



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

June 25<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.

### 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 Karen Ee/Jason Tey

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship

Deacon Joel Wong/Sonny Lim

\*Hymn

**HOP 14** Come, Thou Almighty King

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading

Psalms 130:1-8

Hymn

**HOP 218** Moment by Moment

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

**HOP 8** Now Thank We All Our God

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation **HOP 115** When Jesus Comes to Reward His Servants

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:1-3

Hymn

**HOP 137** Holy Bible, Book Divine

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

## Blessed Be God

\*Hymn

**HOP 33** Blessed Be the Name

\*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

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Dear BPCWAIans, This week, we continue to look at God's requirements for Deacons as revealed in His Word. These are based upon the spiritual requirements found in 1 Tim 3:9-12.

1 Timothy 3:9-12 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being *found* blameless. Even so *must their wives be* grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

***Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience*** – Deacons must be well instructed in the system of the Christian faith in God's Word and be able to defend it. Moreover, the beliefs he holds must be seen to control every aspect of his life. And to friend or foe, the Deacon must possess unwavering convictions and be willing to stand up for what is Biblically right, even if he stands to lose out in votes or in friendships for doing what is right by God's standards. Because one is standing for Office in a BP church, therefore one must be absolutely true to what they profess as their convictions according the BP distinctives and practices. This is essential both in private conscience and public declaration. None should stand for Office if he is not fully convicted of the church's beliefs. To cast doubt on our beliefs and practices will inevitably create disunity in our midst. It is for this reason that the proposal form for nomination to Session includes a section that requires them to pledge before God and man their convictions and doctrinal position. As far as man can assess, we must be sure that every leader stands with us, and not merely pays lip service in order to hold office.

***First Proved, and Proven blameless*** – The Deacon must have been tested and proven in faith and character. So, before voting, the church member must observe the Deacon's life and practices, inside and outside of the church. Fundamental to proving is the test of his track record, ie whether

he consistently lives by what he professes in faith, in his walk, in his service. In the matter of doctrines, he should have been proven not to promote nor lend his support to doctrines, sermons, materials or institutions whose teachings are contrary the Bible or contrary to our system of beliefs. Does he stand squarely with us in his doctrines? Deacons help to execute the Board's decisions. When carrying out unpopular but biblically necessary directions, he does not "pass the buck" or procrastinate to do it because he doesn't want to be seen as "the bad guy". He readily and courageously does so because of his convictions. In his spiritual walk, does he have a godly character, one that is grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, and not greedy of filthy lucre? Does he obey God's commandments at all costs and practice Biblical separation in his public and private life? After his salvation, have there been any serious sins committed that would disqualify him, causing criticism to this church Office in the eyes of the world? The next area to prove is that of his service. Since the office of a Deacon is that of service, this person should have been serving in church, and shown himself able to serve effectively for the Lord. A true Deacon serves with diligence and fervency, not because he is in the Office of a Deacon, but for the Lord whom he serves. Hence, we must not choose based upon a hope or anticipation that he might be able to serve well when he becomes a Deacon. None should be asked to be a Deacon in order "to encourage one to serve". After all, haven't we seen many who were fervent in service during their youth or university days but were later drawn to materialism once they start earning their own living; or backslide after marriage or after having children because they were overtaken with "work and family pressures"?

***Husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well*** - Deacons must not be flirts, but must be faithful to his wife. Also, before they can be a leader in the church, they must first prove themselves to have ruled their homes well. He must be able to rule his children. If his

children are unruly, ill disciplined, and disobedient, then he fails God's requirements. In addition, the man must fulfil his biblical role to be the head of his wife. He must be able to lead his wife to obey and submit to his headship. Furthermore, as the Bible teaches, the Deacon's role is to "stand before" his house. If his wife bosses him around, leads in spiritual decisions, and he has to listen to her and to fulfil her pleasure, then he is not able to rule his household as God expects. He must fulfil his Scriptural role as a husband, but his wife is not his priority – God is first in his life. This also means that he is active in leading and teaching his wife and children spiritually. Hence, it is often deemed prudent not to appoint an unmarried man yet, as this part is not tested. Sometimes, what seemed to be a God fearing man when single has turned out instead to be a wife fearing man. Let the man first be proven to demonstrate that he is a man that will lead his house well, as the Bible commands. This tells us that the children and wife of a man can have significant impact on a man's entering this Office. The person standing for Deacon must have been observed to be proven to rule his house well. We must have a high regard for the Offices in a church because God expects it.

