



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

October 1<sup>st</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.

### 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.

### 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.

Prelude/Preparatory Hymn Sharon Poon/Kenny Tan

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Eugene Leong/Deacon Joel Wong

\*Hymn **HOP 1 O** Worship the King

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 140:1-13

Consecration and Installation of Session

Holy Communion [Deacon Adrian Cheng, Deacon Eugene Leong, Deacon Joel Wong]

Hymn **HOP 185** According to Thy Gracious Word

**HOP 158** There Is a Fountain

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 432** Thanks to God!

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:8-11

Hymn **HOP 167** Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

## Grace and Works

\*Hymn **HOP 383** Something for Thee

\*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

\*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 4

\*Congregation Standing



### 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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## **Opportunities for Evangelism**

Dear BPCWAians, We talked about evangelism last week - why do we evangelise, how to evangelise and when to evangelise. Since the Great Commission is commanded for all believers, then it means that every worshipper must be a soul winner. Sadly, this has become the Great Omission instead. Evangelism is not an “elite spiritual” activity where only a “select few” are involved, but for everyone. Perhaps it is because we are not conscious of the many daily opportunities for evangelism. So, today, I want to cover a bit more about the several avenues available for us to be able to tell others about the good news. I hope that some of the following suggestions will help to set you thinking and acting to reach out to others to bring them to God.

## **Tracting or Street Evangelism**

**Action on your part – go forth with BPCWA as a group.**

**Question to you: Have you gone out with BPCWA for evangelism before?**

These are “organised” activities where we may go out in groups to designated places for the purpose of evangelism. For example, in BPCWA, during our City Evangelism or Australia Day outreaches, we would go to various places around Perth and speak and/or give tracts to those around. These may be people who may simply be out for a picnic, or in the midst of shopping. Sometimes, they are people on the move, and all you can do is really to offer them a tract for them to read later. In some cases, you encounter those who are ready to stop to speak to you, allowing for the opportunity of saying more to them of the gospel. In some instances, you can consider knocking on the doors of homes and speaking to those who would open their doors. Door to door

evangelism is a common way in some countries like Singapore. As we approach Christmas, do remember to bring along invitational leaflets from the church for such special events as well. You can perhaps think about these as “sowing”. When a farmer goes out and throws the seeds far and wide, it is in the prayerful hope that the seeds may land on some good soil. Such an outreach is very useful because it reaches out to a wide group of people that we are not likely to come across, in the regular schedules of our life. Whether you’re a first timer or have been doing evangelism for some time, this is always a good way to evangelise.

### **Church Activity or Events**

**Action on your part - Invite your loved ones, siblings, relatives, school mates, colleagues, neighbours, friends, parents of your children’s friends, etc to come to church.**

**Question to you: Have you at least invited someone to church recently?**

For most of us, we did not immediately receive the gospel the first time we heard of it. Very often, it is through regular contacts with a Christian, or at church. “. . . faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Rom 10:17) Sometimes, it does not always mean that you have to dispense the gospel during the first conversation with them. It may mean inviting them to church to hear the gospel. Or it can just start at getting them engaged with people at church, or the events and activities at church as well. Often, church events are good opportunities to reach out too. These are good opportunities to invite people to church and at the same time to be able to speak to them about the gospel. As part of God’s instrumentalities, He uses the church as one of His means to speak of His Gospel and His truth. So, we must not overlook the fact that church activities or events are important avenues to reach out to unbelievers as well. Here are some that you can consider:

- *Worship service, Sunday Bible Studies, BBK:* These are regular on Sunday, starting with Bible Studies at 9am and Worship at 10am.

- *Fellowship meetings*: Perhaps you have a friend who has never visited a church and is not ready to come for Worship Service. If so, then consider inviting him or her to join our fellowship meetings. The topic for most of our fellowship meetings are announced in our bulletins 2 Sundays prior to the event. Every year, we conduct a series of messages on special subjects - some of these topics may be of interest to some of our friends. Each time you read the announcements, think about who you know that may be interested in coming for the meeting, and invite them.

- *Children Sunday School activities*: Once a year, the Sunday School committee also plans for a program for the children during their school holidays. This is not just intended for children within the church from our Sunday school, but is intended to serve as an outreach to those outside of BPCWA as well. Many parents are often at a loss as to how to fill their children's time during their holidays. Some would welcome the thought of sending them for an activity at church during this time. The next one will be held in December. Start thinking today about who you can invite for this activity.

