



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

December 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.

Prelude/Preparatory Hymn Sharon Poon/Deacon Joel Wong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship

Deacon Eugene Leong/Sonny Lim

*Hymn

HOP 7 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading

Proverbs 16:1-8

Hymn

HOP 95 Wounded for Me

HOP 104 Hallelujah! What A Saviour

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

HOP 221 Yesterday, Today, Forever

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Chinese Choir Presentation

HOP 383 Something for Thee

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:25-33

Hymn

HOP 299 Lead On, O King Eternal

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

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.

The Christian Husband's Role Pt 2

*Hymn

HOP 430 O Perfect Love

*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

It is the end of the year . . . invite your friends!

Dear BPCWAians, It is the end of the year. What are you looking forward to at this time of the year? Perhaps having your kids come for the Holiday Bible Program, or the Christmas Service and the lunch thereafter? That is good, but I hope that these programs at the end of the year will cause us to be excited about something as well – the opportunity to invite unbelieving friends to church! Let me ask you, when was the last time you invited someone to church? This, I believe is one area that we need to improve on in BPCWA.

Year-end opportunities. The year-end Holiday Bible Program (Mon 17-Wed 19 Dec, 8:45 am – 12 pm) is a wonderful chance to invite your unbelieving friend's children to come. Today is the closing date, so do make a final push for it. We can accommodate for another week, after which we will not be able to accept any more enrolments. Parents may be more open because they wish to have their children occupied in some meaningful organized program with other children. Then there is of course the Christmas Gospel meeting which we organize every year (Friday 21 Dec, Carolling at 7:00 pm and program at 7:30 pm). Friends are generally more interested in coming to church at your invitation because it is after all Christmas. Christmas season is a time when some tend to be either curious and more open to see what goes on in a church at Christians. But if they cannot come for this, there is always Christmas

Service itself (Tuesday 25 Dec, 10 am) that you can also invite them to. You do not need to feel awkward about trying to invite them, because people naturally expect that Christians would invite friends to church at Christmas.

Who you can invite. For the Holiday Bible Program, you can invite unbelieving friends' children and also those who are not worshipping regularly at a church. This could be friends from your office, your neighbourhood, or relatives especially. There is great opportunity to speak with other parents when you send your kids to school. Or if you know the children, you can ask them to ask their parents. Students, you can invite your unbelieving friends or those who say they are Christians but are not attending church frequently. This year, we have opened up an additional class for the pre/teens, so this wider age group means that there is a bigger window of opportunity for you to invite friends too. For Christmas, why not call up friends whom you invited before who did come in previous years? Again relatives, office colleagues, and neighbours are those you can actively seek out to invite. If you know of some who have stopped coming to church, do get hold of them and extend a warm invitation to them to come again.

Flyers available. Invitation flyers for the Holiday Bible Program and the Christmas Gospel meeting/ Christmas service are available for you to use to invite people. Do avail yourself to them in the foyer. If they run out or if you need more, you can approach Yew Jinn for the Holiday

Bible Program and Benjamin Kan for the Christmas flyers. The necessary details are on these flyers. Pray specifically for someone, call them up or look for them and give them a flyer.

Follow up on invitations. Do call them to follow up. For the Christmas Gospel meeting and Christmas service, do call them up a few days again to gently remind them not to forget to come. There will be carolling at 7:00 pm outside the church so do encourage them to come for it too.

Do not miss out on this excellent chance to invite others to come and hear the Gospel. We need to be evangelistic. Much goes on in organising these events to reach out to souls. We must make full use of them. We must be evangelistic. How can we say we love souls when we do not even bother to invite friends to the year end events? I hope that every adult worshipper will resolve to reach out and invite at least one person to come to church for these December events. Encourage your children to invite their friends too.

