

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ



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Celebrating 25 years

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1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparatory Hymn	Kenneth Chong
Prelude	Winnie Ho
Call to Worship	Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng
*Hymn	RHC 18 Come, Thou Almighty King
*Invocation/Gloria Patri ¹	
Responsive Reading	1 Timothy 4:1-16
Hymn	RHC 321 He Hideth My Soul
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings	
*Doxology ² /Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 1:7-14
Hymn	RHC 378 More About Jesus
Pastoral Prayer/Message	Ko Ling Kang/Andy Yu

To the Praise of His Glory

*Hymn	RHC 289 Grace Greater Than Our Sin
*Benediction/Threefold Amen	
Announcements	
*The Lord Bless You and Keep You ³	

*Congregation Standing
¹ & ² RHC Front Inner Cover
³ RHC Back Inner Cover

Theme for 2011: Walking With God. (Genesis 5:22)



A Warm Welcome from BPCWA to one and all. May God richly bless you as you join us today in worshipping the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Please join us at Fellowship Tea after the Worship Service.

My dear readers,

1. Understanding the significance of the “*first day of the week*”

I write to Christians who seriously are interested to know the significance of the “*first day of the week*” events recorded in Luke’s Gospel Chapter 24. It was the third day following our Lord’s crucifixion. The Disciples were plunged in deepest sorrow over their Master’s death. They did not really believe that Jesus would come back from the dead, despite His many verbal assurances. Such was their lack of faith.

Luke’s Gospel Chapter 24 verse 1 records: “*Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they (the women) came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared...*” (to embalm the body of Jesus). But to their amazement, the great stone enclosing the sepulchre had been rolled away, exposing the cavern of an empty scpulchre. The body of Jesus was missing! Then appeared two angels who said, “*Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen...*” Then they recalled our Lord’s words that He would rise the third day.

This was the witness of Mary Magdalene and certain other women, who broke the amazing news to the Apostles (v 10).

2. Jesus walked with two disciples to Emmaus

That same day, i.e. “*the first day*” of the week, two of Jesus’ disciples were going to a village called Emmaus. As they walked, they were engaged in conversation over the “*hot topic*” – the crucifixion of Jesus three days prior. Just then, our Lord “*... Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him*” (vv 15, 16). It was not until they had sat down at dinner later, when Jesus broke bread with them, that “*their eyes were opened*” (vv 30, 31) and they recognized their Lord.

That same evening, the two disciples returned to Jerusalem to meet with the eleven Apostles. Then they related their meeting with the Lord, and how their hearts did burn within them. And as they thus spoke, Jesus Himself joined them!

The Apostles were stunned by our Lord’s appearance. The fact that Jesus had returned from the dead was the infallible proof of His entire mission and promises. In the words of Paul the Apostle:

“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept... For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive” (1 Cor 15:20, 22).

Because Jesus lives, we shall live with Him!

3. The believers’ hope is sealed “in Christ”

The crux of Christian faith is this: by faith in Christ, and His resurrection, our victory

over death, our enemy number one is assured. Indeed, Death has lost its sting! Every believing Christian must be truly grateful to the Lord for **so great a deliverance**, which all hinges on what took place on that glorious “*first day of the week.*” To believers it is known as “*The Lord’s Day.*” No more do we observe the “*Sabbath Day*” required by the Mosaic Law, but to remember “*The Lord’s Day,*” which is Sunday.

“*In Christ*” then, I must keep His Day holy, separate from the other days of the week. My assurance of sins forgiven, of new life in Christ my Lord, and a home in heaven, is entirely dependent on my Lord Jesus’ rising from the dead on that “*first day of the week.*” This was the day observed by the New Testament Church and by Christians thereafter.

4. The Christian’s “*first day of the week*”

Because we have freedom and ease of unhindered worship each Lord’s Day, there is a tendency to drift into a carefree and almost careless attitude towards the keeping of the Lord’s Day. While we should not get into a “*legalistic*” way of keeping the Lord’s Day, nevertheless, there must be a separation of Sunday from the other days of the week.

Remembering always that on this Day of days, our Lord conquered death for us, we are only being grateful as we assemble with the rest of the church, early and certainly well before the “*starting time.*” Our starting time being 10.30 am it is a good habit (because I love the Lord) to arrive 20 to 30 minutes early. By so doing, I can join in the “*Pre-service Singspiration,*” in preparation for the Service at 10.30 am, and to quietly prepare for worship.

In case some readers may not know, we have “*Pre-service Singspiration*” from 10.15 to 10.30 am. Come and join us! (It is my custom to arrive before 10 am and to meditate quietly before Service.)

5. Don’t be a “*Courtesy-Call Christian*”

Let not those who truly love the Lord lapse into a thoughtless, almost careless, habit of just “*breezing in and breezing out*” routine, without careful heart preparation.

Also, let those who love the Lord, devote the entire Lord’s Day to the Lord. Then coming to 6 pm SGH becomes an added blessing.