- *Special events*: In our calendar, we set aside days to commemorate key Christian events. Very often, it may not even occur to us to invite friends, because it has been ingrained so much into part of our "regular schedule". But think of Reformation Sunday, Easter and Christmas and other such events as an opportunity to invite friends to come to join us in church to learn about His saving work and His Gospel.

### **Special Personal Occasions**

**Action on your part - consider using your family occasions as a gospel outreach as well.**

**Question to you: Have you used any personal engagements to reach out to someone?**

For example, if you are planning a children's party or outing and are inviting unbelievers, or celebrating a birthday for elderly parents,

or a child's graduation, use these as Gospel opportunities. After all, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Cor 10:31) Include a Gospel message where you can – as part of the celebration, or in your testimony, or as a tract tucked together with a welcome or door gift. Instead of focusing only on fun and celebrating your milestone in life, give God the glory. Speak of the help that He has given you so that you can even have a reason for celebrating this occasion, speak of how the Gospel has changed your life, and very importantly, speak of the Gospel. When thinking of gifts, give your guests something to bring back that they can read about (eg Tracts) or continue to be reminded of the Gospel. But, with or without the gospel message, all such occasions must be "as it becometh the gospel of Christ." (Phil 1:27) Let them be Christlike, testifying of the holy God that will one day judge sin.

I hope that all these pointers will help every one of us to make it a practical reality to always be ready to "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season" (2 Tim 4:2).

Yours in our Lord's service  
Pastor

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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1. **Husbands & Fathers Fellowship (Saturday, 14 October, 12:30-2:30 pm)** will have a Q&A session with Pastor over a lunch gathering at church. This meeting will be a time where we can ask Pastor any questions in any area and also to mutually encourage each other. All husbands and fathers are welcome to join. Please submit your questions to Pastor and also inform Terry Chong of your attendance.
2. **Infant Baptism:** Parents intending to have their infants baptised are requested to meet with Pastor in the library after Service at 11:45 am next Sunday.
3. A gentle reminder for all to dispose of your food and drinks properly. Please also help ensure that you wash utensils that you use and keep them back in their proper places.
4. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
  - Thank God for the Busy Bee held yesterday and all who came to serve God together in the maintenance of His church yesterday.
  - Thank God for the consecration of the new Session. Pray that the Session will be united in faithful and diligent service for God's glory.
  - Pray for God to grant wisdom and direction at the Session meeting this Saturday, that decisions made may help to progress God's work at BPCWA.
  - Pray for God's guidance upon the redevelopment works at Nehemiah and the rectification of some areas in Jeremiah.
  - Pray for peace and unity of hearts and minds in BPCWA so that we may serve together with zeal for the work God has for us here.
  - Pray for Yew Jinn's studies as he nears the end of his current semester at Far Eastern Bible College. Pray that he will be equipped for God's call to the full-time ministry.

SERVICE DUTY	1/10 COMBINED - Installation of Session Holy Communion	8/10 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Eugene Leong/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Kenny Tan	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers (Foyer)	Wei Yan, Bei Li, Mark Heath	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Kenny Tan
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Edward Ee, *Colin Chng, Michael Lee Kenny Tan, Pei Shion Chai Benjamin Kan	*Jason Tey, *Eddie Foo, Alex Luu Michael Lee, Yi Choong Liew Stephen Chia
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Edward Ee, Nancy Chai Vincent Naing	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Cheng Yi Jye Chieng
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho, Lee Fung Fong Ming Ming Th'ng, Xuan Rui Yong	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Ilhoa Ramachandran, Mable Soon
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Deacon Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

### Nursing Home Ministry

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

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Tuesday	3/10	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	4/10	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Deuteronomy
Friday	6/10	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	8/10	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
		12:30 pm	Teens Q & A
		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 (24/9)

Attendance: 195 (Combined-169; JSS-26); Prayer Meeting: 69

Offerings in Total: \$7,360.80; General Fund: \$7,360.80 (#4315-Library-\$42.00; #4316-Camp T-Shirt-\$7.00; Combined Fellowship-\$2178.40)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?** That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; (Deuteronomy 6:16; Psalm 119:18; 1 Peter 2:1-2) receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives. (Psalm 119:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:10; Hebrews 4:2; James 1:22-25)