



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

July 9th, 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 Winnie Lim/Allan Ang

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong

*Hymn HOP 9 Come, We That Love the Lord

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 132:1-9

Hymn HOP 391 The Love of God

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings HOP 147 Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:3-6

Hymn HOP 378 My Saviour's Love

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

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.

Chosen By the Father

*Hymn HOP 146 I Know Whom I Have Believed

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

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*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, Today, we will continue looking at the qualifications for Elders, as taught in the Bible.

Of Good Behaviour – A Pastor and an Elder must be men who are *kosmios*, literally meaning orderly and well arranged. God is a God of order, and everything in His house must “be done decently and in order” (1 Cor 14:40). Their lives must be in order in all aspects. This includes how they carry themselves and how they carry out work. In other words, the person holding this Office must be seen as orderly in deportment, manners, and how he carries out his duties. In his personal life, he cannot be unkept, haphazard, and disorganized. It does not mean he must be dressed in expensive clothes, but scruffiness can be a sign of general carelessness. He must be able to carry himself properly in all social and church engagements, and understand the proper decorum in manners and speech. However, this is not to please or impress man. Just as one would expect a nation’s President to dress, speak and behave in a manner suitable for the Office he carries, the Office of an Elder is an important Church Office. So, an Elder must reflect the proper and refined behaviour and etiquette of someone carrying an important Office in Christ’s church. But there is certainly more than just being orderly in deportment. He must also be orderly in organizational work. There are some that seem to look down on good organisation and planning in the work of God, as if not planning meant that one was on a “higher” plane of spirituality and faith. But a lack of planning (when such planning is possible) is also a sign of laziness and negligence, not spirituality. The Elder must not be one that hopes that things will turn out at the last minute “somehow, somehow” because he does not put in the time and effort in planning for it. This shows a lack of personal responsibility in caring for God’s Church. How can the Pastor or ruling Elder plan, lead, and organise the church if he has not the proven abilities to do so? The operating of the church is

more complex than meets the eye. Overall planning for activities, timing of events, and resourcing requirements all require proven skills to carry out the oversight work in the church of God. The church looks to the Pastor and Ruling Elders for an orderly church. No Pastor or Ruling Elder can ever claim that he does not have administrative and organisational skills but God has called him to this Office simply because he is “spiritual”. The spirituality of the man is a baseline expectation. But at the same time, God requires the spiritual leader holding this Office to physically administer the church. If we expect the Church camp to have been planned for and run in an orderly way by the Camp Master, how much more is expected of the Elder who is required by God to administer His local Church? We are not saying that the church is to be like an efficient factory production line. But it must reflect the orderliness of God, as the house of God, in how it functions. And an Elder must uphold that, and have a life that reflects order and decorum. He cannot rule the church properly if his own life is not in order. He cannot be someone whom even others in church would not entrust a church program to, because he is unable to represent the church well, both in decorum and organizational abilities. These are all part of the *good behaviour* that is expected of an Elder.

Given to Hospitality – Literally translated, it means “loving strangers”. One can be very loving and hospitable to their family, relatives, best friends, and close circle of friends, people that they are familiar with. But the Pastor and Ruling Elder must demonstrate more than that. It first starts with the regular worshippers at BPCWA. An Elder joins with the Pastor not just in the administration of the church, but also in “visiting the sick and sorrowing members” (Article 15.6). This means that he must first be genuinely interested and care for the family of God in the church, beyond the group that he can “click” with well. He is interested in all regardless of age,

