



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

July 29<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.

Prelude/Preparatory Hymn Winnie Lim/Deacon Joel Wong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple **1**

Call to Worship Deacon Eugene Leong/Kong Vui Yip

\*Hymn **HOP 4** Holy, Holy, Holy

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri **2**

Responsive Reading Proverbs 10:22-32

Hymn **HOP 146** I Know Whom I Have Believed

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 404** O Jesus, I Have Promised

\*Doxology **3**/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:4

Hymn **HOP 241** Nothing Between

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.

## Watch Your Speech!

\*Hymn **HOP 409** Have Thine Own Way, 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

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## The Need for a Church Extension and our Approach

Dear BPCWAians, I thought it would be useful to recapture some salient points of our church extension project in the Pastoral letter to emphasis some of the key focus and actions moving forward. While the plans are still high level at this stage, it is important for everyone to know the progress, the needs, and the potential challenges so that you can pray for and support God's work. Moreover, for those who attended the recent update and for some who were not around, I hope that this write up will be a useful reference if any part of the presentation was not clear.

**The reasons for a church extension.** BPCWA must always remember the key principle that the church's aim is to continue to provide a conducive and supportive environment for the study of God's Word so that people will learn about Him and grow spiritually. We also aim to increase our covenantal family fellowship. With the growth that the LORD has brought to BPCWA, these have become a challenge. With the increases in attendance to Sunday School, Bible studies, fellowship meetings, and fellowship over lunch/dinner, just rebuilding a similar Nehemiah house can no longer meet this increase in numbers. Hence, this project has become a "Church Extension", rather than just "Rebuilding Nehemiah house".

**The approach.** The choice of the architect is extremely critical as this company will design our extension, manage the tender process for a builder, and project manage the building and the subsequent warranty period for us. The usual run of the mill house builder will not have the needed experience for church and public social space designs and requirements. In order to ensure that we have the right architect, we approached a range of companies, from high end architectural firms to smaller ones. This was to ensure that we covered our bases and was as comprehensive as possible in our due diligence for BPCWA. Though the high-end firm provided good suggestions, they declined to

participate as our project was deemed to be too small. However, their concepts helped us differentiate between the smaller firms, when it came to assessing the ideas for the latter group. The Session designed objective spreadsheets for evaluating each architect. Each Session member awarded points in evaluating our key criteria as each architect was interviewed separately. We finally narrowed down to two architects from the four that we initially considered. God answered our Tuesday night prayers to Him in helping us ascertain which one to finalise on. God answered clearly in how He moved the heart of one to back out when we requested both to submit preliminary designs which will help us decide which architect to use. The one remaining will still submit his first pass design work for our evaluation. This has been reassuring to the Session that God is indeed leading us as we depend on Him.

**The potential designs.** In building a double storey multi-purpose room building, key design criteria were that it must solve both current space constraints and some foreseeable future growth, while ensuring easier and safer access for both young ones and elderlies between buildings. After assessing the available space at the existing Nehemiah house and the carpark space on Canning Highway side, architects generally recommended using the latter due to better usage of space. Furthermore, since the Canning Highway land has a smaller level difference, it would be more economical and easier to connect to the existing church building. This design choice would also give us more carpark space when Nehemiah house is demolished. This became the natural choice. Another key factor that will enable us to go ahead is getting the necessary approvals for the use of the Canning Highway side land for a multi-purpose building and the conversion of Nehemiah house's land for carpark usage. I do want to emphasise that while architects are excited at the "public street presence" of Canning Highway side (which of course benefits their publicity), we know that it has always been the LORD that draws people to notice our church building and brings them into BPCWA. We must never attribute His work to "street presence" lest we become carnal in our thinking and hence decision making. Please pray earnestly for this as the architect begins to approach the relevant councils for approvals.

**Building fund needed.** After considering our reserves and setting aside some of it for urgent situations and support of needed ministries and mission work, we will still need to raise A\$1.3 million for the first phase of the extension. Phase one is the new building extension with multi-purpose rooms. Some may be wondering - why is it so expensive when you can get a regular home builder to build a good house at perhaps only a few hundred thousand Australian dollars? Well, we have to remember that this cost includes consultant fees (commercial use applications, the tender process and project management), design fees, demolition works, carpark resurfacing, and the cost to build the actual new building itself. Moreover, we have also tried to include some modifications to the existing church building to create a bigger fellowship hall. And unlike most homes, this is a 700 square metre double storey building, possibly at least double that of most homes. And since this is a public building, it means that the specifications must meet different building codes. Similarly, the quality of the materials used for carpets and floorings must handle high volume human traffic. There will also be many more rooms, which means that unlike normal homes, walls must have sufficient sound proofing so that they can be used for Sunday schools, Bible studies, preaching and discussion groups. More rooms also mean that classroom fittings for more tables and chairs are required. In addition, this building will need significantly more lighting and cabling work than normal homes. It will require a sound system too. Then, there are the expensive wet-works such as building more toilets. These alone account for the significant difference in price between a normal family home and a public building.

