



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

September 10th, 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/Claude Yiu

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple **1**

Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong

*Hymn **HOP 49** Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Invocation/Gloria Patri **2**

Responsive Reading Psalm 138:1-8

Hymn **HOP 226** He Hideth My Soul

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

*Doxology **3**/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation **HOP 33** Blessed Be the Name

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:22-23

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

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/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.

Christ the Head of the Church

*Hymn **HOP 179** I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

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*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

The Annual Congregational Meeting, Elections and you

Dear BPCWAians, Over the last few weeks' Pastoral Letter, we have been looking at various aspects of this meeting in the run up to the Triennial elections and ACM. We will close up the series with a look at what will be held next week.

How should you prepare for the elections? Elections are not just “something that is on the calendar”. It is a critical event for God’s church and should be important to you. As Christians, church is an important part of your spiritual life and growth. The Session will make decisions on behalf of the church. They will be involved in planning and organising the events and activities in church. We should be concerned that they are leaders that will follow and obey Christ, the Head of the church. On our part, the Board of Elders have ensured that, to the best of our knowledge, the men who are standing for elections fulfil the spiritual qualifications and are willing to participate wholeheartedly in the ministry of the church. The election is your role in the process, where the members will vote in the next Session of BPCWA. While we believe that these are the right candidates being put up this year, we should still know what we must do as members:

1) Know who you are voting for. A booklet entitled “2017 Triennial Session Election Candidates” was distributed together with the Sunday bulletin on 27th August. This year, there are 4 candidates being put up for election – 1 for Office of Pastor, and 3 for Office of Deacon. **2) Know the biblical qualifications required for each Office.** I have outlined over several weeks the qualifications the God requires for leaders of the church. You can find these in my Pastoral letter

from 18th June to 16th July. There are requirements for Deacons, and a higher standard required for Pastors and Elders, so take some time to familiarise yourself with these. **3) *Prayerfully assess the candidates for each role based upon the qualifications and their role.*** What it simply means is – if someone is standing for Office of Deacon, don't expect him to be doing the role of Elder and assess him against those qualifications and vice versa for the Pastor. Look at their lives – have they demonstrated themselves to be of sound character? Then, look at their service in the church – have they demonstrated themselves faithful to God's Truth, and diligent in his past and current areas of service? **4) *Pray for the elections.*** Keep this in your daily prayer for the church that we will be blessed with a God fearing Session that will serve together in peace and unity with the sole objective of glorifying God and advancing His kingdom's work here at BPCWA. **5) *Know how to vote.*** During the ACM, listen carefully when the explanation on how to fill the voting form is made. Every member who votes is accountable before God. Pray and indicate your vote properly.

How should you prepare for the ACM? We hold a Congregational Meeting so that members take stock of what we have done over the past year as a church. This is why so much effort has gone into having ministry leads submit their respective reports.

1) *Review the ACM reports.* By now, most of you should have received a copy of the ACM reports. As you read through these reports, you should: a) Have a better understanding and appreciation of what each group is involved in. You may not attend every fellowship group,

but through these, you have a glimpse of what each fellowship group has done. It also tells you what has been the focus of each ministry and what it is involved in. b) Know how to pray for each group. c) Aim to participate in some of these fellowships or ministries. If all these seem rather remote to you, then make it a point this year to join some of these fellowships. Serve in an area of ministry. Be part of the body of Christ at BPCWA. d) How you, as a body of Christ, can contribute in some way. Is there someone you know that you can invite to these fellowship groups? Do you have some expertise in some area that may be helpful for that ministry? **2) *Understand the Constitution changes being proposed.*** This year, the congregation will vote on 3 areas changes to the Constitution. 2 are actual amendments to the Constitution, while the other is about corrections to typographical errors present in the current Constitution. We are proposing these changes because we believe that they are safeguards for the church. For Constitution changes, a two-thirds majority vote of members is required. So, do read through the details and reasons for these in last week's Pastoral letter and prayerfully vote for what is best for BPCWA.

Ultimately, let us pray and endeavour that everything that is done at next Sunday's Annual Congregational Meeting is what God desires for BPCWA. Everything must be done objectively – keeping aside personal preferences, likes or dislikes – based on God's Word, His revealed will, and for His Glory. When elected, this must also be the Session's purpose – to execute God's Will, God's way, and for Him alone. We must work together with this common purpose and objective. Only when we do this can we truly say that Christ is "the head over all *things* to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." (Eph 1:22-23)

