



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

February 25th, 2018

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/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn **HOP 21** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 3:19-25

Hymn **HOP 218** Moment by Moment

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 435** Come, Ye Thankful People

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:15-16

Hymn **HOP 134** Break Thou the Bread of Life

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

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's Church and You

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

*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 2018:

"...what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul," (Deuteronomy 10:12)

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PASTORAL LETTER

Strangers, Students and you

Dear BPCWAians, Last week, we kicked off our University Campus Outreaches. Every year, BPCWA reaches out to the students in our neighbouring Universities to invite them to join us for our Worship Services and our Fellowship activities, and to speak to them about the gospel.

Campus Outreach. Uniquely, God has placed this particular service in our hands for us to serve Him here. Many of our adult and young adult worshippers were also introduced to BPCWA through such outreaches. Some in our midst, having been invited to church when they first came over as international students, have come to be saved after hearing the gospel and learning God's Word here. But for many, as you read of these announcements about our Campus Outreach programs, do you feel that this is a "student fellowship" activity that bears no relation to you? However, if we do think that this ministry has, over the years, been a key ministry that God has given to BPCWA thus far, then all of us must also strive together to see what we can do to support this work that God has given to the church, because it is God's work for us. You can also help out, even if you cannot come to the Orientation Day outreaches with us.

Hospitality is a Christian duty. Before Israel went into the Promised Land to be a unique testimony for God as a Jewish nation established by God, the LORD reminded them "But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God." (Lev 19:34). The previous slaves in Egypt were reminded of the ill-treatment that they had received at the hands of the Egyptians. Soon, they were going to have land and comfortable homes in Israel. God reminded them that the "good life" that they would soon enjoy was because the LORD cared for them. Now, in grateful remembrance, Israel was to

practically respond to God's goodness by extending compassion and kindness to Gentiles that would come to live in Israel. Some of these, such as Ruth the Moabitess, would in time trust in the same LORD and adopt the Jewish faith.

I am sure that many of us can also relate to this. Many of us, or our families, have immigrated to Australia or Perth from other lands. Many have related stories to me of how it was when they first came to Perth. Why their families came to Perth and brought them along when they were young. How different Perth was from their home countries. How they had to adjust to the different way of life here from what they were used to back home. When they first came, they were strangers in this land. Life was new, uncertain, different. Perhaps you received some help, or perhaps you didn't. But you certainly realise how appreciative you would have been of any welcome or help or advice you would have received when you first arrived. So, to you, is the reminder – as the LORD has been gracious to help you, now, when you see international students or families settle into our church, you have a duty also to these “strangers”. Let us treat them as we would want our daughter or son to be treated in a foreign land. They are not merely “someone else's children”. Yes, they may have come from a different country from you. Or they may not even speak your language very well. But they are your Heavenly Father's children, and you should love them as family. This is a covenantal duty we have to them. When God works, He works through people. God demonstrates His care for His people when we care for one other.

Not social work. We are to give “to the necessity of saints” (Rom 12:13). Social organisations may disburse scholarships and bursaries to students, but Christian duty does not expect us to pay or sponsor the university fees simply for those seeking a better life through overseas studies, since these are not necessities. Neither is Christian hospitality about handouts. The church does not freely offer meals to all students. When Christ performed the miracles of the loaves and fishes, it was not in the market place to all who were hungry, but to those who came to hear Him (Matt 14:15, 15:32). What we do as a church must always be directed towards a spiritual purpose and aim. Our efforts are not to turn

their eyes upon us for help, but upon our covenantal Lord. He who has been with us will also be faithful to them, if they trust and follow Him. Our Welcome Dinner allows us to get to know them so we know their challenges and how to encourage them spiritually, before finishing off with a Gospel Meeting. Beach Games is a time that allows us to build relationships with them in order to help us keep in contact with them and invite them further to church.

How do you help them? What can you do? There are many aspects of hospitality that you can show to students, and we will discuss some of these next week.

*Out in the highways and byways of life,
Many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad.*

*Give as 'twas given to you in your need,
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed,
Unto your mission be true.*

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 fellowship lunch after Worship Service today. Do take the opportunity to mingle and get to know one another better, and welcome new and returning students in our midst.
2. **Adelpe Bible Study (Today, 3:30 pm):** All ladies are encouraged to come and join in this Bible study. We will continue to study the different aspects of God's will, and discuss the subject of "open and closed doors" and "having peace or no peace in our heart" when finding His will. Any questions you have about God's will can also be submitted to Pastor to be addressed.

