



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

November 11th, 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 Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong

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

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 15:1-9

Hymn **HOP 367** He Lifted Me

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 434** Count Your Blessings

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading James 1:16-18

Hymn **HOP 155** Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Message Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip

Right Response to Temptations (2)

*Hymn **HOP 295** Saviour, Lead Me Lest I Stray

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

Infant baptised, now roles of parents and members (yes, you too!)

Dear BPCWAians, Before you decide not to read this pastoral because you do not have a child, please read on. If you are not a parent, you still need to also read the following because you have your part to play as a member in BPCWA when you engage with children in our midst. If you are a parent (no matter how old your child is now), the following is for you too, not just to parents of the newly infant baptised child.

We covered the important roles of parents in diligently teaching God's child His Word and persevering in bringing the child up in God's ways. But even as parents do these, we must be astutely aware that the world is also constantly seeking to teach the child through the media, and desires to influence by every means the child to walk in the ways of the world and cause him to sin. Hence, what you expose the child to must be of very high concern to you daily. This week, we shall look at the child in the home and in the church. Hence, even as parents do their part, we have to realise that the child is also in the midst of our influence in church.

(1) Living by example. Live by God's Word in your own life. While teaching and guiding the child to obey God's ways, the parents must live out God's Word consistently in their own lives. When you bring your child for infant baptism, you vowed before God and man to do so, asking God to help you to raise godly seed for Him. Living by example in your own life is the most effective teaching and guiding. As you teach the child what the Lord Jesus desires of us in Matt 22:37-40, "Jesus said unto him,

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (38) This is the first and great commandment. (39) And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (40) On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets”, your life speaks loudest to them. When they see that you truly obey God regardless of the cost and outcome in life, they will learn to do so in their choices in what they do. When they see your genuine care for the brethren in church and who you love to be around, the godliness of your speech, temperament and behaviour, they will choose who they spend time with and who their friends are in life. But when we fail, it is also the most effective means to make your child hate Christianity because they see it as a false and hypocritical religion since it does not even change you, who is teaching it to them. The point is – no matter how much you think you really want them to be godly, it is your life, not what you say, that really shows. You must come to face this fact honestly. Here are some areas to start checking regarding your life as an example lived in front of the child who should be brought up as godly seed for the living God – do you do your quiet time, pray at home, do you love and obey God’s Word, how you spend your time and money, what you listen to and watch, what you do when on holidays, do you serve God, and who your close friends are? Here we answer the question - why many infant baptised children, grow up disobedient and want to break free from Christianity. Do not blame God for not keeping His promise after infant baptism, or blame the BP faith. Let us not lightly say, “Oh maybe they are not elect” or “if they are an elect, they will be saved anyway”. Remember it is not only about salvation. Even if they were an elect, they will learn so many sinful habits from you, learn your worldly lifestyles, and follow your hypocritical and bad examples. On the contrary, when your walk is genuine and you have a joyful and serious walk with God, it will motivate them to want such a life and relationship with God too. They will want to follow your example because they see that God is real

and how wonderful it is to love Him and serve Him because He first loved us. No matter how much you study God's Word yourself even, it is your example that is the best way to bring up godly seed as you teach them God's ways. And that also means that as members in BPCWA, your example is also very important as we will see next.

(2) Making them part of God's Covenantal Church family. Infant baptism makes the child a non-communicant member (non participant of the Holy Communion) of BPCWA. We are living with God's family in church. Make them part of God's family in church – that is why they are non-communicant members. Let them grow up in church, make it a priority so that they grow up with God's people instead of become part of the worldly friends and their ungodly activities. So, coming to study and to know about God, to serve Him, pray with other children for the church and each other – all these become a life that they get used to, rather than worldliness. They learn that church is their extended family and a place they would rather spend time in than the world. One day if they get saved, such a life would already be normal for them rather than needing to unlearn and struggle with the many sins that they have picked up because they were not trained to walk in God's way or part of church life.