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Husbands and Fathers Fellowship (Today, 3:30 pm):** Ephesians 5:26 says that the husband is to sanctify the wife. Husbands and Fathers are encouraged to come and learn together as Pastor continues to teach on this verse and the practical application found in this verse.
2. **Sunday Worship Service (Next Sunday, 17 September, 9:00 am):** In view of the ACM to be held later that day, Worship Service will begin at 9 am instead of 10 am.
3. **Annual Congregational Meeting & Triennial Election (Next Sunday, 17 September, 11:30 am):** All members are required to attend the Triennial Elections and ACM which will be held after the Worship Service. Please read through the testimonies of the Session election candidates and the ACM reports this week as well. Lunch will be served after the ACM.
4. **Adelphé Bible Study (Next Sunday 17 September, 3.30 pm):** Want to know more about God's Decrees, Providence and Will, or have questions on these topics? Come join us at this Bible study to build your understanding on Theism - Knowing God. Pastor will continue to lead us through a detailed study on these topics and answer any questions you may have.
5. **Combined Fellowship (next Friday, 22 September, 7:30 pm):** The notes and recordings of the first 2 messages on the 1517 Reformation have been uploaded on the website at www.bpcwa.org.au and all worshippers are encouraged to listen to them. The final message in the series, on "Counter Reformation and Return" will be held next Friday.
6. **Seniors Fellowship (Saturday, 23 September, 10:30 am):** will be at church with Pastor speaking on the topic "The Reason for Earthly Possessions". Lunch fellowship will follow after, so please kindly bring a dish to share. All are warmly welcome to join.

7. **Baptisms, Affirmation of Faith and Membership Transfers** will be conducted during Sunday Service on Reformation Sunday, 29 October. Those who have completed the full course of Basic Bible Knowledge and wish to be baptised, affirm their faith, or have their memberships transferred to BPCWA can collect a copy of the necessary forms from Dn Joel. Completed forms, together with their testimonies, must be submitted to Dn Joel by 24 September.

8. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for God fearing fathers in the home, who lead their families to follow after God by their lives and through the teaching of God's Word.
- Thank God for the study on the Protestant Reformation at the Combined Fellowship. May it spur BPCWA to continue in the same spirit to stand for Truth in our times.
- Thank God for the freedom to go out to evangelise in Perth city, and for His help upon the Evangelism Workshop and all who participated in the City Evangelism.
- Thank God for answers to prayer for His sustaining Hand and daily grace over the sick. Thank God for strengthening their faith in God during these times.
- Pray for members to be guided by God's Word and will at our ACM and Triennial elections next week. Pray for prepared hearts for the candidates that are standing for elections to serve in the fear of God and with fervent and united hearts for God's work.
- Pray for the preparations for the Annual Congregational Meeting and elections, for unity of hearts and the discussions to enable BPCWA to do God's work faithfully according to His purpose for us here.
- Pray for protection of the church from Satan's attacks and plans.
- Pray for continued freedom to worship, teach, defend and practice our faith here. Pray for BPCWA to be able to continue to send out His light and the Gospel of salvation.

SERVICE DUTY	10/9 COMBINED	17/9 COMBINED - ACM & Triennial Elections
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Michael Lee/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Claude Yiu	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Winnie Lim
Welcomers (Foyer)	Colin Tey, May Chee Tey, Yi Choong Liew	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Lee Lian Yong
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Yi Choong Liew, *Eddie Foo Claude Yiu, Caleb Cheng Kenny Chia, Alex Luu	*Jonathan Woo, *Allan Ang, Edward Ee, Deacon Stephen Chia Deacon Adrian Cheng, Colin Chng
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan, Jay-son Lim	Kenny Chia, Ellainne Cheng, Yi Jye Chieng
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho Lee Fung Fong, Ming Ming Th'ng Xuan Rui Yong	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew Christine Chia, Illhoa Ramachandran Mable Soon
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Colin Tey (Benjamin Kan)	Recess due to Annual Congregational Meeting and Triennial Election Of Session
South Perth	A: Kenny Tan B: Caleb Cheng	
Berrington	Kenny Tan (Hannah Th'ng)	
Bull Creek	Allan Ang	

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	10/9	12:30 pm	Teens Q and A
		3:30 pm	Husbands and Fathers Fellowship
Tuesday	12/9	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Ellainne Cheng
Wednesday	13/9	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Deuteronomy
Friday	15/9	10:00 am	Mothers Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	17/9	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		11:30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting & Triennial Election
		3:30 pm	Adelphie Bible Study

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (3/9)

Attendance: 207 (Combined-175; JSS-32); Prayer Meeting: 66; Friday Combined Fellowship: 100 (1/9); 96 (8/9)
Offerings in Total: \$6,048.80; General Fund: \$6,048.80
(#4306-Combined Fellowship-\$688.30; Piano Tuning-\$400.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is repentance unto life? Repentance unto life is a saving grace, (Acts 11:18; 2 Timothy 2:25) whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, (Psalm 51:1-4; Joel 2:13; Luke 15:7, 10; Acts 2:37) doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, (Jeremiah 31:18-19; Luke 1:16-17; 1 Thessalonians 1:9) with full purpose of, and endeavour after, new obedience. (2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 119:57-64; Matthew 3:8; 2 Corinthians 7:10)