



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

August 13<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 Karen Ee/Allan Ang

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong

\*Hymn HOP 4 Holy, Holy, Holy

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 135:15-21

Hymn HOP 219 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings HOP 391 The Love of God

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:15

Hymn HOP 409 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

## What is BPCWA known for?

\*Hymn HOP 179 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

\*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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## Praying for BPCWA

Dear BPCWAians, Last week, we looked at the biblical principle of praying for other churches. As we serve God in this part of Australia, we must continue to be concerned about the faithfulness of God's work being upheld in other parts of Australia and the world. Though they are not in Perth, we must also be labouring in prayer for them too, that they will not fall. But at the same time, **do you pray for BPCWA?** You may say, yes, I pray for this or that church activity, or for this worshipper or that worshipper. That is well and good. We must continue to do that. But what exactly should we pray for BPCWA as a church?

**What must we pray for?** What are some very key things to pray for BPCWA in your personal closet, family worships, and during our church prayer meetings? The following are some important items to regularly and faithfully support the church in prayer for.

**1) To be faithful to the end.** Many churches that were once faithful and used mightily of God are either compromising today or are no longer in existence. BPCWA will not be spared from Satan's attack. Do you hope that our future generation will have a sound church to worship, grow, and serve God in? Then pray that BPCWA will always be faithful in doctrines and practices during these last days. Ask God to help us practice Biblical separation to keep out false teachings and to not compromise so as to please man. Also, ask God to keep BPCWA's teaching sound and pure so that this church will always be green pastures and safe waters for His sheep to grow in. Ask God to keep BPCWA to be a God centered and not man centered church. Do pray that BPCWA will keep away from Contemporary Christian Music (CCM) and carnal modern worship styles. Ask God to teach us to fear only Him and be a church after His own heart to our very last day on earth so that He will be pleased to lead His true sheep to BPCWA and use it mightily for His Kingdom.

**2) To not be a worldly church.** As a church, we must be people that are called out from the world. A worldly church will not have God's personal presence to guide and will not be used of Him. Always pray that BPCWA will not be carnal and worldly. Ask God to keep us from loving the things of the world. May its worshippers not be proud and obsessed with worldly successes and possessions. May its people's conversations and life's focus be about spiritual pursuits and not about job positions, prestigious schools, successes of children and grandchildren, size of homes and cars, and brands of clothing. Pray that BPCWA will never seek to be an "atas" (high class) church where people come to compare and to show off their worldly achievements. Pray that BPCWA will have worshippers and families who are truly spiritual, who love to study God's Word to obey Him, who seek His Kingdom first, and make choices in life that always put His kingdom first, no matter what it may cost us in terms of financials, reputation, or comfort. Pray for a praying church that looks to God, depends on God in all things and trusts in Him instead of our own wisdom and strength. At the same time, pray that BPCWA will not be proud of any achievement when God uses us, keeps us sound, and keeps us faithful. Pray that we will always serve God humbly and for His glory.

**3) To have godly leaders.** Pray that BPCWA will always have leaders are God fearing men at all levels and areas. Pray for leaders who love God's Word, who constantly study it, and know Scriptures well in order to lead the church and ministries. Pray that they have genuine convictions from their heart so that they will voluntarily uphold and defend the doctrinal truths and the church's stand. Pray that BPCWA's leaders will practice Biblical separation at both personal and church levels because leaders are to be examples and to safeguard the church from compromise and infiltration. Pray for

godly men who will stand courageously to protect God's flock against any persons, teachings, or practices that would dilute the purity of the doctrine and life of our church. Pray that God will unite, protect, strengthen, and grant discernment to its leaders. Pray that BPCWA's leaders at all levels will always do that which is right in God's eyes, and not be partial because of relationships, friendship, or favours. Pray that BPCWA will have prayerful leaders who lean upon God and not on their own experience and wisdom. Pray that BPCWA will in every generation have godly men who are ready to deny self and serve Him in the church, who will fulfil all the qualifications of church leaders in their conscience and in their lives.

**4) To be united in Biblical love and service.** Nothing is as destructive to a church as one that "self-destructs" through internal conflicts (Mk 3:25). A house divided in itself cannot stand. An effective tool that the devil uses to disrupt the progress of God's work is this tactic which he uses very successfully in many churches. All the above prayer items are of no avail if there were not unity of hearts and purpose. Pray that God will teach BPCWA to be united in love based upon God's Truth, and not based upon personal preferences. We must seek peace and unity at all costs, but never at the cost of Truth. Also, pray that God will prevent any one from among us from sowing discord among the brethren. Ask God for carefulness in our thought, speech, and action so that we will not be used of Satan to do his diabolical work. Let us be humble and not self centered, but always seeking to do good to others. Pray that BPCWA will stand firmly together as a family in Christ. At the same time, pray that the church will have discernment to discern and deal with infiltrators who seek to subvert the church's beliefs and cause divisions.

