



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

October 8th, 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 Winnie Lim/Jason Tey

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong

*Hymn **HOP 7** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Psalm 141:1-10

Hymn **HOP 368** The Lily of the Valley

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 434** Count Your Blessings

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:11-17

Hymn **HOP 232** Wonderful Peace

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

Christ Is Our Peace

*Hymn **HOP 237** It Is Well with My Soul

*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

What do you do after Evangelism?

Dear BPCWAians, Last week, we looked at various opportunities that are available for us to reach out to others with the gospel. Now that we are aware of the opportunities available for us to do evangelism, what do we do after the initial contact?

The Purpose of Evangelism. Our mission must not merely be to deliver souls from hell. Our mission is to bring the souls to the saving knowledge of God. This saving knowledge is ultimately 1) believing in the true gospel and depending on Christ alone for salvation 2) being delivered from the power of sin through the Word of God and the Holy Spirit 3) living for God's Glory alone thereafter. Often, when we go out tracting or through events, the first part is to deliver the gospel of salvation. We give them the knowledge of how to be saved, and warn them about their certain end if they do not trust in Christ Jesus as their Saviour. But if we forget the 2nd and 3rd aspect of salvation, then our mission will just be to save souls. This is incomplete. The Great Commission is not merely a "going". Christ's commission to His church is about discipleship. When He says "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt 28:19), He intends for these new believers to be brought into good, sound churches, and taught about Him. It is for this reason that whether in missions or in evangelism outreaches, we must only work together with churches where God's truth is taught and practiced – so that when souls are saved, they are led to green pastures and still waters and can grow spiritually there. This part is not just the work of one person, but we need the help of many in the church.

What can you do after Evangelism?

Tracting or Street Evangelism: Followup needed – Invite them to church. You've given out the tract, you've spoken to them about the gospel. What next? If they are interested and it is feasible, invite them to join our activities at church. This can be for our Worship Service, or for our

fellowship meetings. Do they need transport? Then find out where they stay, and check with our Transport ministry if it is possible to arrange for transport for them to come to church. Send them a message, or give them a call a few days after you've met them, and see how they're going. Encourage them to come to church and arrange to meet and accompany them if they come.

Church Activity or Events: Followup needed – Be a friend to them

Here's where everyone in BPCWA can be involved in, regardless of whether we were the ones who reached out to the person on the street or not. Look out for new visitors. It may be someone from City Evangelism. Or it may be someone from an outreach. Or it may be just a friend from school. Do you remember your first day at school? Or your first day on the job? When everyone seemed to know everyone... ie, everyone except you? That's how they feel. Here are some suggestions of what you can do. It may not be just for those you have met through evangelism outreaches, or a friend that someone has invited to church. It could just be someone that is visiting BPCWA for the first time – Welcomers and Ushers can particularly help in these cases.

1) During the service: Try to ensure that someone sits with them during the Bible Study or Service. If you have invited someone, try to sit with them, or arrange for someone appropriate to sit with them during the service. If you just happen to be next to someone that you haven't seen before and seems new, you can play that role of being their friend – just introduce yourself to them and be welcoming. Get them a Bible or a hymnbook if they don't seem to have one. Help them to flip the Bible to the respective passages. Explain to them what to expect during the service.

2) After the service: If they don't yet seem to be a believer, get a tract from the foyer and give it to them. Tell them about the gospel or introduce them to someone who may be able to do so. Get to know the person. Talk to them and introduce some other worshippers to them so that they get to know some people in church. Invite them to the

fellowship hall for a drink. Be warm, and be sincere.... and don't leave the visitor standing out alone in a corner and feeling awkward. If they weren't invited by someone, get their contacts so that you know how to reach out to them again later. Invite them for our other activities, and get them to meet someone from that fellowship group if you won't be there. But despite all this, let us remember that it is not merely about being helpful and friendly. It is about giving them the opportunity to hear the Word of God taught and preached. After all, evangelism begins with the desire to have them come to personal faith and trust in the saving merit of Jesus Christ. And "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom 10:17) That is the reason why we want them to come to church – because at church is where they will have the most opportunity to be exposed to the Word of God. And after they believe, a sound church is where they will be able to grow spiritually, as babes in Christ.

Have you invited many into church? Have you continued to encourage those that have come into church? Ultimately, let us all remember that we are but workers. We cannot "convince" someone about the gospel. We cannot "win a debate" with an unbeliever to cause them to believe in God. We could never have planned in advance the person that would cross our paths so that we could invite them to church. God has to work in all parts of the process. We are only but workers that are privileged to be part of His work. This is a great work, with far greater rewards than anything the world could offer. It must be a humbling and joyful work when we see a life changed through the gospel. Only the Word of God can change a life. Only the Word of God can quicken that which was once dead into life. Always give God all the glory.