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. City Evangelism (Sunday, 16 December, 2 pm):** With Christmas coming up, come along to share the Gospel and invitations to our Christmas events in the City. We will meet back in church for testimonies at 5 pm. Please check your registration on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.
- 2. Holiday Bible Program (Monday - Wednesday, 17-19 December, 8:45 am - 12 pm):** Registration ends today. Please submit the registration form to Phyllis Voun or Leah Leong. Participants are requested to be at church by 8:45 am. All participants should bring with them their own Bible, stationery and notebook. Parents are encouraged to attend the closing session on Wednesday (19 December) at 11:45 am when the participants will receive their certificates.
- 3. Christmas Gospel Meeting (Friday, 21 December, 7 pm):** Please follow up on your family and friends that you have invited to the Gospel Meeting and encourage them to come. Leaflets are still available to invite unbelievers to come and hear the gospel. Please come and join us at 7 pm for Carolling followed by the Gospel Meeting at 7:30 pm. BPCWA regular worshippers are requested to park at the rear carpark so that visitors can park in the front carpark.
- 4. Christmas Worship Service (Tuesday, 25 December, 10 am):** Please invite your family and friends to attend the Christmas Worship Service. Worship Service will be followed by Christmas lunch.
- 5. Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses for 2019:** The courses starting on 2 January 2019 will be 2 Corinthians (Rev Khoo), Job (Rev Koshy) and Old Testament History (Rev Quek). All are 2 units. Registration will commence next Sunday, 9 December.

6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for His Word which directs us in all our decisions in life and strengthens us in our trials to know how to glorify Him.
- Thank God for unity of convictions and peace that He has given to BPCWA whereby He opens the way for us to serve Him with all our hearts and strength.
- Pray for the Pastor and the Session's decisions at this afternoon's Session Meeting to be prayerfully considered in accordance with God's will.
- Pray for City Evangelism to help us bring the good news of salvation to many around Perth during this period of celebration of our Saviour's birth.
- Pray for the Holiday Bible Program to build the participants up in the personal knowledge of God and in building godly friendships from a young age.
- Pray for worshippers to reach out to bring unbelievers and believers to the Christmas Gospel meeting and Worship Service to hear the gospel and learn God's Word with us. Pray for the message preparation and planning for these Services.

SERVICE DUTY	9/12 COMBINED - Holy Communion	16/12 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Eugene Leong/Sonny Lim	Deacon Eugene Leong/Yew Jinn Chieng
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Joel Wong	Deacon Eugene Leong
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Albert Ho	Wei Yan, Bei Li, Yi Choong Liew
Offering Stewards	Colin Chng, Claude Yiu, Edward Ee Yi Choong Liew, Pei Shion Chai, Benjamin Kan	Mark Heath, Terry Chong, Benjamin Kan Caleb Cheng, Eddie Foo, Kenny Tan
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Mable Soon, Vincent Naing	Jay-Son Lim, Kenny Tan, 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	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew Christine Chia, Mable Soon

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	9/12	12:30 pm	Teens Q and A
Tuesday	11/12	10:00 am	Chinese Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Yew Jinn Chieng/Kong Vui Yip, Deacon Adrian Cheng, Benjamin Kan
Friday	14/12	7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Sunday	16/12	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	City Evangelism
			Nursing Home: Concorde/Onslow Gardens
3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington/Bull Creek		

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 190 (Combined: 163; CSS: 27); Prayer Meeting: 79

Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$6,975.67 (#4534: \$427.90; #4535: \$120.00)

Building Fund - Last Week: \$1,370.63; To Date: \$148,364.51; Gap: \$1,151,635.49

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

6. As God hath appointed the elect unto glory, so hath he, by the eternal and most free purpose of his will, foreordained all the means thereunto. Wherefore they who are elected being fallen in Adam, are redeemed by Christ; are effectually called unto faith in Christ by his Spirit working in due season; are justified, adopted, sanctified, and kept by his power through faith unto salvation. Neither are any other redeemed by Christ, effectually called, justified, adopted, sanctified, and saved, but the elect only.

