



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

July 8th, 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 Joel Wong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Sonny Lim

*Hymn HOP 423 We're Marching to Zion

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 9:13-18

Hymn HOP 252 Higher Ground

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings HOP 219 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:1

Hymn HOP 251 O To Be Like Thee!

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng

Like Father, Like Child?

*Hymn HOP 244 More Like The Master

*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

Why have a Family Camp?

Dear BPCWAians, We thank God that we have just concluded our 2018 Family Camp this year. Over the last several months, many meetings have been held to plan for the church family. Many hours of intensive planning and energy has gone into the preparation from many in church. To some Christians, family camp is a “Nice to have, it is something for dedicated Christians to do, but not really necessary for all Christians”. For others, it is an annual event which the individual and family commit and plan to do every year. What should be our view of a family camp and why does the church actually bother to plan a family camp every year, especially since it is such an investment of time and resources?

Why we have a family camp. The Family Camp serves several purposes.

1) Most importantly, the reason we have a camp is spiritual. It is a time to refresh our personal spiritual walk with God. A camp is a unique opportunity for us to listen to messages from God’s Word with minimal distraction. It is a time of going aside to retreat and seek God through His Word. At camp, we begin each day with a morning camp devotional message, followed by a morning theme messages. A time of group discussion helps to reinforce the learning of the past messages. After dinner, there is another theme message. Over the course of the camp, full time campers would have had about 16 hours of messages. On the last afternoon of the camp, campers go aside for an hour to reflect on

the messages they have heard, and to recommit themselves before God in areas He has dealt with us. 2) It is also a time for the covenantal church family to get together to know one another better to build and strengthen bonds. While we meet regularly for fellowships and every Sunday, the camp is a unique opportunity for us to stay together in chalets and have breakfast together and end the day in chalet prayer together. Also, discussion groups further help to provide more interaction as the older children and adults gather together to discuss their learnings from the sermons heard. The afternoon slot for family activity allows the church family to play together in a casual and informal setting. Just as in a normal family, the church family also eats together as we meet in the hall for lunch and dinner. 3) It is a time for the young ones to inculcate good Christian habits and build Christian friendships. We thank God for the families that are coming with their children. Thank God also for the families that have not wavered in coming to camp even the year after their babies were born. And we thank God that many of the children, from young, are looking forward to coming for camp. An excited child was said to be crossing out the days on the calendar, counting down the days to the camp. From young, children are taught by example by their parents how they too must put aside time for camp to be with their covenantal family. To these, it is often the highlight of the family calendar for the year. This is an investment for the next generation to treasure church, Christian friendships, and most importantly a yearly retreat to draw closer to God without distractions. Besides just attending, we have also encouraged the older children to begin serving fruits to the tables

after meals, supervised by their parents. Parents who do not bring their children to join us full time are missing out on this blessing which God provides for the Christian families in BPCWA.

Why camp is important to you. As I mentioned earlier, the most important reason why we have a family camp is spiritual. That is why, despite the tiring schedule for the thematic preacher and myself, with so many sermons within a few days, we do it with joy and much prayer for God's elect that they may benefit from it spiritually. The theme is chosen as an important focus that we pray is useful for all of you. It is to help you, child of God, refocus your priorities and your life and to live for the purpose that is eternal. We often send our cars in for that regular engine oil refreshing and tyre checkup. We know that that is important to help keep it working effectively. But simply because we don't see our spiritual lives, we cannot ignore it. In fact, while physical things will pass away, only the spiritual will remain. A year passed without spending it for Christ is a year wasted and cannot be turned back. Only what is done for Christ will last and are the true riches that will last for eternity. As your Pastor, I don't want you to while and waste away your life. We provide you numerous Fellowships and Bible Studies to attend. But take time aside and make it your priority to come for the church family camp. It is a time for you to, under the preaching of God's Word, review a "report card" of your spiritual life and know where you must do better. Many of us believe that taking time out once a year to spend with family is important, and to take a break to recharge ourselves. And so we take leave for that. Should we not do so for our spiritual lives and our spiritual families? Heads of families – do not deprive your wives and

your children of this precious opportunity to grow! Individuals, seek ye first the kingdom of heaven even as you live upon earth!