3. **Murdoch University Orientation Outreach (This Thursday, 1 March, 9:00 am):** Come and be part of inviting students to BPCWA, sharing the Gospel with them, and extending Christian hospitality to welcome them. Help is needed anytime between 9 am and 2 pm at the BPCWA stall at Bush Court, Murdoch. For more information about the outreach, please contact Allan Ang 0433 032 709.
4. **Welcome Dinner (This Friday, 2 March, 6:30 pm):** As a church, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the new students we met from the university campuses outreach. Program starts with dinner at 6:30 pm at church followed by a Gospel message. This is also a great opportunity for you to invite any other new students that you know of, friends and colleagues for the Gospel meeting.
5. **Children Sunday School Promotion (Next Sunday, 4 March, 8:45 am):** Sunday School children will be receiving certificates and be introduced to their new classes for this year. Pastor will give a short exhortation, and class photographs will be taken. As we will begin at 9 am, please bring your children on time. In view of the Sunday School promotion, the Basic Bible Knowledge class will be cancelled next Sunday.
6. **Church Anniversary Dinner Registration (Next Sunday, 4 March, after worship):** We will celebrate our Church Anniversary Dinner on 1 April. As such we will begin dinner registration next Sunday. More details will be provided next week.
7. **Chinese Choir Practice (Next Sunday, 4 March, 12:10 pm):** Practice resumes next Sunday. Please be punctual and come with a prayerful heart.
8. **Baptisms, Affirmation of faith and Membership Transfers:** Will be conducted during Sunday Service on Easter Sunday, 1 April. 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 Deacon Joel Wong. Completed forms, together with their testimonies, must be submitted to Deacon Joel by next Sunday, 4 March.

9. Programs planned for March:

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
1/3 (Thursday)	9:00 am	Murdoch University Orientation Outreach
2/3 (Friday)	6:30 pm	Welcome Dinner
4/3 (Sunday)	8:45 am	Children Sunday School Promotion
11/3 (Sunday)	3:30 pm	Husbands and Fathers Fellowship
17/3 (Saturday)	10:30 am	Chinese Care Group
18/3 (Sunday)	-	Rededication Sunday
18/3 (Sunday)	3:30 pm	Adelphie Bible Study
25/3 (Sunday)	2:00 pm	City Evangelism
30/3 (Friday)	7:30 pm	Good Friday Worship Service

10. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God that we were able to have a booth at the UWA Orientation Day, for the many who came to serve, and the opportunity to speak to students about the gospel and to invite them to BPCWA.
- Thank God for the safe return of those who were away for holidays.
- Pray for Murdoch Outreach this Thursday and the Welcome Dinner this Friday. Pray that BPCWA will be used to reach out to many students with the gospel, and help God's sheep to grow spiritually while they are in Perth.
- Pray for the Sunday School ministry to be used to help parents train up their children to walk in the way of the Lord from a young age.
- Pray for God to guide the evaluation and selection of an architect for the Nehemiah redevelopment work, in accordance with His plans for us.
- Pray that God will continue to build up a united BPCWA for His work, and for His spiritual and physical protection in all areas.

SERVICE DUTY		25/2 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch	4/3 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter		Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter		Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Deacon Eugene Leong/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn		Deacon Eugene Leong	Jason Tey
Musician(s)		Sharon Poon	Sharon Poon
Welcomers		Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Wei Yan, Bei Li, Yi San Chieng
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering		*Jason Tey, *Michael Lee, Mark Heath Terry Chong, Allan Ang, Caleb Cheng	*Eddie Foo, *Kenny Tan, Yi Choong Liew Claude Yiu, Alex Luu, Benjamin Kan
Ushers		Benjamin Kan, Cheryl Lin, Nancy Chai	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Cheng, Yi Jye Chieng
Audio Visual		Yi Choong Liew	Kenny Chia
Kitchen Duties		Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho, Lee Fung Fong Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun, Shuin Ning Jong Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan
Transport		Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Deacon Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	
Nursing Home Ministry			
Subiaco		Edward Ee (Benjamin Kan)	Colin Tey (Hannah Th'ng)
South Perth		A: Kenny Tan B: Caleb Cheng	A: Mark Heath B: Kenny Tan
Berrington		Edward Ee (Benjamin Kan)	Colin Tey (Hannah Th'ng)
Bull Creek		Kenny Tan	Mark Heath
APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK			
Sunday	25/2	12:45 pm	Teens Q & A
		3:30 pm	Adelphe Bible Study
Tuesday	27/2	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Joel Wong, Ellainne Cheng
Wednesday	28/2	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Genesis
Friday	2/3	10:00 am	Mothers Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Sunday	4/3	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		8:45 am	Children Sunday School Promotion
		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 (18/2)

Attendance: 183 (Combined-149; CSS-34); Prayer Meeting: 72

Tithes and Offerings: \$10,889.15 (#4394: \$67.20; #4395: \$261.70; #4396: \$130.00)