Hence, in case any are also wondering - why not just demolish and rebuild an entirely new church? You can now imagine why demolishing and rebuilding would easily cost A\$7 million at today's building and labour costs. This amount does not even factor in the need to rent a place for worship for more than a year, if indeed such a place can be found.

Next week, we will revisit the Biblical principles about giving to the LORD's work, and when and how the building fund will be collected. In the meanwhile, do approach myself or Deacon Eugene Leong for any questions you may have.

Yours in our Lord's service  
Pastor

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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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.
2. **City Evangelism (Today, 2:00 pm):** Has it been a while since you shared the Gospel? Join us as we go into the city to carry out the Great Commission. A prayer team will pray at Church until 5 pm, when we will meet back in Church for testimonies.
3. **Murdoch University Orientation Outreach (This Thursday, 2 August, 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 (Stall No. 64), Murdoch. If you are able to help at the outreach, please inform Yew Jinn 0433 828 698.
4. **Church Extension Building Fund (Next Sunday, 5 August, Worship Service):** Collection for the Building Fund will begin next Sunday and envelopes marked “BPCWA Building Fund” will be made available at the foyer. The following avenues are available:
  - 1) TT – Please transfer to the bank account number BSB: 016268 Account Number: 531303414. We encourage the use of TT for safety.
  - 2) Cash – Please use the “BPCWA Building Fund” envelopes and drop it directly into the offering bag.
  - 3) Cheque – Please make the cheque out to “Bible-Presbyterian Church of W.A.”, place in a “BPCWA Building Fund” envelope and drop directly into the offering bag.

All worshippers are requested not to hand cash or cheques or envelopes with cash or cheques to Session members or building committee members. These details will also be published on the church website and the notice board.

5. **Seniors Fellowship (Saturday, 11 August, 10:00 am):** Meeting will be held in church with Pastor speaking on the topic “The Reason for Being Prepared for Sickness.”. Fellowship Lunch will follow after the message, please kindly bring a dish to share. All are warmly welcome to join.
6. **Nursing Home Ministry Roster:** To streamline the bulletin process, the nursing home roster will no longer be printed in the bulletin but will be displayed on the noticeboard instead from next week onwards. All speakers, chairpersons and musicians should refer to the noticeboard for your duties. Please see Yew Jinn for any queries.
7. **Programs planned for August:**

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
2/8 (Thursday)	9:00 am	Murdoch University Orientation Outreach
11/8 (Saturday)	10:30 am	Seniors Fellowship
12/8 (Sunday)	3:30 pm	Husbands and Fathers Fellowship
19/8 (Sunday)	6:00 pm	Men’s Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship
26/8 (Sunday)	3:30 pm	Adelphe Bible Study
31/8 (Friday)	7:30 pm	Church Combined Fellowship

8. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for His help in the planning for our church extension project and His help in the update presentation.
- Thank God that we can continue to reach out to many with the gospel at the City Evangelism today. Pray for safety and the opportunity to bring forth the Word of life.
- Pray for God to prepare the hearts of new students to come to know Him together with us. Pray for Him to direct us to the students to speak to at this week’s Murdoch University Orientation Outreach.
- Pray for everyone in BPCWA to continue to be interested in reaching out to neighbours, friends and colleagues personally to bring them in to know the truth.
- Pray for God to move hearts to provide for the extension of God’s work at BPCWA. Pray for the architect’s design and discussions with Council for necessary approvals.

SERVICE DUTY	29/7 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch	5/8 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Eugene Leong/Kong Vui Yip	Deacon Joel Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Eugene Leong
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Wei Yan, Bei Li, Mark Heath	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lee Lian Yong
Offering Stewards	Eddie Foo, Mark Heath, Terry Chong Allan Ang, Caleb Cheng, Michael Lee	Edward Ee, Jonathan Woo, Kenny Chia Kenny Tan, Benjamin Kan, Wei Yan
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Shie Tian Wong	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Liew Yi Jye Chieng
Audio Visual	Kenny Chia	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Mable Soon, Lee Chin Yong	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan

### Nursing Home Ministry

Subiaco	Colin Tey (Hannah Th'ng)	Yew Jinn Chieng (Benjamin Kan)
South Perth	A: Mark Heath      B: Yew Jinn Chieng	A: Pastor Joseph Poon      B: Allan Ang
Berrington	Edward Ee (Hannah Th'ng)	Yew Jinn Chieng (Benjamin Kan)
Bull Creek	Yew Jinn Chieng	Pastor Joseph Poon

### APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	29/7	12:45 pm	Teens Q & A
		2:00 pm	City Evangelism
Tuesday	31/7	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	1/8	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Old Testament History
Friday	3/8	10:00 am	Mothers Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Sunday	5/8	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	English Basic Bible Knowledge Class/Chinese 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: 184 (Combined: 160; CSS: 24); Prayer Meeting: 84

Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$7,188.01 (#4475: \$136.00; #4476: \$237.00); Designated Love Gifts (Kenny Tan: \$600.00; Benjamin Kan: \$400.00)

