



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

June 18th, 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/Allan Ang

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong

*Hymn HOP 38 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 129:1-8

HOP 54 I Am His and He Is Mine

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.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading James 1:5-8

Hymn HOP 165 He Is Able to Deliver Thee

Prayer/Message Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip

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.

Passing the Test

*Hymn HOP 297 Encamped Along the Hills of Light

*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, There are 3 Offices in the leadership of the church – that of Pastor, Elder and Deacon. Those elected in will hold these Offices for 3 years in BPCWA. Article 13.1 of our Constitution states that “Candidates shall satisfy the requirements listed in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1 and 1 Peter 5. Additionally, and to ensure further objectivity in selection,” our Constitution also includes other relevant Biblical criteria that must be assessed. When a member is voting in the church elections, on what basis should they be assessing the candidate upon? For each Office, what are the Biblical requirements, and how it should be reflected in their lives? These 2 weeks, we will look at the office of a Deacon.

A Deacon’s Role. As we saw last week, the first elections arose out of a need for men to “serve tables” (Acts 6:2) so that the Apostles could put their priority on the ministration of the Word and prayer. The title comes from the Greek word *diakonos*, meaning servant. In this role, we see the first duties of the New Testament Deacons were that of ministering to the poor. While many and indeed all who are redeemed by God should serve Him out of gratitude, Deacons are, by their very title and Office, people who have “addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints” (1 Cor 16:15). This means that they are not leaders in the sense merely of *supervision*, but in actual service together with that of supervision. In fact, a Deacon should lead by being the first to act and to volunteer to work, not to wait and be told to do so. So, a Deacon is a servant, not merely a supervisor.

Spiritual Gifts. Being a leader in service, he would have the spiritual gift of ministry (*diakonia* in Rom 12:7), ie serving for the spiritual benefit of the saints. This can be seen, for example, in the ability to plan, organise and serve effectively and diligently in God’s work in the church. The gifts may vary in their area of ministration, as the body has many members with differing functions, but Deacons must certainly be proficient, active, willing, and able in that role that they fill.

Spiritual Qualifications. 1 Tim 3:8-12 has a comprehensive list of qualifications that every Deacon must meet without exception. All of these must be present in the person because it is God’s listed requirements. We cannot hope that missing areas may grow into existence after he becomes a Deacon.

Grave and not doubletongued – This means that they must be honourable men who are worthy of respect. This would speak of men of dignity who are reputed to be of good and godly character as well as serious when it comes to God’s work. This reputation is not about secular achievements. The word *doubletongued* is translated literally as “two words”, meaning two-faced, or someone who says one thing with one person, and the opposite with another. Hypocrites and men pleasers must never be found in the leadership of the church.

Not given to much wine – This speaks of men who were given to taking alcohol for alcohol’s sake. In the Bible, the English word “wine”

represents various different words in Hebrew and Greek. These words can mean beverages that are high alcoholic content, juices, or a mixture wherein alcohol was added to cleanse the unpurified water. The Hebrew or Greek words and the context inform us which kind it is. Today's wine is the very kind that is prohibited by God. As Bible-Presbyterians, the Deacon must be convicted and committed to total abstention from alcoholic beverages. This is not because it is a "BP thing" but because it is biblical - just like how many other Christians also hold on to this belief. It should be understood that we can use wine to cook food, provided the alcohol is burnt up or evaporated in the cooking process.

Not greedy of filthy lucre – Literally translated, this means "not eager of base gain". The person must serve for service's sake, and not that they may gain from that service. This applies in their service, and in their lives. They must not be men who are covetous, greedily desiring what the world offers, and lusting after fleshly things. Instead, these men must demonstrate in their lives their hearts' desire after spiritual things, loving and holding steadfastly to their faith, living by it and defending it. Anyone who serves for personal gain and benefit will be partial instead of objectively doing what is biblical.

We shall consider the remaining 3 qualifications next week.

