



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 Winnie Lim/Deacon Eugene Leong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Joel Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng

\*Hymn HOP 360 We Praise Thee, O God

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 10:1-10

Hymn HOP 218 Moment by Moment

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings HOP 383 Something for Thee

\*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:2

Hymn HOP 125 Open My Eyes, That I May See

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

## Put On Christlikeness

\*Hymn HOP 251 O To Be Like Thee!

\*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

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## Recapturing Family Camp Theme Messages

Dear BPCWAians, Family camps come and go yearly. But the lessons learnt should remain. Hence it is good that we revisit some key highlights from the theme messages and morning devotions. I hope these thematic summaries will help to reinforce the lessons and also help those who could not attend. The 8 camp theme messages for “The Christian Requirement” were based upon Deuteronomy chapters 1 to 13. So what are the Christian Requirements?

**Begins with faith (Deut 1:1-8, 19-46).** God is the object of our faith. Without faith it is impossible to please Him. But how do we put faith in a Spirit? Believing and trusting in His Word is the answer. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (Jn 1:1). You cannot separate God and His Word. God’s Word reveals Who He is, His Power, His Promises, and what He requires of His children. The enemy of faith is fear. Fear is caused by unbelief in God’s Word. The faithless spies trusted in sight and kept thinking about the giants in the Promised Land. The faithful ones saw who God is and remembered His promises, and that He is infinitely greater than any foe or situation. There are consequences of not having faith. It resulted in 40 years of wilderness wandering. As individuals and as heads of families, we must remember this lesson.

**Be courageous (Deut 3:1-29).** Fear is the most powerful weapon of Satan. It is also our Achille’s heel. God requires us not only to know His Word, but also to have the courage to obey and live by it. The source of courage is not in us but from God. He delivered the giant ruler, Og, into their hands. Experiential faith is key. If you refuse to go through the battle, you will not know God’s power. The way to grow and to protect yourself and your family is to study the Word and to obey it no matter how daunting and difficult it may seem. Each victory will help you to win more. Unity in belief brings more courage. This is very critical in church and the family. And courage brings more courage. Members of church and family must support their leaders. And leaders and heads cannot be chicken

hearted when it comes to living by obedience in all our decisions and choices and trusting God in whatever the outcome may be. Fearful leaders will dissipate courage in followers. May God help BPCWA, every worshiper, and every family to be courageous at all cost because God is able!

**Keep and obey the Word (Deut 4:1-24).** "Keep" refers to guarding. We only bother to guard that which is precious to us. If God's Word is not precious, we will not treasure it. But if it is, we will love to study and spend much time in it. And we will put it as our highest priority in our daily life. We will jealously guard and protect the time to study it. Do you treasure your quiet time, church Bible Studies and Fellowships, FEBC courses, etc? Or do you protect your leisure time above them? Loving His Word is loving God. If you do not treasure and guard your time in his Word, then you will begin to distant yourself from God and not obey Him. Treasuring God's Word is treasuring your fellowship with God. The church likewise must uphold, defend, and faithfully teach His Word as much as possible while others may teach line dancing and cake baking. And also to obey it at all cost if we want BPCWA to last more than just one generation, "Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons" (Deut 4:9). If we will not keep and obey His Word, God will remove us as His light and witness. Your loved ones, your family, your friends, and the world need a true witness for God. You and BPCWA must not fail as Israel failed.

**Remember the LORD! (Deut 6:10-25).** "Then beware lest thou forget the LORD . . . (6:12). Like Israel, we are also a forgetful people. It is not that we will have amnesia but to forget is to not care much anymore about God and His commandments which we already know. The LORD warned them that with the comforts of life and many provisions, it is easy to not bother about their purpose. We are in the same danger today, being bombarded by the world with the pleasures and allurements of life. Do you care more for your own life and pleasures than the things of God and living to serve Him? If so, you have forgotten the LORD who saved you for His purpose. If you bring up your child in a carnal environment, you should not be surprised one day if they want to marry unbelievers. The cure for this forgetfulness is, "Thou shalt fear the LORD

thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name” (6:13). We must live out His requirements of faith, courage, love for His Word, and to obey at all cost. So can a believer remember God the entire day? Yes, the believer remembers the LORD the whole day by prayerfully remembering His Word and obeying it every moment.

**Be Holy! (Deut 7:1-11).** God requires us to be holy in our marriage, in our individual life, and in obedience to His Word. Being holy is not sinless perfection on earth. Though true believers are positionally holy (is fit for and will go to heaven immediately if we die now), the command to be holy is about dealing with sin to get rid of them once we are aware of it. We may succumb and fall, but being holy is to repent of sin whenever we are aware of it instead of continuing in it. While being holy is to get rid of sins, we need to be godly too, which is to be more like God i.e. putting on the new man created in righteousness and true holiness.

**Know Your God! (Deut 10:12-22).** God wants us to know Him intimately. He gave us His Word to enable us to do so. When we know His attributes better, we will see life with new eyes. We will serve Him humbly as our privilege when we see how puny we are. We will love Him more when we see His compassion. We will accept His requirements willingly, “ And now, Israel, 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” (10:12). This because the better we know Him, the more we trust His requirements are for our good as seen in “To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?” (10:13). We are reminded that each must truly be saved and have a personal relationship with God. Do you really know God as your personal Lord and Saviour or are you just keeping His requirements for an outward show?

