



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

September 24th, 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 Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 23 How Great Thou Art!

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading

Psalm 139:13-24

Hymn

HOP 210 Trust and Obey

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 8** Now Thank We All Our God

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:4-7

Hymn

HOP 139 Wonderful Words of Life

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.

God Who Is Rich In Mercy

*Hymn

HOP 391 The Love of God

*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

Evangelism and You

Dear BPCWAians. Thank God for the ACM and God's will being done in the elections. What is the purpose of all the ministries in the reports in the ACM report? What is the purpose of having church leaders? The purpose is to bring glory to God. God's glory is the ultimate end of all activities and of the leaders' duties to the Church of God.

Why do you evangelise? Evangelism is not the sole purpose of a church, but it is one of the ways we bring glory to God. Through evangelism, man knows who He is. When man knows God and get saved, they see His glory and worship Him and serve Him aright. Christ prayed for this in His High Priestly Prayer. When Christ prayed for the future believers that will come after His death, He prayed, "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world." (John 17:24). And Christ's aim is that when He is glorified, He glorifies the Father (John 17:1). Since the chief end of man is to glorify God, and evangelism enables man to know God through salvation, then one of the very effective ways to achieve our end is to evangelise. I just answered why you evangelise. The questions that remain are – What does it mean to evangelise? How to evangelise? When to evangelise?

What does it mean to evangelise? It literally means "to tell good news". We get the English word "evangelise" from the Greek word "euangelion". This Greek word is translated as "gospel" in the English Bible. This word means good news or good message. When Christ said, ". . . have the gospel preached to them," (Matt 11:5) it means to bring the good news to them. So, to evangelise is literally to tell people about the Gospel. It is an active and purposeful behaviour with a particular message. The behaviour involves

speaking to them, not just being a good testimony but never actually speaking to them about God's good news. Without knowing the contents of the Gospel, they cannot be saved.

How to evangelise? By telling them the GOSPEL. Many shy away from sharing the Gospel (ie evangelise) because they are unsure of what exactly to include in the message. I will recapitulate what was covered in our recent Evangelism Workshop. In the G-O-S-P-E-L message, people must know the following at least:

“G” for GOD: People must know that Jesus Christ is the living and true God. He is more than a mere good person. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (Joh 1:1), “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” (Joh 1:14)

“O” for ONLY WAY: the only way to heaven is through Jesus Christ, not good works nor our own ideas. “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (Joh 14:6)

“S” for SIN: man must know that all have sinned. Sin is not based upon what man thinks is bad and evil and considers as sin, but according to what the Eternal Judge says is sin. There is no exception, and that is why all die physically. “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Rom 3:23)

“P” for PENALTY OF SIN: There is a penalty for even just one sin – eternal judgement in hell and the lake of fire. None can escape this judgement. Even what may seem to us like a “small” sin is worthy of this eternal punishment. “For the wages of sin is death . . . ” (Rom 6:23)

“E” for ETERNITY: Man either spends eternity in heaven or in the lake of fire after death. There is no reincarnation. Man must choose while he is still alive for “as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” (Heb 9:27)

“L” for LIFE THROUGH CHRIST: Jesus died for our sin and resurrected 3 days later. You must lead the person to Christ and not leave him wondering how he can be saved. You must tell him how to come to Christ. Tell him that he must (a) confess that he is a sinner, (b) in repentance, personally ask God to forgive him and save him, (c) start to daily read the Bible, pray, and come to church to worship God and grow spiritually. “. . . but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Rom 6:23)

Have the above as a little card, or take a photo of it with your handphone if you need to. There is no excuse or fear of not knowing the basic message now. Neither let us be ashamed of the Gospel “. . . for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth . . .” (Rom 1:16)

When to evangelise? Evangelism is an active and purposeful behaviour with a particular message. We learned about the particular message. The active behaviour is to proactively seek opportunities and reactively be ready to respond when opportunities arise to share the Gospel. It is a daily and natural habit. And it is a personal way of life. Hence, evangelism is not only during church Street E, Nursing Home outreach, and Sept 30in30. It therefore means that you and I must have ready Bible verses (whether in memory or hardcopy), wherever we go, even when on holidays. It means that we must be mindfully looking out for people in different situations in our daily lives. Sometimes visitors may even come to church and may not have heard the gospel before. It implies that we must have tracts in our pockets, car, handbags, school bags, home at all times. Let us be less distracted by window shopping, sightseeing, mindless wandering and chattering, but at all times be praying for and taking opportunities given to tell the GOSPEL to people we meet. A person who seeks to evangelise is one who deeply desires to glorify God because he wants others to see who God is, and hence worship and serve Him, not just avoid hell. Let you and I go forth because,

“I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know ‘tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.”

