



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

March 18th, 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.

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/Deacon Eugene Leong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship

Deacon Joel Wong/Sonny Lim

*Hymn

HOP 26 Immortal, Invisible

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading

Proverbs 4:10-19

Service Rededication

Hymn

HOP 219 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Presentation of Tithes & Offering

HOP 432 Thanks to God!

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:25

Hymn

HOP 125 Open My Eyes, That I May See

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

Put Away Lying, Speak the Truth!

*Hymn

HOP 127 Search Me, O God

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 4

*Congregation Standing



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

Building Christian Habits

Dear BPCWAIans, As God reminds us, what we sow, we will reap. Reaping a stronger spiritual walk begins with sowing and investing time in spiritual things. What are some things that should become a regular part of a Christian's life?

Attending Worship. Christ did not *need* to increase His knowledge about God and was perfect in holiness, but He always made it His routine to go into the synagogue on the sabbath day (Luke 4:16). If we do not make the Lord's Day Worship a priority, then we can't say that we are serious about developing good Christian habits. Barring medical and other unforeseen emergencies, schedules for the rest of the week must be developed around this priority. Parents set the tone for their children. Are we careful that our children should be on time and attend school regularly? Then we should be even more careful that we and our children will be at worship every Sunday and other Christian Worship Services. Joseph and Mary saw to it that the twelve year old Jesus fulfilled the custom of the Passover feast, even though it meant going up to Jerusalem (Luke 2:42). Good Friday Worship Service is coming up later this month – will you build that into your regular schedule every year to come? Adults, can you always be expected to be at the house of God every Lord's Day to worship Him?

Assembling with God's people. Having a personal systematic study of the Word of God is a must. Yet another routine to build into our lives is to assemble with fellow believers at other church meetings as well, whether it is for the prayer meetings, or for Bible Studies, and fellowships. Even in the time of the Apostle Paul, some were already forsaking this practice and had to be reminded not just to do it occasionally, but to do it "so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Heb 10:25). At these

meetings, fellow believers encourage each other in their spiritual walk, while being strengthened with God's Word at the same time.

Ensuring Personal and Corporate Prayer. The next thing to build into your routine is prayer. Learn to be like Daniel who regularly “kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God” (Dan 6:10). Do you have a regular time of personal prayer with God? While it is good that we pray without ceasing and try to “fill in available slots” with little snatches of prayer time, and to pray “on the go”, whether it is while driving or on the train on the way to work, it must not replace a disciplined life of a regular set time to seek God in secret. Christ talks about going into our closets to pray – ie to have a set apart time and place where we are shut in to God and shut out from the distractions of the world. Christ went habitually with His disciples to the mount of Olives, away from the crowds, to pray (Luke 22:39). The Apostle Peter “went up upon the housetop to pray” (Acts 10:9). Let us build into our schedules from today onwards a regular time and place that we will go to God in our closet prayers. Together with this, make it your time of fellowship with God in the reading and meditation of His Word as you spend time with Him every day.

But besides personal prayer, we see God's people gathering together to pray. We see how Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer (Acts 3:1). It was soon after Christ's death, they were Apostles and so were not “leading” the temple prayer, but they went nonetheless at the hour of prayer. Have you been coming for our Tuesday Prayer meetings? If not, make it your habit to come.

Doing God's work. Do you eat everyday? Do you eat at fixed times every day? Well, Christ taught us by His example when He said that His meat was to do the will of His Father. It meant that His aim in life is to do the Father's work for Him on earth.

He was driven by it. If you have ever wondered how did people know where and when to gather to hear Him preach? Well, simply because whenever they came to Him, He was predictably ready to teach them (Mark 10:1). While we may say that we are often tied up during office hours, do we set time aside to serve God on a regular basis? Or when approached by the church for help in a particular area, will your reply be “I’m too busy” – but are you busy with the things of God or your things for yourself? We are often ready to take on extra load at work or school if it helps to progress in this world, but we are not willing to serve God if it costs us. Will you set aside time if approached to take up some area of service? Remember, you are not doing it for the church, but for God. Build up a habit of serving God.

But besides service in church, Christians are supposed to have “a pattern of good works” in all things (Tit 2:7). Does God’s good works characterise your life? When you “have some time on your hands”, do you even think of what good work you can do for God? Is someone in church sick or lonely that could do with some encouragement? Is someone going through a difficult patch in their life? Does someone need a lift to church or fellowships? Or you can even just go out and evangelise yourself. There is much opportunity for everyone to do this, and it need not be organised by the church.

