



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

December 3<sup>rd</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 Sharon Poon/Deacon Eugene Leong  
The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Joel Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng  
\*Hymn **HOP 7** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2  
Responsive Reading Psalm 147:12-20

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

Hymn **HOP 94** Alas! and Did My Saviour Bleed  
**HOP 99** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 383** Something for Thee

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1-3

Hymn **HOP 262** Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

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.

## Walk Worthy of Your Calling

\*Hymn **HOP 259** Be Thou My Vision

\*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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## **BPCWA Children Holiday Program and You (Yes, you)**

Dear BPCWAians, We are going to have the Children Holiday Bible Program (CHBP) in two weeks' time (18 - 20 December, 8:45 am - 12 pm). Before you think it is a children's program and will not be interested, please read on. It is good for us to understand why we started this program so that you can do your part to support its spiritual purpose.

**Purpose of CHBP.** There are 2 key aims. The first is based upon Prov 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Hence in CHBP, we teach the children key topics which aid them in their spiritual growth and walk with the Lord. Many Christians remember fondly such programs that they went through during their holidays when they were young. Some lessons learnt made a key impact which remained in their lives as they grew up, keeping them from certain sins, and even drawing them back to their Lord when they backslide. It is certainly no surprise, because it is God's promise in Prov 22:6. This is a great encouragement for this work, and for the Sunday School work as well. This passage in Proverbs must be even greater motivation for parents who spend far more time with their children than any program can in church. Topics are specially chosen to help them know God better and also to deal with the areas which they may struggle with even at a young age. At the same time, the Gospel of salvation is always a key part of CHBP. We cannot assume the children attending our church are saved. Since it is also evangelistic, we do open CHBP to friends outside of BPCWA. Some Christians also remember how they got saved through such holiday programs.

The second aim is based upon Eph 5:15-16 "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Free

time is frequently a dangerous time for children. Hence, CHBP seeks to provide a spiritual focus to the children during their holidays. In helping them use their holiday time in a useful way, it develops in them a continued interest in spiritual things even during school holidays. Instead of wasting their time in gaming, internet surfing, galivanting, being in the wrong company, or just idling, we hope CHBP will set them in the right frame of mind and heart on how they will spend the rest of their holidays.

**What you can do.** Matt 19:14, “But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” There are a few things parents can do. 1) Make it a priority to bring them to this holiday program every year. BPCWA parents should always plan and purpose to bring their children to CHBP. This is why it is always published in our annual church calendar. There should be no excuse nor unwillingness, having known the aims of CHBP. This holiday program should be first in your plans for them, above others. 2) You can use the flyers to invite the children of your friends, or to give to other parents when you pick up your children at school. 3) You can encourage your child to invite their friends and classmates.

If you are not a parent, there are also similar things you can do. 1) Use the flyers to invite your friends, colleagues, and others you come in contact with who have children. 2) Invite your nephew, nieces and grandchildren to come. 3) Support this work in much prayer.

But parents have more that you can still do. 1) ensure that your child does the homework given to them to reinforce the learning by doing it with them (not for them). 2) ask them what they have learnt and how they will apply the lessons. You can go through the crafts which are designed to remind them of the lessons.

**The program for this year.** This year's theme is "My Quiet Time with God" based upon Psa 63:1 "A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is". The purpose is to help children understand the importance of daily devotion. Just like adults, children will not grow spiritually without a proper quiet time daily with God in Bible reading and prayer. So, besides teaching the children the importance of daily Bible reading to know God and what He commands, CHBP will set apart time for them to practice it in church. They will also be taught to do so at home after CHBP too. Time is set apart during CHBP where they will then share what they read and what they prayed for. For the younger ones, we encourage parents to read to them, and to pray with them at home. The aim is to form a habit of daily devotion time with the Lord. And it also encourages parents to do so with their younger children, thus being the habit builder themselves. There was child who recently shared with me that she asked the Lord to be her Saviour and she confessed her sins and asked God to forgive her, save her, and make her His child while she was reading her Bible alone in her room. We see the change that has come over the child's life since then. How the Lord's Word works in the hearts of our children!