(3) Everyone's role in church. When we stand after infant baptism, surely it is not to tell the child anything because the baby cannot understand what is happening at that point. We stand as members committing to support the parents as they bring up godly seed in our midst too. We too must live up to our commitment in our examples. What you do with and say to the child when you play with it is part of this commitment. You play with the child or talk to the teen with the purpose of being godly examples, not because the child is cute, my best friend's child, fun to play with or talk with or simply because you want to child to look up to you. We are all "uncles and aunties in Christ" to these non-communicant members and should endeavour to treat every child alike. You must not

spoil the kid, allure the child with worldly things, or “bribe” the child in order to make the child like being with you. So, remember that what you organize, bring them to, or do with them when parents allow you to, you are bearing a great responsibility.

No matter what age your child is now, it is not too late to live your duty to bring up godly seed. No matter what mistakes you have made, it is not too late to live differently. In fact, the change in you is what will be needed for the child or teenager to desire to change too. Let us as members do our part as the covenantal family of God too, because your life has an impact on them in church too.

Matt 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Yours in our Lord’s service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Chinese Care Group (This Saturday, 17 November, 10:30 am):** We will continue with the series on the “Milk and Meat”. Yew Jinn will be speaking on “Milk Doctrines: Repentance from Dead Works” taken from Hebrews 6:1-3. Kindly bring a dish to share over lunch after the meeting. All are welcome to attend and learn God’s Word together.
2. **Men’s Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship (Next Sunday, 18 November, 6:00 pm):** Come and join us as we study how to live a God honouring life as a Christian man or woman. Dinner starts at 6 pm with both programs starting at 7 pm. Translation will be available.

3. **Hymn CDs:** Restock of the “Hymn Writers” CDs (Charles Wesley, Fanny Crosby, Ira D Sankey) have arrived and are available for purchase at the cost of \$10. Please see Ilhoa Ramachandran if you wish to purchase any.

4. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the first review meeting with the architect on discussions concerning the church extensions.
- Thank God for seeing Far Eastern Bible College through another semester and keeping a faithful Bible College where fulltime workers can be for trained.
- Pray for planning and provision of resources for the church information technology and media ministries so that God’s truth is readily accessible for the edification of many.
- Pray for God to guide and direct the planning for 2018 year end activities, and the planning of the church calendar for 2019.
- Pray for worshippers to use the many activities and Bible Studies to reach out and invite unbelievers and friends to join us so that they can know God and grow spiritually.

SERVICE DUTY	11/11 COMBINED	18/11 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Eugene Leong	Deacon Eugene Leong
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Lee Lian Yong	Colin Tey, May Chee Tey, Kenny Tan
Offering Stewards	Jason Tey, Terry Chong, Mark Heath Michael Lee, Allan Ang, Caleb Cheng	Edward Ee, Claude Yiu, Yi Choong Liew Kenny Tan, Colin Chng, Pei Shion Chai
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Yi Jye Chieng
Audio Visual	Yi Choong Liew	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yung Tsing Mew, Lily Liow, May Chee Tey Edward Teng, Joanne Teng	Yi San Chieng, Andy Ho, Lisa Ho Ming Ming Th'ng, Xuan Rui Yong

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Tuesday	13/11	10:00 am	Chinese Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Ellainne Liew
Friday	16/11	10:00 am	Mothers Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Saturday	16/11	10:30 am	Chinese Care Group
Sunday	18/11	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/Onslow Gardens
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington/Bull Creek
		6:00 pm	Men's Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 200 (Combined: 168; CSS: 32); Prayer Meeting: 84

Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$6,921.65 (#4519: \$285.00; #4520: \$474.60; #4521: \$65.00)

Building Fund - Last Week: \$1,871.86; To Date: \$140,093.28; Gap: \$1,159,906.72

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH - CHAPTER THREE: OF GOD'S ETERNAL DECREE

2. Although God knows whatsoever may or can come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet hath he not decreed anything because he foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass upon such conditions.