**Protecting the Faith (Deut 13:1-18).** God always requires His people to protect the Faith. We are warned in no uncertain terms in Acts 20:28-30, “(28) Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. (29) For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous

wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. (30) Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them". To ensure that false teachings and idolatry do not spread through His people, God required them to kill false prophets and those who led any astray. They were not to spare, not to pity, and not to conceal them (13:8-9) even if they were own family or closest friends. This is the test of true love for God and for souls. Being polemic is not unloving. But not exposing falsehood is unloving, souls will end up in hell because of the false gospel, and believers will live lives that bring shame to the LORD. God has marvellously protected BPCWA all these years. With the many problems we had, we should not have survived. We must hence not throw all these away and compromise because of the desire to be liked by others and to be part of what is popular even if false. We must expect to be lonely and unpopular if we want to defend the faith in this age. This is the test of obedience for our church. We should not love those whom God hates, or those who hate the church and her doctrines.

Each of us and BPCWA must always have faith and courage. We must never stop loving His Word, to constantly teach and obey His Word at all cost. We must deal with sin and be holy. We must know our God well. And we must defend His Word and practice personal and ecclesiastical separation even it means offending our own family and closest friends.

Yours in our Lord's service  
Pastor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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1. **Chinese Care Group (This 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 (Nehemiah) Update (Next Sunday, 22 July, immediately after Worship Service):** All members and regular worshippers are invited to attend an update on the progress, potential options and building funds required for the extension.
3. **Nursing Home Ministry Briefing (Next Sunday, 22 July, 1:30 pm):** Those who go to the Nursing Homes are requested to attend a briefing at the upper fellowship hall.
4. **Adelphe Bible Study (Next Sunday, 22 July, 3:30 pm):** In continuing the topic of the Sevenfold Will of God, Pastor will begin to teach on the Permissive Will. All ladies are encouraged to come and learn the different types of God's Will that we may find in our lives.
5. **Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses:** If you want to sign up for these courses there is still time. Please hand in your form immediately after the service today to either Mark Heath or Soo Jin Kang. As of this Wednesday we will be screening Old Testament History in the Church at 7:30 pm. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.
6. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
  - Thank God for grace and help for many who are unwell in the body.
  - 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 the preparation and the briefing for the church extension project update to be directed according to God's will for His work here. Pray for wisdom and unity of minds for this project.
  - Pray that BPCWA will continue to be united in the Truth and steadfast in faithfulness and service to our Lord till He returns.
  - Pray for those seeking jobs.
  - Pray for livestream and other media resources to be used to edify worshippers and believers who need to access them.

| SERVICE DUTY                        |      | 15/7 COMBINED   |  | 22/7 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 Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong   |  |
| Preparatory Hymn                    |      | Deacon Eugene Leong   |  | Deacon Eugene Leong  |  |
| Musician(s)                         |      | Winnie Lim  |  | Sharon Poon  |  |
| Welcomers                           |      | Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho   |  | Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Yi Choong Liew                                       |  |
| Offering Stewards                   |      | Benjamin Kan, Wei Yan, Jonathan Woo<br>Kenny Chia, Alex Luu, Stephen Chia |  | Kenny Tan, Yi Choong Liew, Claude Yiu<br>Edward Ee, Colin Chng, Pei Shion Chai |  |
| Ushers                              |      | Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan, Jay-Son Lim  |  | Kenny Chia, Nancy Chai, Yung Tsing Mew   |  |
| Audio Visual                        |      | Yi Choong Liew  |  | Albert Ho  |  |
| Kitchen Duties                      |      | Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho, Lee Fung Fong<br>Ming Ming Th'ng, Xuan Rui Yong  |  | Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, May Chee Tey<br>Edward Teng, Joanne Teng             |  |
| Nursing Home Ministry               |      |   |  |  |  |
| Subiaco                             |      | Colin Tey (Benjamin Kan)  |  | Yew Jinn Chieng (Benjamin Kan)   |  |
| South Perth                         |      | A: Yew Jinn Chieng      B: Yi Choong Liew                                 |  | A: Caleb Cheng      B: Yi Choong Liew  |  |
| Berrington                          |      | Edward Ee (Benjamin Kan)  |  | Yew Jinn Chieng (Benjamin Kan)   |  |
| Bull Creek                          |      | Yew Jinn Chieng   |  | Mark Heath   |  |
| APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK |      |   |  |  |  |
| Tuesday                             | 17/7 | 7:30 pm   | Prayer Meeting: Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Joel Wong, Ellainne Liew  |  |  |
| Wednesday                           | 18/7 | 7:30 pm   | Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Old Testament History  |  |  |
| Friday                              | 20/7 | 10:00 am  | Mothers Fellowship: Genesis  |  |  |
|                                     |      | 7:30 pm   | Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF  |  |  |
| Saturday                            | 21/7 | 10:30 am  | Chinese Care Group   |  |  |
| Sunday                              | 22/7 | 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<br>Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco                                    |  |  |
|                                     |      | 3:30 pm   | Nursing Home: Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont<br>Bull Creek – RAAFA Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek WA 6149 |  |  |
|                                     |      |   | Adelphe Bible Study  |  |  |
| LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS |      |   |  |  |  |

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 183 (Combined: 155; CSS: 28); Prayer Meeting: 77  
 Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$6,562.19; Church Combined Fellowship-6/7: \$1,012.35

## Notes

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