background, even if they are not in his fellowship group that he can “talk easily” with, or whether they are singles or married. For purposes of Church organisation, Elders may be assigned responsibilities for certain ministries on which they may focus more of their time on. But these ministries may change depending on the needs of the church. His service extends across the whole church, and not just merely to a fellowship group. His ability to administer, organise and interact at all levels is expected. He is not just an Elder of the Youth Group, nor of only families, nor of the Seniors alone. Ultimately, the Elder must demonstrate himself to be able to care and reach out to all age groups. You see, the man must not desire the role of the Elder just to be seen in a position of power, or to be in control for decision making that the Office entails. An Elder is truly a man who is addicted to the ministry of the saints because of a love for the saints. The authority of the Office is for the care of everyone, not just those he likes or only those that have similar interests to his. If such a care is not evident in his life to those that he sees every Sunday at church, then it will not be demonstrated to those that are new in church. God brings through the doors of BPCWA many who have just arrived in Perth to stay. They may be young or old, rich or poor. They may be singles or families, students or backpackers. Is he friendly to them, does he welcome them? A person who wishes to hold this Office but says he does not show interest or warmth towards these “newbies” simply because he does not like to talk to strangers, is awkward with unfamiliar people outside his usual circle, is saying that he is not qualified for this Office. He cannot be someone who sticks only to his age group and familiar friends, and does not give himself to engaging and caring for people who are outside his own circle. Equally important, a test is whether people of all age groups and backgrounds respond to his engaging them. Besides this, does he show a genuine spiritual care for these visitors? Often, this spiritual care would demonstrate in the physical care too, helping them, showing hospitality to them in ways that demonstrate the graciousness of the Saviour whom we serve. It may mean preparing meals for these ones

who are new to Perth, or other actions that will help them to feel welcome and show Christian love. It may mean inviting them over to his house to be part of the family that they may miss, being away from home. And this is one reason why the husband must rule his home well. How can he be hospitable if his wife does not tend to the home, if she does little to look to the husband's needs? Would she be willing to support her husband in showing hospitality to a stranger? The Elder thus does not love in words, but shows hospitality in deeds – *even* if it is not seen by others.

Yours in our Lord's service
Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses:** Today is the last day for registration of these courses. Please hand in your form to Mark Heath so you can be registered.
2. **Family Camp:** Messages are available online at <http://www.bpcwa.org.au/familycamp>
3. Congratulations to Terry and Lydia Chong on the birth of their baby daughter Joanna. Praise God for this heritage of the Lord. May they bring her up to be godly seed for God.
4. Yoke Peng Chong has been called home to the Lord. We extend our deepest condolences to her family during this time.

5. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the camp messages and a profitable time of learning God's Word together at the Family Camp. Thank God for keeping all full and part time campers safe and for a blessed time of fellowship together.
- Thank God for the ministry of Rev and Mrs Koshy in our midst. Thank God for their safe return to Singapore.
- Pray for the unity of hearts at the Session Meeting this Saturday, that all decisions will be according to God's revealed will, purpose and plan for BPCWA.
- Pray for the spiritual life of all worshippers at BPCWA and that as a church we will continue to press forward in unity and in earnestness for the Word and testimony of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that the camp messages will take root in the hearts of all who heard it.
- Pray for Yew Jinn as he prepares for his final year of studies at Far Eastern Bible College, that he may be prepared for the ministry God intends for him.
- Pray for many to sign up and learn through the Far Eastern Bible College Online courses, and that through these courses, we may grow together in the unity of faith and walk in obedience to Him.
- Pray for the preparation of the Annual Congregational Meeting reports and for those translating it, that these reports will reflect God's working in our midst and glorify Him.

SERVICE DUTY	9/7 COMBINED	16/7 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Joel Wong/Sonny Lim
Preparatory Hymn	Allan Ang	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Karen Ee
Welcomers (Foyer)	Colin Tey, May Chee Tey, Lee Lian Yong	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Eugene Leong, *Allan Ang Deacon Michael Lee, Benjamin Kan Colin Chng, Jonathan Woo	*Claude Yiu, *Eddie Foo, Yan Wei Deacon Adrian Cheng, Yi Choong Liew Deacon Stephen Chia
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Kenny Chia, Julia Chia, Shie Tian Wong	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Lee Lee Yong
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Jay-son Lim
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	Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng)	Pastor Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth	A: Allan Ang B: Caleb Cheng	A: Mark Heath B: Allan Ang
Berrington	Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng)	Pastor Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
Bull Creek	Caleb Cheng	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	9/7	12:30 pm	Teens Q & A
Tuesday	11/7	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Angeline Yong
Friday	14/7	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	16/7	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 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 (2/7)

Attendance: 225 (Combined-192; JSS-33); Prayer Meeting: 13

Offerings in Total: \$13,250.00; General Fund: \$13,250.00

(#4260-Combined Fellowships-\$1526.85; #4261-Family Camp-\$484.00; #4263-Men and Ladies Fellowships-\$46.70)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is forbidden in the ninth commandment? The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own, or our neighbour's, good name. (Leviticus 19:16; Psalm 15:3; Proverbs 6:16-19; Luke 3:14)