perth	A: Yew Jinn Chieng B: Allan Ang	A: Allan Ang B: Mark Heath
Berrington	Pastor Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)	Yew Jinn Chieng (Hannah Th'ng)
Bull Creek	Yew Jinn Chieng	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	28/5	12:45 pm	Teens Q & A
		2:00 pm	City Evangelism
Tuesday	30/5	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Deacon Joel Wong, Sharon Poon
Friday	2/6	10:00 am	Mothers and Wives Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	4/6	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 (21/5)

Attendance: 201 (Combined-172; JSS-29); Prayer Meeting: 75
Offerings in Total: \$10,132.80; General Fund: \$10,132.80
(#4233-\$150.00; #4234-\$189.00; #4235-Library-\$40.00; #4236-\$118.00; #4237-\$52.00;
Combined Fellowship-\$862.50)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is forbidden in the seventh commandment? The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions. (Matthew 5:28; Ephesians 5:3-4)