1 Corinthians 3:7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

Planting and watering is the work of all Christians. Let us not plant but forget to water. As we plant and water, let us remember to pray. All Christians have a part to play in evangelism.

Yours in our Lord's service
Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Infant Baptism:** Parents intending to have their infants baptised are requested to meet with Pastor in the library after Service at 11:45 am today.
2. **Husbands & Fathers Fellowship (This 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.
3. **Adelphie Bible Study (Next Sunday, 15 October, 3:30 pm):** Come join us at this Bible study as we continue to look at the nature of God's decrees, how God executes His decrees, and the different kinds of providence mentioned in Scripture. Pastor will be leading us in this in-depth study. All ladies are encouraged to come and learn together, the Bible study will be held at church.
4. **Mandarin Care Group (Saturday, 21 October, 10:30 am):** The meeting will be held in Church. Pastor will continue to speak on "The Christian Armour" (Ephesians 6:10-18) series. As there will be fellowship lunch after the message, please kindly bring a dish to share. All are welcome to attend and learn God's Word together.
5. **BPCWA Church Group Photo (Sunday, 22 October)** will be taken after Worship Service. All worshippers are requested to gather immediately in front of the church building at the conclusion of Worship Service for the photo taking.
6. **Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation:** The series of 3 Reformation Lectures conducted have been uploaded online. Worshippers are encouraged to view it on our YouTube channel under "Bible-Presbyterian Church of WA –

The Spirit and Men of the 1517 Protestant Reformation” (<http://bit.ly/BPCWARereformationSeries>), or download the notes and listen to the messages from our church website (<http://www.bpcwa.org.au/>). Please also help yourself to the booklets entitled “Martyrs of the Faith”, “John Huss” and “The Battle Rages On”, which are available at the table in the foyer.

7. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for His guidance and wisdom at the Session meeting yesterday. Pray for God’s continued help in carrying out the things discussed.
- Thank God for raising many to help in various ministries of the church. Thank God for all who work quietly behind the scenes for His kingdom’s work.
- Thank God for the opportunity to reach out to many with the gospel during the Sept 30in30 and our various outreaches. Pray that the Word sown will bear fruit.
- Pray for wisdom so that the Children’s Sunday School ministry will continue to be effective and faithful in teaching God’s truth to the children in our church. Pray for parents to be faithful in bringing up the children to know God and in obeying Him in all aspects of their lives.
- Pray that BPCWA will grow as a light and witness for God here and that we will be ready to serve Him accordingly as He directs. Pray for peace and unity of hearts and minds in our midst so that we can strive together for God’s work zealously.
- Pray for the Husbands and Fathers to mutually encourage each other in truth and build stronger bonds as they gather for lunch this Saturday.
- Pray for sisters to continue to come to learn together on the various aspects of God’s will at the Adelphe Bible Study next Sunday.

SERVICE DUTY	8/10 COMBINED	15/10 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Joel Wong/Sonny Lim
Preparatory Hymn	Jason Tey	Deacon Eugene Leong
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Karen Ee
Welcomers (Foyer)	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Kenny Tan	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Yi Choong Liew
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jason Tey, *Eddie Foo, Alex Luu Michael Lee, Yi Choong Liew Stephen Chia	*Mark Heath, *Claude Yiu, Wei Yan, Yi Choong Liew Pei Shion Chai, Colin Chng
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Cheng Yi Jye Chieng	Caleb Cheng, Mable Soon Shie Tian Wong
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Ilhoa Ramachandran, Mable Soon	Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, May Chee Tey Edward Teng, Joanne Teng
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Deacon Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	

Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng)	Edward Ee (Benjamin Kan)
South Perth	A: Jason Tey B: Allan Ang	A: Mark Heath B: Alex Luu
Berrington	Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng)	Edward Ee (Benjamin Kan)
Bull Creek	Allan Ang	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	8/10	12:30 pm	Teens Q and A
Tuesday	10/10	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Eugene Leong, Sharon Poon
Wednesday	11/10	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Deuteronomy
Friday	13/10	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	14/10	12:30 pm	Husbands & Fathers Fellowship
Sunday	15/10	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 Adelphie Bible Study

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (1/10)

Attendance: 207 (Combined-178; JSS-29); Prayer Meeting: 77

Offerings in Total: \$6317.85; General Fund: \$6317.85

(#4317-\$181; #4318-\$72; #4319-\$83; #4320-Library-\$33.05; #4321-\$106)

SHORTER CATECHISM: How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation? The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in them that by faith receive them (1 Corinthians 3:7; Cf. 1 Corinthians 1:12-17).