To those who may be thinking – I don't need to take my leave to listen to the camp messages. After all, I can still do it online, can't I? Yes, but remember it is more than just listening to the camp messages. It is about spending time with God, in personal and group prayer, and in undistracted meditation. If you didn't go for camp, would you set aside the similar amount of time to assimilate God's Word and seek Him? You wouldn't benefit from that time of discussion to reinforce your understanding of the messages and how it applies to your life. And you wouldn't build up bonds with your brethren. But it's more than that – God saved you to be part of a church. And the Family Camp is a time when you can be with your spiritual family. It is a foretaste of heaven – where heaven is not just *you, your family* and God alone, but with all of God's redeemed.

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Chinese Care Group (Saturday, 21 July, 10:30 am):** The meeting will be held in Church. We will begin a new series on "Milk and Meat". Yew Jinn will be speaking the first message on "Are You Still a Babe in Christ?" taken from Heb 5:11-14. Kindly bring a dish to share over lunch after the meeting. All are welcome to attend and learn God's Word together.

2. Church Extension Project (Nehemiah) Update (Sunday 22 July, after Worship Service): All members and regular worshippers are invited to attend an update on the progress, potential options, and building funds required immediately after the worship service.

3. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for a time of spiritual feeding upon God's Word and strengthening of Christian bonds between the church family at the Family Camp last week. Thank God for safety of all travellers.
- Thank God for watching over the church and property of worshippers as many were away for camp.
- Thank God for the spiritual encouragement from the past 2 Combined Church Fellowships.
- Pray for Session Meeting this Saturday, that God will give unity of spirit and wisdom to direct the decisions according to His will and purpose.
- Pray for continued guidance upon the church extension works to be according to God's will so as to enable the church to do His work.
- Pray for all worshippers to have fervent hearts to seek, obey, love and serve God with all their hearts, strength and minds.
- Pray for continued unity in BPCWA according to His Word and for His work here.

SERVICE DUTY			8/7 COMBINED	15/7 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter			Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter			Deacon Adrian Cheng/Sonny Lim	Deacon Joel Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng
Preparatory Hymn			Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Eugene Leong
Musician(s)			Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers			Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Yi San Chieng	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards			Jason Tey, Michael Lee, Mark Heath Terry Chong, Allan Ang, Caleb Cheng	Benjamin Kan, Wei Yan, Jonathan Woo Kenny Chia, Alex Luu, Stephen Chia
Ushers			Benjamin Kan, Cheryl Kan, Mable Soon	Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan, Jay-Son Lim
Audio Visual			Soo Jin Kang	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties			Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan	Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho, Lee Fung Fong Ming Ming Th'ng, Xuan Rui Yong
Nursing Home Ministry				
Subiaco			Yew Jinn Chieng (Hannah Th'ng)	Pastor Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth			A: Kenny Tan B: Allan Ang	A: Yew Jinn Chieng B: Mark Heath
Berrington			Yew Jinn Chieng (Hannah Th'ng)	Pastor Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
Bull Creek			Alex Luu	Yew Jinn Chieng
APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK				
Sunday	8/7	12:30 pm	Teens Q and A	
Tuesday	10/7	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Deacon Eugene Leong, Yi Mey Tan	
Friday	13/7	7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF	
Sunday	15/7	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting	
		9:00 am	Chinese Basic Bible Knowledge Class/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	
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS				

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 186 (Combined: 161; CSS: 25); Prayer Meeting: 17; Church Combined Fellowship: 102
 Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$5,458.45; Church Combined Fellowship-29/6: \$810.20

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