A man should only get elected when he has already demonstrated in his life the stability of character and service we expect of a Deacon. Do all these seem to be too stringent? Perhaps, by man's standards. But the Office is not a secular Office. It is a spiritual Church Office. And so, the standards are set by the Head of the Church, our Lord Jesus Christ. After all, these qualities are really simply what the Bible requires of every man before God. In fact, as Christians, this should not only be the standard for the leaders of the church, but for every Christian. But any who take hold or take up this Office are expected to be proven to be so first. May God raise leaders in BPCWA that will obey, fear and serve Him and His people here.

Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Yours in our Lord's service  
Pastor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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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 meet and welcome some of the visitors in our midst.
2. **Men and Ladies Fellowships (Today, 6 pm):** Will be held tonight starting at 6 pm with a combined dinner. Program will begin at 7 pm with Pastor speaking to the men on “David: When a Man Has the Right Heart For God”. Ladies will meet in the sanctuary downstairs with Mrs Poon speaking on “When Bad Things are Good for Us” (Matt 9:20-22). 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.
3. **Combined Church Fellowship (This Friday, 7:30 pm):** Rev Koshy will be speaking at a Combined Fellowship on the topic of “The First and Great Commandment”. All worshippers are welcome and encouraged to attend. Chinese translation will be available.
4. **Family Seminar (This Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 10 am - 12 pm):** Rev Koshy will be conducting the family seminar on upbringing of children. This will include practical suggestions to help your child if he or she is struggling in school, without sacrificing the child’s service to God. 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.
5. **Family Camp (Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July):** Camp starts next Sunday. Please arrive at Orchard Glory Farm Resort before 3:30 pm. Day Trippers who are planning to attend are requested to inform either Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) or Kenny Chia (0425 568 918) by today of the days they are attending and if they have any catering requirements.
6. **Holy Matrimony:** Congratulations to Yew Jinn and Yi Jie Chieng on their Holy Matrimony. May their marriage glorify the God whom they serve.

## 7. Programs planned for July:

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
1/7 Saturday	10 am - 12 pm	Family Seminar
2 - 6/7 Sunday to Thursday	-	BPCWA Family Camp
22/7 Saturday	10:30 am	Seniors Fellowship
23/7 Sunday	3:30 pm	Adelphe Fellowship
28/7 Friday	7:30 pm	Combined Church Fellowship
30/7 Sunday	2:00 pm	City Evangelism

## 8. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the ministries He has opened up for BPCWA to testify of His Name, and the labourers He provides for His work. Thank God for many who serve Him faithfully and joyfully in many areas behind the scenes.
- Thank God for raising faithful Bible-Presbyterian witnesses in many parts of Asia-Pacific. Continue to pray for like-minded Bible-Presbyterian Churches to stand strong and united upon the Bible, and to be protected from the wiles of the devil.
- Pray for the Family Seminar to convict all families to be steadfast in bringing up godly seed in the next generation.
- Pray for the Men and Ladies Fellowships 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, zealously working for God's work. Pray for protection from the wiles of the devil.
- Pray for Pastor Joseph and Rev 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. Pray for prepared hearts for the campers as they hear the Word of God, and for blessed fellowship amongst brethren.

SERVICE DUTY	25/6 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch	2/7 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Prabhudas Koshy/Yew Jinn Chieng
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Joel Wong/Sonny Lim	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Jason Tey	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Sharon Poon
Welcomers (Foyer)	Deacon Michael Lee, Irene Lee Ellainne Cheng	Alex Luu, Grace Luu Yi San Chieng
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Deacon Michael Lee, *Yan Wei Jason Tey, Deacon Adrian Cheng Caleb Cheng, Kenny Tan	*Alex Luu, *Claude Yiu, Edward Ee Pei Shion Chai, Ben Kan Colin Chng
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Cheryl Lin	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Cheng, Yi Jye Chieng
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Kenny Chia
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Ilhoa Ramachandran Mable Soon
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

### Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Edward Ee (Ben Kan)	Family Camp
South Perth	A: Kenny Tan B: Jason Tey	
Berrington	Edward Ee (Ben Kan)	
Bull Creek	Allan Ang	

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	25/6	6:00 pm	Men Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship
Tuesday	27/6	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Deacon Joel Wong, Yung Tsing Mew
Friday	30/6	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	2/7	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 (Recess) Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco (Recess)
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont (Recess) Bull Creek – RAAFA Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek WA 6149 (Recess)

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (18/6)

Attendance: 214 (Combined-181; JSS-33); Prayer Meeting: 74

Offerings in Total: \$8,552.25; General Fund: \$8,552.25

(#4250-\$723.20; #4251-\$163.20; #4252-Library-\$130.00; #4253-\$30.00; #4254-\$35.00)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: Which is the ninth commandment?** The ninth commandment is, *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.* (Exodus 20:16; Deuteronomy 5:20)