



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

July 30<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.

Prelude/Preparatory Hymn Winnie Lim/Deacon Joel Wong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Michael Lee/Sonny Lim

\*Hymn **HOP 2** To God Be the Glory

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 134

Hymn **HOP 279** What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 230** Trusting Jesus

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 3:15

Hymn **HOP 400** I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Pastoral Prayer/Message Associate Pastor Paul Cheng/Kong Vui Yip

### 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.

## Is Church Membership Important?

\*Hymn **HOP 178** The Church's One Foundation

\*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

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Dear BPCWAians, this week we will summarize what we learnt from our Family Camp's morning devotions. I pray that it will be a useful reminder and also an edifying learning for those who missed these devotions about the 7 sins that God hates in Prov 6:16-19.

How would you feel if someone walks up to you and calls you wicked, perverted, disgusting and worthless person who should die? You may respond with indignation that you have not robbed, murdered, raped, and molested anyone, so how dare he call you these terms! But in Prov 6:12 and 16, God uses these terms on those who exhibit the seven sins listed. He calls such a person in "naughty" which is "belial" in Hebrew. We read about "sons of belial" which means someone who is worthless and fit for destruction. "Froward" means crooked and perverted. "Abomination" (v16) is disgusting and often used on idol worshipers. So before we get upset at being called such terms, we should check if we exhibit these 7 sins which make us behave as abominable unbelievers.

**1. Proud look.** This is the first sin in the universe, committed by Satan in Isaiah 14:13-14 when he thought so highly of himself and repeated said "I will". It is about our ego. The sense of superiority is devilish! Pride is related to "look" here. It is how we view others and ourselves. For example, looking down on others and thinking and behaving we are superior to them. Do you compare and compete to be seen as better than others? Do you look down and denigrate those who less capable, or look down on people who are less intelligent, or belittle others? Do you compare what job you have, what grades you have, what you drive, where you stay, or what you possess and deride others? Pride swells in us all day, if we are honest to admit. God says we are abominable, disgusting, perverted, and worthless which is the very opposite of what we think of ourselves in pride. Do not think such descriptions are for drunkards and murderers only. This must be an awakening reminder! Whenever pride rears its head, let us quickly shake it off, confess, and repent immediately. The solution? Evaluate ourselves from how God looks at us and be humble.

**2. A lying tongue.** Lying breaks the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment. It is a morally perverted thing. Like pride, lying is a common daily temptation for the believer. Unbelievers do not care. Many wonder what so big a deal, "everybody lies". The world classify lies as "white lies" and even "grey

lies". Sadly even Christian writers today justify such lies. But Christ did not categories lies in John 8:44 but calls Satan father of lies. We act like children of Satan when we speak any kind of lies. White lies and grey lies are seen as those which help others, and are harmless, so they are fine. A lie is a falsehood. So white and grey lies like giving excuses, flattery to please others, partial truth, false representations, making promises we do not intend to keep, giving false impressions, and exaggerations which are falsehoods are lies in God's eye. Those of us who have not kept our marriage vows are liars. Never take up church leadership and offices if we do not believe in the church's beliefs. God classifies all lies as morally abominable and gives commandment number 9. We often lie because we fear man and fear consequences. Beware how we reply our parents, spouses, teachers, and bosses. Beware how we fill application and tax forms. We lie and cover up to protect our face (pride!) and our job or to get gain for self for example. Have faith that God can deliver, just tell the truth always. Remember, a lie will lead and progress to another bigger and bolder lie. Fear, faithlessly, and pride are the reasons why we lie. God will deal with lying by exposing it one day and serious calamity will suddenly overtake us (v15) like in Ananias and Sapphira case. Fear God, do not fear man and consequences, and be concerned about God's view of us than man's impression of us.