Last Sunday’s SGH Service saw an excellent turnout to hear the story of John Newton the slave-trader. The two special items were also very well received: the Pandan YF Choir and the testimony by Mr Goh Seng Lim. By God’s amazing grace Mr Goh found salvation in the Lord Jesus after searching for many years and meeting the disappointment of false religions. Readers who have yet to come to our Evening Service “*Sunset Gospel Hour*” are warmly invited. Why not make a start? You will be richly blessed! Come tonight!

Faithfully in the Lord
Dr SH Tow

Dear Brethren,

The Role of a Faithful Leader

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. (1Th 5:12-13)

Last week we examined this verse from the perspective of how we as the congregation ought to respond to our leaders, to know and to esteem them. Today, we will once again examine this same verse, but this time with regards to how a leader in church ought to be.

Labourers – Firstly, we see them being commended for the fact that they are labouring amongst the people, and are to be esteemed for their work. The role of any leader requires diligent, responsible hard work. As we saw last week, it is no walk in the park to be an effective leader. The word ‘labour’ carries the idea of hard tiring work, where one would continue to toil on even when he is weary. A true servant of the Lord ought to be fully engaged in labouring for the Lord, daily toiling in the Lord’s vineyard, burning out for Him! To be a leader in any capacity in the church is no small task to be taken lightly. If one would call himself a leader, he must be prepared to labour hard, to give up of his time, energy and effort to serve his Lord and Master! That is indeed what we see in the example of men of faith in the Bible, and also in church history. Let us all strive to be faithful men and women for the Lord!

Overseers – Next, we see their role as one who is ‘*over you in the Lord*’. This phrase literally has the idea of one who would stand in front and over you in the Lord, being representatives of the church and also held accountable for the spiritual well-being of those under their charge. They have the responsibility of ensuring that the church is headed in the right direction, that godly spiritual decisions are made, guided by the Lord. As such, they must be in constant prayer, having a close walk with the Lord at all times. For only then would they be filled with the Spirit, and have the wisdom to lead. Note that to be overseers in the Lord, also means that they adopt the leadership style of the Lord Jesus Christ. This means that they are never to be seen as despotic leaders who have an authoritarian rule, but instead they are to be servant leaders, whose role is to serve the church, “*even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*” (Mat 20:28)

Admonishers – Finally, we see that leaders have been given the role to admonish. This ministry of admonition is often an unpleasant and difficult one, whereby one is tasked to warn or caution others in the way he ought to refrain from sin, and to walk to please God. They are to be as watchmen, sounding the alarm when danger comes. They are to be observant and careful, to point out sin and to rebuke the flock when necessary. This involves the preaching over the pulpit, but also individual counselling and informal friendly rebuke. As the congregation under their charge, we ought to be appreciative and receptive when our responsible leaders take the effort to keep a look out for our spiritual well-being. We must never take it personally or feel like they are judging us, but instead be humble and ready to repent of any sins that we have committed. As the wise words from Proverbs tells us: “*Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.*” (Pro 27:5-6)

*In Christ,
Lingkang*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITIONS

1. **Church Vans:** Departs 12:15pm.
2. **Revival Prayer Meeting:** 8:00pm Tuesday. Speaker: Ko Ling Kang. Join us to pray for the revival of the church.
3. **Mandarin Choir:** Today at 12 pm.
4. **Wednesday Bible night class:** Wednesday at 7:30pm in church. All are welcome to study God's Word together.
5. **The 25th Anniversary Dinner** of our Church is not to be missed! The dinner will be at Xin Tian Di on Francis Street, Northbridge on the Sunday, 24th April 2011, cost \$28. Registration ends in only one week time so please stop by in the fellowship hall to register soon. For those people who have difficulty travelling to the city at night for the anniversary dinner, transportation can be arranged. Please let Yi San or Camilia know when you handed in the registration forms. If you know of people outside the church who would like to come, please invite them.
6. **Church Anniversary Camp:** Start planning early to attend to the 25th Anniversary family camp on the 10th -14th July 2011 with Rev Das Koshy from Gethsemane BP Church. Theme: "A Church after God's own Heart".
7. **25 Anniversary Magazine:** The magazine is scheduled to be published in July. Please continue to pray for testimony collection, edition and design so that it may glorify God and edify the readers.
8. **Sunday School Ministry:**
 - a. We are currently looking for more Sunday school teachers and Singspiration leaders to teach/lead for 2011, if you have burden to serve in this ministry please see Mark Heath, Hui Ling Wee or Maryann Law.
 - b. Toddler class will be relocating from the library to Chinese Congregation worship up stairs as of Sunday 3rd April 2011 for any questions regarding the relocation please see Hui ling Wee or Maryann Law.
 - c. **Singspiration (JSS) @ 10am** will be relocating from Jeremiah's place to upstairs (Chinese worship area) next to the toddler class as of **Sunday 3rd April 2011**.
 - d. **Pre-primary class** will be relocating from Jeremiah's place to Regeneration room next door to Toddler class upstairs as of **Sunday 10th April 2011**.
 - e. **Primary/Junior/Junior High classes** will be held in their respective designated rooms in Jeremiah's place as of Sunday **10th April 2011**.
9. **Thanksgiving & Prayer:**
 - 1) Please pray for sister Chong Yoke Peng who has been admitted to Royal Perth hospital after suffering from a stroke. May God grant her a speedy recovery from her illness.
 - 2) **Sunday School Ministry:** For more people to have the burden to serve as Sunday school teachers and Singspiration leaders.
 - 3) Revival of the church.
 - 4) A pastor for BPCWA.
 - 5) Those who are away, working or travelling.
 - 6) Those who are sick or weak.
 - 7) Church safety & security.