I hope that this series will help you to take a look at your life. We do not want, at the end of our life, to look back and moan that “so little was done for Him”. You can change that, today, if you desire to. But will you?

Yours in our Lord’s service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Rededication Forms (Today):** Please complete the Rededication form and Service Survey inserted in the weekly and place it in the box provided in the foyer today.
2. **Church Anniversary Dinner Registration (Today, after worship):** Registration will be closing today so please submit your registration form and join the church family in celebrating and remembering God's goodness to BPCWA for the past 32 years. Details of the Anniversary Dinner are available at the registration table.
3. **Adelphe Bible Study (Today, 3:30 pm):** We will continue to learn from the Bible on whether "having peace of heart" or "having a burden" to do something means it is God's will for us. All ladies are encouraged to come and study God's word together and learn the Biblical way for seeking God's will.
4. **Fellowship Lunch (Next Sunday, 25 March, after Worship):** Please bring a dish to share. Do stay back to get to know each other, new students and visitors in our midst. All are welcome.
5. **City Evangelism (Next Sunday, 25 March, 2:00 pm):** Please register your details in the foyer if you would like to join the street evangelism outreach in the Perth City malls next Sunday.
6. **Good Friday Worship Service (Friday, 30 March, 7:30 pm):** Come and worship our Lord as we remember His sacrificial death for our sins. Come prepared for Holy Communion as well.

7. **Easter Sunrise Worship Service (Sunday, 1 April, 7:30 am):** This will be held at the Melville Limestone Amphitheatre for the last time (10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon). Map printouts as well as the invitation flyers for the Good Friday, Easter Sunrise and Easter Worship Services are available at the foyer. This is a good opportunity to invite both Christian and unsaved family members and friends, to remember the Lord's death and resurrection as well as to hear the good news, the Gospel of salvation.

8. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for Rededication Sunday held today and for raising up workers for His work here. Pray that every one may labour fervently with one heart and mind together as one body in the Lord for His work at BPCWA, for His glory alone.
- Thank God for His help at the Chinese Care Group meeting yesterday. May the hearers continue to be built up to be good soldiers for Christ.
- Pray for God to continue to preserve BPCWA as a faithful witness and be pleased to use us to extend His kingdom here on earth till He returns.
- Pray for preparations for Good Friday and Easter Sunrise/ Worship Services, that these will be used to draw unbelievers to Himself, and believers to return to Christ with greater consecration and devotion.
- Pray that the new students and visitors who have joined us over the past weeks' activities will keep coming to BPCWA to come to the saving knowledge of God and to grow spiritually.
- Pray for God to guide the evaluation and selection of an architect for the Nehemiah redevelopment work, in accordance with His plans for us.

SERVICE DUTY		18/3 COMBINED	25/3 COMBINED – Fellowship Lunch
Speaker/Interpreter		Pastor Joseph Poon / Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon / Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter		Deacon Joel Wong / Sonny Lim	Deacon Eugene Leong / Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn		Deacon Eugene Leong	Deacon Joel Wong
Musician(s)		Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers		Colin Chng, Fiona Chng, Yi Choong Liew	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering		*Benjamin Kan, *Jason Tey, Michael Lee Edward Ee, Terry Chong, Colin Chng	*Claude Yiu, *Eddie Foo, Kenny Tan Colin Chng, Caleb Cheng, Edward Ee
Ushers		Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong	Edward Ee, Nancy Chai, Yung Tsing Mew
Audio Visual		Albert Ho	Soo Jin Kang
Kitchen Duties		Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho, Lee Fung Fong Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia, Illhoa Ramachandran, Lee Chin Yong
Transport		Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Deacon Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	
Nursing Home Ministry			
Subiaco		Caleb Cheng (Benjamin Kan)	Edward Ee (Hannah Th'ng)
South Perth		A: Alex Luu B: Allan Ang	A: Pastor Joseph Poon B: Caleb Cheng
Berrington		Caleb Cheng (Benjamin Kan)	Edward Ee (Benjamin Kan)
Bull Creek		Allan Ang	Pastor Joseph Poon
APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK			
Sunday	18/3	3:30 pm	Adelphe Bible Study
Tuesday	20/3	10:00 am	Chinese Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Joel Wong, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	21/3	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Genesis
Friday	23/3	7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Sunday	25/3	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	Chinese Adults Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12.45 pm	Teens Q & A
		2:00 pm	City Evangelism
			Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hammersley 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 (11/3)			

Attendance: 203 (Combined-169; CSS-34); Prayer Meeting: 77

Tithes and Offerings: \$7,455.25 (#4402: \$670.00; #4403: \$105.00; #4405: \$86.75)

