



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

July 23rd, 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 Sharon Poon/Deacon Joel Wong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn **HOP 28** I sing the Mighty power of God

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 133

Hymn **HOP 344** Christ Liveth in Me

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 394** Is Your All on the Altar?

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:3-12

Hymn **HOP 134** Break Thou the Bread of Life

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.

The Purpose of Salvation

*Hymn **HOP 88** All Glory, Laud and Honour

*Benediction/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, How quickly time has flown by since our Family Camp. It is useful to recapitulate some key points from the camp messages so that we reaffirm the lessons we have learnt. It is also helpful for those who were unable to attend to have a summary. This way, the church will have a unity over the key focus areas as a family of God. The church and camp theme is taken from Phil 1:27, “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel”. We begin with a summary of the thematic messages delivered by Rev Koshy.

“Only let” calls the believer and the church to attention to one important task. And this task is to ensure that as citizens of heaven, our life and conduct (conversation) are befitting and governed by (becometh) the Gospel of Christ. What matters most is that the believer’s life is one of determined discipline to live according the high and noble manifesto given by Christ, our Heavenly King. This is a call to a life dignified by the high calling of a royal priesthood, above the temporal worldly and carnal pursuits. **Only let** such a life be your focus and the church’s aim. All else must go. Giving up worldly ways is not a loss in this royal priesthood. Your conduct and the church practices matter They reflect Christ’s Gospel. Live it rightly.

“Your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ”. The **Gospel of Christ** is not just about saving souls from hell. It is saving the believer from the power of sin. A Gospel oriented church is one that not only reaches out to the unsaved, and but also separates from worldliness and false teachings. Your walk and BPCWA’s convictions and conduct must solely reflect the Gospel. This was Apostle Paul’s burning desire for the church while he was absent from them because he was in prison for the Gospel’s sake. He commanded them to have a singular aim in living for Christ alone. God calls Pastors to care for the church, the believer, and their family. The Pastor’s role is to ensure your progress in Christ. If he sees something lacking, his duty is to tell you, as in Titus 2. God is the One who has chosen

and appointed him to a particular local church. And it is God who equips the Pastor, and gives him to the church to under-shepherd and adorn His sheep so that their lives are becoming of Christ. It is not because he is special but simply it is God's appointment. This is why the church, the believer, the families ought to follow and listen to the Pastor, unless he is unbiblical. To refuse to do so is to reject God's appointment for His under-shepherd to you and your family. But the Pastor's duty and responsibility is to lead to church because God has tasked him to ensure that its sole concern is its unwavering focus on living consistently with what is in God's Word. As your Pastor, my prayers, labour, and main concern for the church, for you, and for your family is the spiritual health and progress in the Lord.

“Whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs”. Apostle Paul has the highest thoughts of the church and deep love for the church. His thoughts go out for it day and night even while in bonds in prison. We must love God's church. You must love the local church God has put you in. We must progress in our spiritual understanding for what church is and have a deep love for it. Do you love BPCWA, the local church that God has put you in? The test is how you live your part in your personal walk that can influence others and how you bring up your child for the next generation here. Also, if you love BPCWA, you will protect it from erroneous teachings and worldliness. We must pick up Apostle Paul's thoughts and feelings for God's church. Christ's concern is expressed through the Pastor's heart when the latter teaches the Word faithfully. Hence, co-labor with your Pastor by understanding his circumstance and knowing his work among you (Phil 1:12); pray for your Pastor and that he may have grace for what he is doing (Phil 1:19), rejoice with him and receive him. This is what you can do individually to strengthen the Pastor in his labor and concern for you and God's church.

“That ye stand fast”. Stand fast speaks of unwavering steadfastness of the individual and the church for the faith. It is not to be distracted by worldliness but to resist it. And it is not to waver in the face of false

doctrines. This calls for watchfulness and awareness of carnality and discernment of erroneous trends. As an individual, a family, and as a church we must get rid of worldliness. Why do we need to stand fast? It is because the possibility of compromise is very high. Paul was uncompromising when it came to the Truth. He stood against Peter and his mentor Barnabas when they compromised. In addition, we must take heed lest we fall. The tendency to worldliness for the individual, family, and church is very real too. 1 Cor 10:5-13 shows the result of God using fiery serpents to destroy 23,000 Israelites who refused to stand fast by His commandments. These people had Moses as their Pastor, but when they went back into their tents, they behaved and lived like the world. Beware of murmuring against God's messages that He gives to the Pastor for you and your family. No one is exempt from God's standard. You are fighting and rebelling against God, not the Pastor, when you reject what is the clear standard from the Bible regarding God's Christian model for you and your family.