**3. Hands that shed innocent blood, 4. an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, 5. feet that be swift in running to mischief.** God implemented capital punishment for those who commit murder. This how serious this sin of **shedding innocent blood** with premeditation. God puts Government in place (Rom 13:4) to rule and to judge, and to punish with the sword for execute capital punishment. Abortion and In Virto Fertilization (IVF) are examples of killing innocent lives today. Even Christians do it. We must be clear that the moment an embryo (substance) is formed, life is formed already (Ps139:16). Never entertain the thought or ever give advice to promote abortion or IVF for it is murder! Matt 5:21-22 defines what murder is. Another form of this abomination is hating someone and even calling names with hateful thoughts. It is character assassination when we backstab someone too. Hatred and saying things to harm someone is the outcome of someone who has a cruel heart. That is why this is an abominable sin. Again, like pride and lying, we have to admit we often have unrighteous anger and hatred for our siblings, brethren in church, and colleagues. **Deviseth wicked imaginations** is forming thoughts, like we toss and turn or sitting in bed angry and plotting how to get even, sabotage, get someone trouble, or harm someone. It starts slowly in the heart and will grow. Violent computer games are designed to constantly fuel this sin that

keeps going on in minds or heart. It allows this sin to be played out in full in the heart. This is happening daily in many young Christians. **Feet that be swift in running to mischief** speaks of a person who cannot wait to go commit sinful things in secret and even public. You cannot wait for worship or fellowship to be over so you can run to watch your movies and serials that promote adultery, fornication, covetousness, hatred, and violence. Or you cannot wait to be free from parents or church authority to run with your sinful friends and ways.

**6. A false witness that speaketh lies, and 7. he that soweth discord among brethren.** Lying tongue tells lies, a **false witness** tells lies about people or situations. What are the outcome of this? We inevitably be used of Satan to sow discord in the family, in church, and between brethren. This is about giving untruthful accounts. Speaketh lies is like breathing out falsehood. Be careful when we breathe out words when we give accounts. Farmers **sow** by spreading seeds with intention for reaping what they hope would grow from the ground. We must watch our intentions when we speak. We must be careful when we find people to speak about someone. Are we finding hearts to sow evil thoughts about your parent, sibling, brethren, colleague, or church? The danger is we tell half truths and embellish to make other person look bad and us look so righteous. Very soon there will be misunderstandings, explosions, and discord in the family, church, and workplace. Discord means resulting in pain and shattered relationship, homes, and church. That is why God hates this sin. We used to be like that before salvation, but after salvation, we must stop it. Some reasons why we do this is to make ourselves look good and make others disliked and look bad. We want others to like us. We are jealous when others are liked more than us. We seek to sow discord and draw others to ourselves or simply break up their friendships. Parents can be jealous of children's closeness to the other spouse. Ultimately it is pride. These seven sins begin with pride. It is what drives us to commit many abominable and disgusting sins. What keeps me as Pastor awake at night at times is the danger that the church begins to have such discord sown among brethren. When people buy things or cook for others, or do things for others, and we get petty and jealous and begin to sow discord with false accusations. Let us be clear about this sin – we are doing Satan's work in Rev 12:10 when we bear false witness by painting certain picture of others. Day and night, he wants to accuse the brethren. It is abominable, hence do not act like that. Always ask ourselves before we breathe out any word – am I a false witness, giving partial truths, embellishing, jumping to conclusions, and having evil intentions. The best solution to affirm know that I am not a false witness who sow discord? Pray

and speak to the person first instead of going to another person. My desire is that we will love BPCWA as our family and never sow discord and allow anyone to do so.

The hope is that we leave the camp realising that these seven sins are not minor. The danger is that because everyone is doing it and it is so common, we brush them off. God views these sins as morally perverted, disgusting, and sickening to His soul. Let us take heed of these seven sins and walk carefully as His child before Him daily.

