



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

September 9th, 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 Joel Wong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Eugene Leong/Yew Jinn Chieng

*Hymn **HOP 30** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 12:17-28

Hymn **HOP 122** Holy Ghost, with Light Divine

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 263** Thou My Everlasting Portion

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation **HOP 244** More Like The Master

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:14-15

Hymn **HOP 337** We've A Story To Tell

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

Rise and Shine!

*Hymn **HOP 405** I Am Resolved

*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

Do You Pray For BPCWA?

Dear BPCWAians, Each time we think of how God has protected and kept BPCWA thus far over 32 years, it must always amaze us and fill us with thankfulness. Moreover, it should drive us to pray earnestly that God will continue to do so. Over these few weeks, we shall look at why we need to pray for BPCWA, what we should pray for BPCWA, and how we can pray for BPCWA.

Why we need to pray for BPCWA.

We must not forget the lesson, “And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed” (Ex 17:11). God used this lesson to teach Israel that they were dependent upon Him, not their own strength and efforts. Genuine prayer brings to us God’s protection and God’s power over us.

(1) For Protection. None of the 7 churches in the Book of Revelation are standing today. Many churches since then have fallen over time. Why is this so? While we know that the gates of hell shall not prevail against God’s universal Church (Matt 16:18), we see local churches falling by the wayside because Satan will keep seeking to destroy God’s local churches. Satan will not stop. This is a spiritual battle. You can be sure that BPCWA is a target in his cross-hair sights too. In this spiritual warfare, one key defence for BPCWA is prayer, “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for

all saints” (Eph 6:18). This battle is real and it is raging all the time. Why does Satan hate God’s churches? Because a faithful local church is green pastures and still waters for God’s sheep. It helps you and your family grow spiritually. Such a church is used of God to expose falsehood and will “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 1:3), thus perpetuating the holy faith through generations. Do you want BPCWA to still be around when our Lord returns? Not just a church that is celebrating anniversaries, but is indeed standing faithful and true to our Lord at that point? And that we are not a disappointment to our Lord, or even worse, an apostate church? If so, then you must pray earnestly for it. Our hands must not hang down because we get weary of praying for BPCWA. Once we do, Satan will gain ground against us. You may see it in the form of troubles from without and within. People causing trouble for the church from without, false doctrines creeping in, false brethren coming in, leadership failures, in fighting among brethren, jealousies among individuals or committees, selfishness, lack of love, pride, judgemental spirit, worldliness, cultish attitudes, and the list can go on. Either external forces or you can be his instrument to destroy the church by false doctrines or divisions.

We must not take for granted that all will always be well just because God has been merciful to us for 32 years. Prayer is telling God we need him, are dependent upon Him, and are asking Him to help us. When we become complacent, Satan will find inroads. God ordained that we pray, and pray for the right reasons, in order that we may receive, “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts” (James 4:3). God will answer when we pray for BPCWA and when we pray for it to be faithful and glorify Him.

(2) For Power. Prayer is often known to be the powerhouse of a church. God used the church He placed C. H. Spurgeon in, the Metropolitan Tabernacle, to win many souls, edify many believers, and fight many battles for the Lord. Spurgeon knew that the power house of the church was prayer. It is no surprise, of course. The battle with the Amalekites in Exodus 17 was the first battle the children of Israel had to fight after leaving Egypt. They had been slaves all their lives, not soldiers. It was the first time Joshua was leading men into military conflict. The Amalekites were different. How could Israel have won? The memorial built was called Jehovahnissi, meaning Jehovah is my banner. The military banner raised rallies the soldier and when they win the battles, they raise their banner in victory. The LORD is our banner must cause us to rally under God. As individuals and as a church, we must go to Him. We must fight the spiritual warfare under His Name. Our victory in this spiritual battle for the church is from Him alone. In Him alone is our trust. And the best way to show that we are depending upon Him to aid BPCWA in her battles is when we go to Him for power to defeat and keep at bay His enemies. If we depend upon God in prayer, it does not matter if we are inexperienced or weak, but it is the LORD that fights for BPCWA.

