



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

January 20th, 2019

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 Ellainne Liew/Deacon Eugene Leong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship Deacon Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng

*Hymn **HOP 41** Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading Proverbs 17:16-28

Hymn **HOP 199** I Hear Thy Welcome Voice

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings **HOP 40** And Can It Be that I Should Gain?

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:10-12

Hymn **HOP 306** Onward, Christian Soldiers

Pastoral Prayer/Message Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

The Christian Is In Battle

*Hymn **HOP 301** Sound the Battle Cry!

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 4

*Congregation Standing



THEME FOR 2019: CONTINUING STEDFASTLY

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42)

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PASTORAL LETTER

A look back at 2018 Holiday Bible Program

Dear BPCWAians, Many of you will recall the various announcements for the 2018 Holiday Bible Program, and the requests for prayer support for this program. Since many may not have had children that attended the program, or even if you had, you may not really be clear why we have this program, and what do we do during the few days that the program was conducted.

Why do we have the Holiday Bible Program? This is conducted primarily with the children of BPCWA worshippers in mind. During the school holidays, parents are sometimes at a loss as to how to keep them occupied. What better way then, than to use some of that time to conduct a mini “Bible School” for students during their holidays. That is why this program is conducted during the Perth school holidays. While it originally started with it being conducted in July almost immediately after the Family Camp, it was later shifted to the Summer vacations, based on the feedback received from parents. As such, last year’s program was conducted from 17-19 December, just as school holidays began. At the same time, the Holiday Bible Program also serves as an outreach to other children as well. Through this program, we hope to be able to share the gospel to unbelievers, as well as to encourage them to attend BPCWA on a regular basis. In the initial years of the program, we were glad to have children from other churches join us. However, we also found that

many of them had believing parents who were settled in their respective churches. With resource limitations, we thus began last year to be more targeted in invitations extended to non-worshippers' children. With prayers raised to God for both of these purposes, we are thankful to God for bringing a total of 45 students, with 16 from outside of BPCWA. Thank God for the many that used this opportunity to invite children of friends, students, and even friends of friends! Having the opportunity to interact with young ones over 3 days gave good opportunities to preach the gospel to the unbelievers, and to answer some questions that they had about Christianity. Though young, their questions however often revealed a thinking not often expected at their age as they mulled over Jesus Christ as God and Saviour – questions that may baffle even many adult Christians!

What did we do during the program? Parents would drop off their



children at church at 8:45 am. Each day would start with a short period of hymn singing and the memorisation of a Bible memory verse together before they are divided into their various classes according to their age groups. In

previous years, due to larger group sizes, we were only able to handle children up to about 11 years of age. However, with an increasing number of our children now in or approaching their preteen/ teenage years, a new class for this important age group was introduced. As our

children grow into this age group, values and character begin to form. As a church, we wanted to help parents ensure that their ties with church are maintained and strengthened, and that their faith is reinforced in what is often a “make or break” period of their lives. Respective class teachers would conduct lessons based on the program theme, which were then followed by a short tea break to quieten the rumbling stomachs. The day’s program then ended off with a time of crafts before parents returned to pick their children up at noon. On the last day of the program, parents were invited to come back at 11:45 am as everyone gathered in the sanctuary for the certificate presentation. It was touching to see some children peer anxiously towards the back of the sanctuary to ensure that their parents were present to see them receive their certificates.



Was this program useful? The theme for each year’s program is prayerfully selected to help prepare our children grow up to stand strong as Christians in an increasingly ungodly age. Lessons are prepared to help instruct them what God says about these topics, and how to apply it in their daily lives and what challenges they may face at school living as a Christian. With some parents serving as helpers during the lesson program, we hope that both children and parents learned together on these topics. With last year’s theme being “Godly Friendships”, someone observed that the children at church seemed to be closer and

played more together, looked after each other more after the program. May they learn from young that “A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.” (Pr 18:24)

Yours in our Lord’s service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Adelphe Bible Study (Today, 3:30 pm):** We will continue to learn about God’s Decretive Will, and discuss the fall of man in relation to this aspect of God’s Will. All ladies are encouraged to come and learn more about the Sevenfold Will of God.
2. **Australia Day Outreach (Saturday, 26 January, 3:00 pm):** We welcome all in the church to join us for the Australia day outreach. Come and participate in the Great Commission by meeting in the Church at 3 pm for a briefing and prayer. As we will be using public transport, please bring smartrider cards as well as your snacks and drinks if you are staying for the fireworks.
3. **Fellowship Lunch (Sunday, 27 January, after Worship):** Please bring a dish to share. Do stay back to get to know each other and visitors in our midst. All are welcome.

4. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for His help and guidance at the Session Meeting yesterday.
- Thank God for the many that serve faithfully in the various media ministries in church, facilitating the worship of God and learning of His Word both in and outside of church.
- Pray for those going through trials and difficulties to lean on the knowledge of God and to glorify and please Him with their testimonies and their faith.
- Pray for Australia Day Outreach this Saturday that we will all be faithful to reach out with the gospel where God has placed us.
- Pray the BPCWA will always continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

SERVICE DUTY	20/1 COMBINED	27/1 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng	Deacon Eugene Leong/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Eugene Leong	Deacon Joel Wong
Musician(s)	Ellainne Liew	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Kenny Tan	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Claude Yiu
Offering Stewards	Benjamin Kan, Jason Tey, Michael Lee Claude Yiu, Yi Choong Liew, Allan Ang	Alex Luu, Jonathan Woo, Wei Yan Stephen Chia, Kenny Chia, Pei Shion Chai
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong	Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan, Yung Tsing Mew
Audio Visual	Kenny Chia	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Phyllis Voun Shuin Ning Jong, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew Christine Chia, Mable Soon Yi San Chieng

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	20/1	3:30 pm	Adelpe Bible Study
Tuesday	22/1	10:00 am	Chinese Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Deacon Eugene Leong, Angeline Ang
Wednesday	23/1	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Job
Friday	25/1	7:30 pm	Fellowships Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CAF/CSF
Saturday	26/1	3:00 pm	Australia Day Outreach
Sunday	27/1	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
		12:45 pm	Teens Q and A
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde/Onslow Gardens
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington/Bull Creek

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS

Attendances - Sunday Worship: 193 (Combined: 163; CSS: 30); Prayer Meeting: 92

Tithes and Offerings - Sunday Worship: \$7,889.99 (#4553: \$70.10; #4554: \$160.00; #4555: \$332.70)

Building Fund - Last Week: \$6,256.00; To Date: \$168,848.68; Gap: \$1,131,151.32

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH - CHAPTER FIVE: OF PROVIDENCE

2. Although, in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first cause, all things come to pass immutably and infallibly; yet, by the same providence, he ordereth them to fall out according to the nature of second causes, either necessarily, freely, or contingently.