DR TOW MINISTRY IN PERTH

Our Supervisory Pastor Dr Tow will be in Perth from 21st to 26th April 2011 to celebrate the Church's 25th Anniversary. To encourage our hearts during this happy occasion, Dr Tow will conduct a series of meetings and seminars during his stay here:

1. **21st April 2011 (Thursday):** a meeting of all the leaders of all areas of service in the Church at 7:30pm to 9pm. During this meeting all leaders are to give a short update to report on progress in their ministry area. Dr Tow will give an exhortation to encourage the leaders. All fellowship presidents; heads of departments; and advisors are earnestly encouraged to attend. Ministries that do not have an organizing committee (eg. Kitchen Ministry; PA; Transport Ministry; Ushering), please elect a representative to attend the meeting.
2. **22nd April 2011 (Good Friday):** a meeting from 10am to 12pm with all the men (especially fathers and husbands) of the church. As the head of the family, the men play a very crucial and vital role in promoting holy living and family worship in the church, as well as encouraging the whole family to worship and serve in the church. Dr Tow will provide a message/exhortation on how the men could fulfil these responsibilities.

In the same evening, we will be holding a Good Friday service and observing Holy Communion starting at 8pm.

3. **24th April 2011 (Easter Sunday):** Dr Tow will be speaking at a Sunrise Service at 7am, at the Melville outdoor amphitheatre, outside the Melville Civic Centre (next to Garden City). In the early years of the church, this was a highlight in the Church calendar so we encourage EVERYONE to attend. Hot cross buns and tea/coffee will be served at Church following the Sunrise service, before the worship service at 10am.

25th Anniversary dinner will be held later that evening at Xin Tian Di Chinese Restaurant from 6pm. Dr Tow will lead a short exhortation at the dinner. Please continue to invite your friends to attend.

4. **25th April 2011 (Monday):** The church will be organising an outing at Burswood Park from 10am-3pm. Please come and join us for this rare opportunity where we can have warm fellowship with one another at this beautiful and quiet location. More details will be released in the next couple of weeks.
5. **26th April 2011 (Tuesday):** Tuesday night prayer meeting exhortation.

Service Duty	(10/4) Combined	(17/4) Combined
Speaker	Ko Ling Kang/Andy Yu	Ko Ling Kang/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader	Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng	Mark Heath/Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Kenneth Chong	Claude Yiu
Musician	Winnie Ho	Ruth Wong
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Jason & Chen Shi Tey, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards	☆ Eddie Foo, ☆ Albert Ho Joel Wong, Kenneth Chong	☆ Eugene Leong, ☆ Eddie Ho Alex Luu, Jason Tey
Ushers	Joel Wong, Christina Soon	Heng Lee Ting, Julia Sun
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng Maryann Law, Lime Chiang, Carey Tan	Lilian Yong, Adrian Ng, Julia Sun Margaret Ng, Michael Koo
JSS Singpiration	Ruth Wong, Michael Koo	Christina Soon, Terry Chong
Van Drivers	Camilia (M) Caleb (C) Terry (U)	Shie Tian (M) Leonard (C) Eugene (U)

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Barry Palm (Juanita Palm)	Andy Yu (Grace Yu)
South Perth	Hall A: Jason Tey (Rowena Cheng) Hall B: Mark Heath (Michael Koo)	Hall A: Adrian Cheng (Adrian Ng) Hall B: Barry Palm (Junita Palm)
Bayswater	Andy Yu (Grace Yu)	Ko Ling Kang (Yi San Chieng)

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	12/4	8:00pm	Revival Prayer Meeting Ko Ling Kang/Yew Jinn Chieng, Robert Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng, Audrey Liow
Wednesday	13/4	7:30pm	Wednesday Bible Night Class – OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY
Friday	15/4	7:30pm	Fellowship Meetings: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	17/4	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	Sunday School/BBK Classes
		10:00am	Combined Sunday Worship Service “That we may Know!” (Ephesians 1:15-23)
		12pm	Mandarin Choir
		2:00pm	Concorde (Nursing Home) – 25 Anstey Street, <i>South Perth</i> Onslow Gardens (Nursing Home) – 39 Hamersley Road, <i>Subiaco</i>
		3:30pm	Ben Ritcher Lodge (Nursing Home) - 480 Guildford Road, <i>Bayswater</i>

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (3/4)

Attendance: 171 (Combined-132; JSS-39); **Prayer Meeting** - 39

Offerings in Total: \$5,527.95

General Fund: \$5,527.95 (#3412-\$800; #3413-\$636.90; #3414-\$800; #3415-Anniversary Dinner- \$756)

Mission Fund: (10% of General Fund is set aside for missions)

SHORTER CATECHISM Q15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created? The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.