Yours in our Lord's service  
Pastor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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1. We extend our warmest welcome to Rev Paul Cheng into our midst as he ministers God's Word to us while Pastor is away in Singapore.
2. **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 mingle and get to know one another better.
3. **City Evangelism (Today 2 pm):** The church will be going into the city to share the Gospel today. If you would like to join this outreach, come to the church at 2 pm. Outreach will end at 5 pm with testimonies in the church.
4. **Murdoch University Orientation Day (O'Day) Outreach (This Thursday, 3 August, 9 am - 2 pm):** This is the last O'Day Outreach for 2017 where we have the opportunity to invite students to BPCWA, help them get oriented to Perth and to share the gospel with them. Help is needed so do join us by coming to the BPCWA stall at the Bush Court inside Murdoch University. Please contact Kenny Chia 0425 568 918 for more information.
5. **English Basic Bible Knowledge (Every Sunday, 9 am):** A new cycle of Basic Bible Knowledge Classes has just begun. Those who are seeking baptism or membership transfer to BPCWA should attend these classes, which are conducted in the Upper Level Sanctuary by Pastor. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Christian faith is also welcome to attend as well.

6. **Nursing Home Ministry (Every Sunday, 1:50 pm):** Those intending to go to the Nursing Homes from church are requested to meet in the church foyer at 1:50 pm every week. This is so that there is sufficient time for preparation before the groups leave church at 2 pm for the respective homes.
7. **Holy Matrimony:** The Session congratulates Colin & Fiona Ch'ng on their Holy Matrimony yesterday, conducted in Calvary Pandan BP Church in Singapore. May they glorify God with their marriage.

8. **Programs planned for August:**

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
3/8 Thursday	9:00 am	Murdoch University O'Day
13/8 Sunday	3:30 pm	Husbands & Fathers Fellowship
19/8 Saturday	10:30 am	Mandarin Care Group
20/8 Sunday	6:00 pm	Men & Ladies Fellowship
27/8 Sunday	3:30 pm	Adelphie Fellowship

9. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for Rev Paul Cheng's ministry in our midst, and for the opportunity for us to fellowship with him during this time. Pray for travel mercies for Pastor and Rev Paul Cheng as they fly back this evening.
- Thank God for the learning of the different aspects of God's grace at the Adelphie meeting, and for the sisters who came to learn together.
- Pray for preparation and translation of financial and ministry reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Pray for the Gospel to be brought to many at the City Evangelism outreach today. Pray that God's sheep will be brought into our midst to grow in the knowledge of God together with us.
- Pray for the University Outreach to be used to direct His elect to come to worship and learn about Him at BPCWA.
- Pray for Yew Jinn as he starts off a semester of studies to use it to prepare for God's service in the full time ministry.

SERVICE DUTY	30/7 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch	6/8 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Assoc Pastor Paul Cheng/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Michael Lee/Sonny Lim	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Joel Wong	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Sharon Poon
Welcomers (Foyer)	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Lily Liow	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Mark Heath
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Yi Choong Liew, *Jonathan Woo Eugene Leong, Pei Shion Chai Kenny Chia, Deacon Stephen Chia	*Kenny Tan, *Claude Yiu, Yan Wei Pei Shion Chai, Benjamin Kan Eugene Leong
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan, Jay-son Lim	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Lee Lee Yong
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho, Lee Fung Fong Ming Ming Th'ng, Xuan Rui Yong	Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, May Chee Mak Edward Teng, Joanne Teng
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

### Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Kenny Tan (Ellainne Cheng)	Mark Heath (Benjamin Kan)
South Perth	A: Allan Ang B: Mark Heath	A: Pastor Joseph Poon B: Caleb Cheng
Berrington	Kenny Tan (Yung Tsing Mew)	Mark Heath (Benjamin Kan)
Bull Creek	Mark Heath	Pastor Joseph Poon

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Tuesday	1/8	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Ellainne Cheng
Wednesday	2/8	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Deuteronomy
Friday	4/8	10:00 am	Mothers Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	6/8	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 (23/7)

Attendance: 188 (Combined-153; JSS-35); Prayer Meeting: 72

Offerings in Total: \$6,372.10; General Fund: \$6,372.10

(#4276-Family Camp-\$44.00; #4277-\$129.00; #4278-Library-\$10.00; #4279-FEBC-\$370.00; #4280-\$140.00)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?** The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, (1 Corinthians 10:10; James 3:14-16) envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his. (Galatians 5:26; Colossians 3:5)