Do you pray for BPCWA? Do you get weary praying for the “long list” of prayer items in our Tuesday night prayer list for BPCWA? I guess the answer depends upon whether you love BPCWA, the church that God provided to you and your family. The battle is spiritual and real every moment. If we are to be standing faithful till our Lord returns, we need His protection and His power. Prayer is key to obtaining these. So will you pray for BPCWA?

Yours in our Lord’s service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. Our deepest condolences to Ming Ming Th'ng and her family in this time of bereavement at the passing of her father. May our Lord be their strength and comfort.
2. **Submission for Baptisms, Affirmation of Faith and Membership Transfers (Today):** To facilitate the arrangements for interview by the Board of Elders, completed forms, together with their testimonies, must be submitted to Deacon Joel by today.
3. **Husbands and Fathers Fellowship (Today, 3:30 pm):** 1 Peter 3:7 teaches the husband to give honour unto his wife, as unto a weaker vessel. All husbands are encouraged to come and study on how to obey God's command for husbands.
4. **Sunday Worship Service (Next Sunday only, 16 September, 9:00 am):** Please note that next Sunday's worship service will begin at 9 am instead of 10 am.
5. **Annual Congregational Meeting (Next Sunday, 16 September, 11:30 am):** This ACM meeting is open to members only and all members should attend. Members who have not yet collected a copy of the agenda and ACM reports from Deacon Adrian can do so after the worship service. Lunch will be served after the ACM meeting.

6. **Chinese Retreat Registration Closing (Next Sunday, 16 September):** If you have not registered, please do so at the fellowship hall today. The \$5 for subsidised catered lunch will be collected. Please see Yew Jinn or Deacon Joel for any queries.

7. **Church Combined Fellowship (Next Friday, 21 September, 7:30 pm):** Will resume next Friday after a 1 week break. Come and learn about what is Ecclesiastical Separation and why it is important.

8. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for the study on Biblical Separation over the last 2 Fridays. Pray that this topic will solidify understanding and conviction of this doctrine in every worshipper's heart.

 - Thank God for the privilege to be a witness for God here, and to be able to testify and serve Him wherever He has placed us.

 - Pray for Annual Congregational Meeting next Sunday that members will come and matters discussed will be according to God's will and direction.

 - Pray for Chinese Retreat that Chinese speaking brethren will come together to be built up in their faith of God's truth together.

 - Pray for wisdom and direction upon the Session in deciding the next steps for the Church Extension that will support His plans for His church.

 - Pray for united hearts in service for His work here for His glory, for the furtherance of His kingdom.

SERVICE DUTY	9/9 COMBINED	16/9 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Eugene Leong/Yew Jinn Chieng	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Eugene Leong
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Yi Choong Liew	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lee Lian Yong
Offering Stewards	Terry Chong, Allan Ang, Caleb Cheng Colin Chng, Kenny Tan, Yi Choong Liew	Kenny Chia, Alex Luu, Claude Yiu Jason Tey, Michael Lee, Mark Heath
Ushers	Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan Nancy Chai	Caleb Cheng, Yung Tsing Mew Yi Jye Chieng
Audio Visual	Soo Jin Kang	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho, Lisa Ho Ming Ming Th'ng, Xuan Rui Yong	Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, Edward Teng Joanne Teng

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	9/9	12:30 pm	Teens Q and A
		3:30 pm	Husbands and Fathers Fellowship
Tuesday	11/9	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Yew Jinn Chieng/Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	12/9	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Old Testament History
Friday	14/9	7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Sunday	16/9	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		11:30 am	Annual Congregational Meeting
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington/Bull Creek

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 207 (Combined: 174; CSS: 33); Prayer Meeting: 86; Church Combined Fellowship: 93
Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$6,982.65 (#4493: \$322.00); Church Combined Fellowship: \$607.15; Designated Love Gifts (Benjamin Kan: \$800.00; Katherine Gibbs: \$200.00)
Building Fund - Last Week: \$5,118.32; To Date: \$96,171.61; Gap: \$1,203,828.39

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH - CHAPTER ONE: OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

6. The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture; unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men. Nevertheless, we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the word; and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the Church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the word, which are always to be observed.