Do support the CHBP with much prayer that the Lord will use it to inculcate a quiet time routine in our children.

Yours in our Lord's service  
Pastor

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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1. **Men Fellowship & Ladies Fellowship (Next Sunday, 10 December, 6:00 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.
2. **Children Holiday Bible Program (18 - 20 December, 8:45 am - 12 pm):** This year's theme is "My Quiet Time with God" (Ps 63:1), focusing on helping children to understand the importance of daily devotion. Registration closes today. Please sign your children up at the foyer. Program is for ages 4-11, but regular BPCWA Sunday School children currently aged 3 are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please do use the flyers to invite your friends' unsaved children as well. Should you have any enquiries, please see Yew Jinn.
3. **Christmas Gospel Meeting and Christmas Service (Friday, 22 December, 7:30 pm) Invitations:** There are English and Chinese invitations available at the foyer that you can use to invite your family and friends to the Carols by Candlelight Gospel Meeting (22 December, 7 pm) and Christmas Day Service (25 December, 10 am) programs. We especially encourage all worshippers to take some of these leaflets to invite unbelievers to come and hear the gospel at the Carols by Candlelight Gospel meeting.
4. **Collection of updated Constitution:** The amendments made to the BPCWA Constitution during our September ACM by special resolution have been accepted by the government. The updated BPCWA Constitution is now available for collection by members in the foyer.
5. **Committee Leads:** An updated list of respective committee leads has been put on the notice board in the foyer for reference so that questions and feedback can be appropriately directed to the respective persons in charge.

## **6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the opportunity to learn God's Word and fellowship together at the Mandarin Care Group meeting yesterday. .
- Thank God for the City Evangelism and those that were reached with the good news of salvation. Pray that the Word sown will bear spiritual fruit to draw some to the saving knowledge of Christ.
- Pray for God's directing Hand and wisdom in the planning. May all church activities and BPCWA's focus for 2018 to be in accordance with His will.
- Pray for Children Holiday Bible Program. May many children from BPCWA and outside participate, and that the program will be used to build up the children to have a firm foundation in their walk with God through daily devotions.
- Pray for God's guidance for the planning of the Christmas Gospel Service. Pray that worshippers will use the flyers to invite many to come and hear the Gospel of salvation and trust in Christ as their Saviour.
- Pray for those returning to their home countries or travelling out during the year end period to maintain a close walk with God in their daily devotions and prayer, and to avoid falling into sin and temptation.

SERVICE DUTY	3/12 COMBINED - Holy Communion	10/12 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Joel Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng	Deacon Eugene Leong/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Eugene Leong	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers (Foyer)	Wei Yan, Bei Li, Yi San Chieng	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Allan Ang, *Edward Ee, Pei Shion Chai Stephen Chia, Mark Heath, Claude Yiu	*Jonathan Woo, *Edward Ee, Michael Lee Caleb Cheng, Kenny Chia, Wei Yan
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Edward Ee, Nancy Chai, Vincent Naing	Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan, Shie Tian Wong
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan	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 (Benjamin Kan)	Colin Tey (Benjamin Kan)
South Perth	A: Allan Ang B: Yew Jinn Chieng	A: Kenny Tan B: Alex Luu
Berrington	Mark Heath (Benjamin Kan)	Edward Ee (Benjamin Kan)
Bull Creek	Yew Jinn Chieng	Kenny Tan

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Tuesday	5/12	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Yew Jinn Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Ellainne Cheng
Friday	8/12	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	10/12	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
		6:00 pm	Men Fellowship & Ladies Fellowship

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (26/11)

Attendance: 209 (Combined-175; JSS-34); Prayer Meeting: 81

Offerings in Total: \$6,368.13; General Fund: \$6,368.13

(#4351-\$718.00; #4352-\$291.00; #4353-\$100.40; #4354-Library-\$40.00; #4355-Library-\$60.00)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?** The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; (1 John 5:14) but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's Prayer. (Matthew 6:9-13)