Yours in our Lord’s service
Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Fellowship Lunch (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.
2. **Busy Bee (This Saturday, 30 September, 9:00 am):** Come this Saturday to help clean the church and serve God together. Lunch will be provided.
3. **Infant Baptism** will be conducted during Sunday Worship Service on 22 October. Parents who wish to have their infant baptised, please collect a copy of the infant baptism form from Deacon Joel Wong. Completed forms must be submitted to Deacon Joel Wong by Sunday, 8 October.
4. **Baptisms, Affirmation of faith and Membership Transfers:** Completed forms, together with their testimonies, must be submitted to Deacon Joel Wong by today.

5. Programs planned for October:

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
1/10 Sunday	(Worship Service)	Consecration & Installation of Session
14/10 Saturday	Lunch (12:30-2:30pm)	Husbands & Fathers Lunch Gathering
15/10 Sunday	3:30 pm	Adelphe Bible Study
21/10 Saturday	10:30 am	Mandarin Care Group
22/10 Sunday	6:00 pm	Men & Ladies Fellowship
29/10 Sunday	(Worship Service)	Reformation Sunday Worship Service

6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the Annual Congregational Meeting and His will being done at the Triennial Elections. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and diligence for the new Session.
- Thank God for the Adelphe Bible study, for sisters to learn together about God's decrees.
- Thank God for the conclusion of the series of messages on the 1517 Protestant Reformation. Pray that BPCWA will continue to stand faithful and contend earnestly for the Truth of the Gospel like the Reformers.
- Thank God for Seniors Fellowship and the opportunity for the Seniors to be built up and fellowship together.
- Pray for faithfulness and fruitfulness as we go tracting in Sept 30in30. Pray that we will build a habit of evangelism in us. Pray for everyone to continue to be earnest in speaking to others about Christ and bringing them to the truth based upon the Word of God.
- Pray for safety and joyful hearts to work together for the maintenance of the church during Busy Bee. Pray also for wisdom for the ongoing maintenance of the church.
- Pray for continued freedom to worship. Pray for BPCWA to be able to continue to send out His light and the Gospel of salvation.

SERVICE DUTY	24/9 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch	1/10 COMBINED - Installation of Session Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Deacon Eugene Leong/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Sharon Poon
Welcomers (Foyer)	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Mark Heath	Wei Yan, Bei Li, Mark Heath
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Eddie Foo, *Mark Heath, Wei Yan Caleb Cheng, Deacon Eugene Leong Alex Luu	*Edward Ee, *Colin Chng, Michael Lee Kenny Tan, Pei Shion Chai Benjamin Kan
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Lee Lee Yong	Edward Ee, Nancy Chai, Vincent Naing
P.A. System	Kenny Chia	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, May Chee Tey Edward Teng, Joanne Teng	Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho, Lee Fung Fong Ming Ming Th'ng, Xuan Rui Yong
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Deacon Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Kenny Tan (Hannah Th'ng)	Kenny Tan (Benjamin Kan)
South Perth	A: Mark Heath B: Alex Luu	A: Pastor Joseph Poon B: Caleb Cheng
Berrington	Kenny Tan (Benjamin Kan)	Kenny Tan (Benjamin Kan)
Bull Creek	Mark Heath	Pastor Joseph Poon

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	24/9	12:45 pm	Teens Q and A
Tuesday	26/9	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Allan Ang, Ellainne Cheng
Wednesday	27/9	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Deuteronomy
Friday	29/9	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	30/9	9:00 am	Busy Bee
Sunday	1/10	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	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 (17/9)

Attendance: 205 (Combined-175; JSS-30); Prayer Meeting: 82; Friday Combined Fellowship: 92
Offerings in Total: \$7,119.90; General Fund: \$7,119.90 (#4310-\$23.40; #4311-302.00; #4312-\$111.60; #4314-Library-\$20.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: How is the Word made effectual to salvation? The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation. (Nehemiah 8:8-9; Acts 20:32; Romans 10:14-17; 2 Timothy 3:15-17)