



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

July 1st, 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 Karen Ee/Deacon Joel Wong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Eugene Leong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn **HOP 27** God of Our Fathers

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 9:1-12

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

Hymn **HOP 92** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

HOP 185 According to Thy Gracious Word

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 386** O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:13-16

Hymn **HOP 240** Whiter than Snow

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Joseph Poon

Message Rev Quek Suan Yew/Yew Jinn Chieng

All Believers Are Salt and Light!

*Hymn **HOP 247** Make Me a Channel of Blessing

*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

What is the Bible to you, really?

Dear BPCWAians, We've seen the importance of proper learning during messages, and why it is important to obey and do, on the basis of what the Bible says. Last week, the choir also presented the hymn I chose earlier on, "The Bible Stands". That is a grand hymn that certainly must reflect our view of the Bible.

How do you view the Bible? Is it really God's very own words deep in your heart? We recite and even teach our children that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2Tim 3:16, 17). We will say that the Bible is God's Word. All that is absolutely correct, Scripturally. We may even be able to tell of the stories of the martyrs of the faith who were willing to be killed for even translating the Bible into the common language of the people. We may get angry at how in history, Bibles were burnt to prevent people from reading it and we righteously defend inspiration and preservation. So, you have the Bible today. You may even have many copies on your shelf at home. But what is *your personal* view of the Bible?

The hymn goes, "The Bible stands and it will forever, When the world has passed away", unlike any bestseller book of man,

*The Bible stands like a mountain tow'ring
Far above the works of man;
Its truth by none ever was refuted,
And destroy it they never can*

This is only possible because our LORD not only inspired but has kept His promise to “keep them” and to “preserve them from this generation for ever” (Ps 12:7). So we all can parrot - inspired literally means God’s very own breath”. But personally, what has it meant to you? If God’s Word is the product of His breath, then it is His very Voice that you hear in the words. And because He preserved it, then every single word in the Old and New Testaments are directly and exactly what He uttered to man and for man. Has this truly sunk into you? Is this how you truly view the Bible – as God’s very own direct utterance even today?

Your view affects how you hear. Are you a casual or diligent hearer of God’s Word? God gave and ensures that we have His exact words because He intends for you to know it and hence to know Him. It is not so that we are happy to have His perfect Bible on our shelves for display. And He wants us to have His exact Words in order that we can know exactly what He said and meant. So you must read and listen carefully to understand and know. Are you a diligent hearer, paying close attention to His words? Because it is indeed His voice, we are not to be casual hearers with passing occasional interest. Moreover, God’s Word is the loving Father’s detailed letter to His children. Do you not look forward to hearing the voice of someone that you love and care about deeply? If you truly view God’s Word as His personal written revelation of Who He is and of His heart, you would yearn for and go to every occasion where His Word is faithfully taught so that you can hear more about Him. Instead of listening to and watching other things, you would be more keen to be listening to sermons on your own all the time, enraptured with hearing more about Him and what He desires. Do we give out utmost attention to the voice of God? If you have no interest, then you need to check if you truly have had the right view of God’s Word.

Your view affects how you obey. Are obedient to all of God's commands? Do you trust and have faith in God's Word? Do you obey but only grudgingly? Since God's Word is indeed His very voice, the "direct utterance of the Most High", and "not some part of it more, some part of it less, but all alike the utterance of Him that sitteth upon the throne, faultless, unerring, supreme", then the teachings and principles of every part must be absolutely authoritative in your life. Keeping and obeying God's commands is not optional. They are the command of the Most High God. So we cannot pick and choose to obey only that which suits us or does not offend or does not inconvenience us. We sing, "By inspiration it has been given, All its precepts I will obey". Let us have such a view of God's Word – it must have authority in my life in all matters of the faith and what I do in life. When God's Truth is rightly and faithfully taught, then even if it comes from the mouth of man, it is God's command to you to obey. Do not rationalise. Do not kid yourself. If you disobey, it is disobedience to God's direct authority. You may hide from man or people at church about what you do in your private life outside of church. But disobedience to God is always seen and known by the all-seeing God. When you do your daily devotion or hear God's Word, it is God speaking to you in His word. His grace is all sufficient to help us obey Him. When we say "I cannot", it is often an excuse for "I will not". But remember also, it is the loving Father's words. Trust it. Have faith in the One who spoke it. You can plant your feet on its firm foundation. Moreover, His commands and will for you are always the best for your life and more importantly, for His glory. And if you truly view the words as your loving Saviour's very words, then not only trust it, but obey it because you love and want to honour the Person behind the words.