“In one spirit, with one mind striving together” One spirit is being guided by the Truth of God, ie His Word, instead of our own spirit. Unity must be based upon the Truth, not friendships. The conflict is real. If you do not have the guts to give up friendships, do not talk about zeal. Moreover, we must not serve for vain glory which will result in the spirit of striving against one another. One mind refers to the mind that is transformed by the Word of God and singularly focused on what God wants us to do as an individual, family, and church. We must be united in belief. We must hence educate ourselves about our beliefs. If anyone or a group of people in BPCWA have a zeal to serve God but would not want to learn about our BP faith, then BPCWA will have problems in time to come. One spirit and one mind striving together for the Truth cannot be achieved if you do not commit to understanding what we stand for. If you do not believe in the faith we believe in, then say it and do not pretend. If you want unity and steadfastness, then study it and strive *together*, not strive *against* the church. Also, contending for the faith is not something for the Far Eastern Bible College to do, but for the church to do so. BPCWA and each of its member must not only be able to, but must have the courage to articulate our faith.

“For the faith of the gospel”. The faith of the Gospel is the body of Christian Truth. It is the manifold wisdom of God revealed to man. Saints are often moved by it’s majesty and glory. The Truth of the Gospel must continue. If we deviate a bit, we will eventually move away from the Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This concerns both doctrinal Truths and the Christian walk. BPCWA must be worthy and must rise up to this highest duty and privilege to contend earnestly together for the faith.

Yours in our Lord’s service
Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Adelphé Fellowship (Today, 3:30 pm):** Will be held this afternoon at Church. It is a joy to be able to learn more of God’s word so that we can grow to become more like the godly woman that God wants us to be. All ladies are invited and encouraged to come join us at Adelphé Fellowship to learn God’s word together.
2. **Lunch Fellowship (Next Sunday, 30 July, after worship):** Please bring a dish to share. Do stay back to get to know each other and welcome visitors and new students in our midst. All are welcome.
3. **City Evangelism (Next Sunday, 30 July, 2 pm):** In obedient response to the Great Commission, the church will be going to the Perth city malls for street evangelism next Sunday from 2 pm and ending with testimonies back in Church at 5 pm. If you would like to join this outreach, please register your details on the registration form in the foyer or contact Dn Adrian (0402 036 430) for more details.

4. **Away Schedule:** A gentle reminder to request your cooperation to keep us informed of the dates that you will be away and the required roster changes by updating the information on <http://bpcwa.org.au/away>. These records will greatly help in the advance planning for the monthly rosters.

5. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the opportunity to understand God's purpose for health in the Christian's life, and for the mutual encouragement of one another at yesterday's Seniors Fellowship meeting.
- Thank God for the Ushers and Welcomers ministry, and for the many that are involved in preparing the bulletin and chairs in preparation for Sunday Worship Services.
- Thank God for daily grace for those who are unwell in the body.
- Pray for Rev Paul Cheng's ministry in our midst and for the Combined Fellowship Meeting on Friday. Pray for opportunities for Rev Paul to meet the worshippers at BPCWA.
- Pray for translation and preparation of financial and ministry reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Pray for Adelphe Fellowship to be used to strengthen the walk of the sisters in BPCWA, and for God to guide in the selection of the next topic of study.
- Pray for many to go out to sow the seed of the Gospel at the City Evangelism outreach next Sunday. Pray that God's sheep will be brought into our midst to grow in the knowledge of God together with us.

SERVICE DUTY	23/7 COMBINED	30/7 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Assoc Pastor Paul Cheng/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip	Deacon Michael Lee/Sonny Lim
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Joel Wong
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers (Foyer)	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Ellainne Cheng	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Mark Heath, *Yan Wei, Caleb Cheng Deacon Michael Lee, Kenny Tan Kenny Chia	*Yi Choong Liew, *Jonathan Woo Eugene Leong, Pei Shion Chai Kenny Chia, Deacon Stephen Chia
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Edward Ee, Nancy Chai, Vincent Naing	Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan, Jay-son Lim
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Illihoa Ramachandran, Mable Soon	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	Kenny Tan (Hannah Th'ng)	Kenny Tan (Ellainne Cheng)
South Perth	A: Caleb Cheng B: Allan Ang	A: Allan Ang B: Mark Heath
Berrington	Kenny Tan (Hannah Th'ng)	Kenny Tan (Yung Tsing Mew)
Bull Creek	Allan Ang	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	23/7	3:30 pm	Adelphe Fellowship
Tuesday	25/7	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Caleb Cheng, Hannah Th'ng
Wednesday	26/7	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Deuteronomy
Friday	28/7	7:30 pm	Combined Fellowship "The Second Great Commandment" (Matt 22:39)
Sunday	30/7	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	City Evangelism
		3:30 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 (16/7)

Attendance: 184 (Combined-157; JSS-27); Prayer Meeting: 73

Offerings in Total: \$9,848.80; General Fund: \$9,848.80

(#4270-\$393.00; #4271-\$32.10; #4272-\$38.40; #4273-\$167.00; #4274-Library-\$8.00; #4275-FEBC-\$3195.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is required in the tenth commandment? The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, (Psalm 34:1; Philippians 4:11; 1 Timothy 6:6; Hebrews 13:5) with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbour, and all that is his. (Luke 15:6, 9, 11-32; Romans 12:15; Philippians 2:4)