We must learn to pray for BPCWA. The above list is not exhaustive. Satan continues to desire to sift us as wheat, and will not leave BPCWA alone if we continue to serve God faithfully. New problems will arise if we are complacent and do not watch and pray. Praying for the church is an

indication of your love for BPCWA. I hope you will keep this list always with you to use in your personal and family prayer weekly, if not daily. So finally, “Brethren, pray for us” (1 Thess 5:25) – in your homes, in our prayer meetings, in your prayer closets.

Yours in our Lord’s service  
Pastor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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1. **Husbands & Fathers Fellowship (Today, 3:30 pm):** Eph 5:25 says “Husbands, love your wives...” Do you know how to love your wife as God has recorded in this verse? Pastor will continue to teach on this verse and all husbands and fathers are encouraged to come and study God’s Word together.
2. **Mandarin Care Group (Saturday, 19 August, 10:30 am):** The meeting will be held in Church. Pastor will be speaking on “The Christian Armour - The Shield of Faith” taken from Ephesians 6:16. As there will be lunch fellowship after the message, please kindly bring a dish to share. All are welcome to attend and learn God’s Word together.
3. **Men Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship (Next Sunday, 20 August, 6 pm):** Come and join us as we study how to live a God honouring life as a Christian man or woman. Dinner starts at 6 pm with both programs starting at 7 pm. More details next week.
4. **September 30in30 (Sign up today) :** The Great Commission was never the Great Suggestion. To help participants develop an obedient response every day to the Great Commission, we will begin the September 30in30 outreach program in about two weeks. To sign up and find out more, please come to the registration table in the fellowship hall today.

5. **Gutter Repairs:** Due to constant rainy weather, repairs to divert water from the gutter at the front entrance of the church has been delayed again. The glue needed for some of the works is best done during dry days as it requires time for setting. Do be careful on the steps during the rainy season.

6. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the children that have started to join the Teens Question and Answer sessions in recent months. Pray that they will be grounded in the faith and will grow closer together with others in the church through this Bible Study.
- Thank God for those that have joined the Basic Bible Knowledge classes recently and over the past few months. Pray that they will continue to come and learn of the faith together.
- Pray for the Choir ministry to use their voices to sing of God from hearts of praise for His work in them. May the words sung edify and encourage the congregation to worship God with greater zeal as we sing His praise together.
- Pray for wisdom for the Audio Visual and Technology ministries to be used to help in the effective proclamation of God's Word to believers within and outside of BPCWA.
- Pray that worshippers will labour in the ministry of prayer for BPCWA and for other like-minded churches to continue testifying of God in unity and faithfulness. Pray for God's continued use of Far Eastern Bible College to ground believers to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered.
- Pray for the preaching and teaching of God's Word in every ministry to convict hearers of sin and cause believers to live their earthly lives in earnest expectation of Christ's coming.

SERVICE DUTY	13/8 COMBINED	20/8 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Allan Ang	Deacon Joel Wong
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Winnie Lim
Welcomers (Foyer)	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Kenny Tan	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Yi San Chieng
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Alex Luu, *Edward Ee, Allan Ang Caleb Cheng, Kenny Chia Eugene Leong	*Eddie Foo, *Mark Heath, Eugene Leong Yi Choong Liew, Jonathan Woo Deacon Stephen Chia
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	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	Edward Ee (Hannah Th'ng)	Caleb Cheng (Benjamin Kan)
South Perth	A: Mark Heath B: Allan Ang	A: Kenny Tan B: Jason Tey
Berrington	Allan Ang (Hannah Th'ng)	Caleb Cheng (Benjamin Kan)
Bull Creek	Mark Heath	Kenny Tan

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	13/8	12:30 pm	Teens Q and A
		3:30 pm	Husbands & Fathers Fellowship
Tuesday	15/8	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Deacon Joel Wong, Kenny Tan, Mew Yung Tsing
Wednesday	16/8	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Deuteronomy
Friday	18/8	10:00 am	Mothers Fellowship
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	19/8	10:30 am	Mandarin Care Group
Sunday	20/8	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
		6:00 pm	Men Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (6/8)

Attendance: 182 (Combined-155; JSS-27); Prayer Meeting: 78

Offerings in Total: \$7,530.90; General Fund: \$7,530.90

(#4284-\$282.10; #4285-\$250.00; #4286-\$132.70; #4287-Library-\$20.00; #4288-Sale of Camp T-shirt-\$24.00)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?** Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others. (Ezekiel 8:6, 13, 15; Matthew 11:20-24; John 19:11)