If you are not willing to obey what is faithfully taught, or obey it grudgingly, could it be you have not viewed the Word as truly the very voice of your Lord (Who is your authority) and Saviour (and so you must trust and honour the lover of your soul)?

*The Bible stands every test we give it,
For its Author is divine;
By grace alone I will expect to live it,
And to prove it and make it mine*

In the past few pastoral letters, I have been encouraging you from God's Word to be good hearers and be obedient doers as well of God's Word. This final part is to stir us to ask ourselves, why am I not interested to hear or have been unwilling to obey? Could it be our view of God's Word has not been truly what we profess with our lips?

Yours in our Lord's service
Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. We extend our warmest welcome to Rev and Mrs Quek Suan Yew into our midst. Rev Quek is the Thematic Speaker for our Family Camp this year. We also welcome Eileen Chee to BPCWA as well. She will be teaching the children during the camp.
2. **Church Family Camp (Today to Thursday, 1 - 5 July):** Camp commences this afternoon. All campers are requested to arrive at Orchard Glory Farm Resort before 3.30 pm. Camp briefing will begin at 4:30 pm in the main function hall. Camp messages will be made available online at "www.bpcwa.org.au/familycamp".
3. **Combined Fellowship (This Friday, 6 July, 7:30 pm):** Rev Quek will be speaking on the topic of "Maintaining my walk". All worshippers are encouraged to come and learn together. Interpretation will be available.

4. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for helping and enabling the planning of the Family Camp and that many worshippers are able to come together as a church family for the camp.
- Thank God for His guidance in the church extension project.
- Pray for preparation of the messages by Rev Quek and Pastor to be faithful in delivering God's Word to us. Pray for Eileen as she teaches the children during the camp.
- Pray for the campers' reception of God's Word and safety for all travelling up for the camp. Pray for camp logistics and program to run smoothly.
- Pray for the Friday Combined Fellowship messages to be used to help us grow spiritually as a church and individually in our personal walk with God.
- Pray for those who are seeking for jobs.
- Pray for ongoing spiritual growth protection for BPCWA and all worshipers.

SERVICE DUTY		1/7 COMBINED - Holy Communion		8/7 COMBINED	
Speaker/Interpreter		Rev Quek Suan Yew/Yew Jinn Chieng		Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng	
Worship Leader/Interpreter		Deacon Eugene Leong/Kong Vui Yip		Deacon Adrian Cheng/Sonny Lim	
Preparatory Hymn		Deacon Joel Wong		Deacon Joel Wong	
Musician(s)		Karen Ee		Sharon Poon	
Welcomers		Colin Chng, Fiona Chng, Lily Liow		Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Yi San Chieng	
Offering Stewards		Eddie Foo, Kenny Tan, Yi Choong Liew Wei Yan, Alex Luu, Benjamin Kan		Jason Tey, Michael Lee, Mark Heath Terry Chong, Allan Ang, Caleb Cheng	
Ushers		Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Vincent Naing		Benjamin Kan, Cheryl Kan, Mable Soon	
Audio Visual		Caleb Cheng		Soo Jin Kang	
Kitchen Duties		Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, May Chee Tey Edward Teng, Joanne Teng		Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan	
Nursing Home Ministry					
Subiaco		Church Family Camp		Yew Jinn Chieng (Hannah Th'ng)	
South Perth				A: Kenny Tan B: Allan Ang	
Berrington				Yew Jinn Chieng (Hannah Th'ng)	
Bull Creek				Alex Luu	
APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK					
Tuesday	3/7	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Joel Wong, Yi San Chieng		
Friday	6/7	7:30 pm	Combined Fellowship		
Sunday	8/7	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		
		12:30 pm	Teens Q and A		
		12:45 pm	Chinese Basic Bible Knowledge Class		
		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		
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS					

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 201 (Combined: 170; CSS: 31); Prayer Meeting: 88; Combined Fellowship: 108
 Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$9,783.39 (#4459: \$202.00; #4460: \$90.40; #4461: \$594.20; #4462: \$220.00)

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