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. 2017 Church Family Camp Briefing (Today, after worship):** Will be held immediately after worship service to prepare campers with the necessary information. All full time and part time campers are requested to attend. Day Trippers who are planning to attend are requested to inform either Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) or Kenny Chia (0425 568 918) by Sunday 25/06 of the days they are attending, and if they have any catering requirements.
- 2. Holy Matrimony (This Saturday, 24 June, 10 am):** All worshippers are cordially invited to witness the Holy Matrimony of Yew Jinn Chieng with Yi Jie Choong at BPCWA.
- 3. Lunch Fellowship (Next Sunday, 25 June, after worship):** Please bring a dish to share. Do stay back to get to know each other and visitors in our midst. All are welcome.
- 4. Men Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship (Next Sunday, 25 June, 6 pm):** Will be held next Sunday starting at 6 pm with a combined dinner. Program will begin at 7 pm. Come and learn together how you can live a more glorifying life as a man or woman. All are welcome as both messages will be interpreted.
- 5. Family Seminar (Saturday, 1 July, 10 am - 12 pm):** Do you know how to prepare your children to stay away from the evil influences of the world? When and how do we discipline our children in a godly manner? Rev Koshy will be conducting the family seminar on upbringing of children. There will be a separate program for children running concurrently. Please inform Terry Chong (terry.chong@gmail.com) of your attendance for lunch catering purposes.

6. **Far Eastern Bible College online courses:** The courses for next semester are Charismatism Q&A; Deuteronomy and Systematic Theology III, Soteriology. These are all 2 credit courses, and the fees are \$80 per course. Forms are on the foyer table. Please hand completed forms to Mark Heath.
7. Congratulations to William and Diane Maranan on the birth of their baby daughter, Olivia Nicole. May the child be brought up to be godly seed and in the fear of God.
8. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
- Thank God for blessed time of learning His Word and fellowship at the Mandarin Care Group meeting yesterday.
 - Thank God for His enabling grace and wisdom for Pastor's teaching engagements at the Camps in Singapore. Pray for travel mercies as they arrive back later today.
 - Thank God for His help for Yew Jinn as he preached in Pastor's absence. Pray for his upcoming marriage to be one that will glorify God.
 - Pray for Men Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship to be used to establish godly living and fellowship bonds between brethren.
 - Pray for BPCWA and her leaders to be God fearing, united in beliefs and holy in practice, working zealously God's work. Pray for protection from the wiles of the devil.
 - Pray for Rev Koshy, Pastor and Mrs Koshy as they prepare for the messages at the Family Camp to forge a common purpose and bond in God's work at BPCWA. Pray for wisdom for the final stages of the planning for the camp.

SERVICE DUTY	18/6 COMBINED	25/6 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch
Speaker/Interpreter	Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Joel Wong/Sonny Lim
Preparatory Hymn	Allan Ang	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Karen Ee
Welcomers (Foyer)	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo Mark Heath	Deacon Michael Lee, Irene Lee Ellainne Cheng
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Mark Heath, *Kenny Tan Jonathan Woo, Pei Shion Chai Eddie Foo, Alex Luu	*Deacon Michael Lee, *Yan Wei, Jason Tey Deacon Adrian Cheng, Caleb Cheng Kenny Tan
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan, Jay-son Lim	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Cheryl Lin
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow May Chee Tey, Edward Teng Joanne Teng	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	Allan Ang (Hannah Th'ng)	Edward Ee (Ben Kan)
South Perth	A: Caleb Cheng B: Yew Jinn Chieng	A: Kenny Tan B: Jason Tey
Berrington	Allan Ang (Hannah Th'ng)	Edward Ee (Ben Kan)
Bull Creek	Yew Jinn Chieng	Allan Ang

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Tuesday	20/6	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Yew Jinn Chieng, Yi Mey Tan
Friday	23/6	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	25/6	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
		12:45 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
		6:00 pm	Men Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (11/6)

Attendance: 186 (Combined-160; JSS-26); Prayer Meeting: 67

Offerings in Total: \$6,875.35; General Fund: \$6,875.35

(#4246-\$377.00; #4247-\$115.00; #4248-\$72.00; #4249-Library-\$260.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is forbidden in the eighth commandment? The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbour's wealth or outward estate. (Proverbs 28:19; Ephesians 4:28a; 2 Thessalonians 3:10; 1 Timothy 5:8)