

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 WORSHIP COMBINED SERVICE

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| Preparatory Hymn | Heng Lee Ting |
| Prelude | Joyce Yip |
| Call to Worship | Adrian Cheng/Joel Wong |
| *Hymn | HOP 76 Angels From the Realms of Glory |
| *Invocation/Gloria Patri ¹ | |
| Children's Song Presentation | Silent Night |
| Responsive Reading | Proverbs 2:1-11 |
| Hymn | HOP 71 Angels We Have Heard On High |
| Presentation of Tithes & Offerings | |
| *Doxology ² /Offertory Prayer | |
| Scripture Reading | Luke 2:1-14 |
| Hymn | HOP 72 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear |
| Pastoral Prayer/Message | Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim |

The Glory of Christmas

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| *Hymn | HOP 77 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing |
| *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. “As cold waters to a thirsty land ...”

Nothing is more welcome to a thirsty person than “*a cooling drink,*” especially if ice-cold! Lately many “*year-end greetings*” have come from distant lands, bearing good news. The wise King describes these as “*cold waters to a thirsty land*” (Prov 25:25). I have been much blessed by such “good news” that I am constrained to share the goodness with readers. The first writer of “*good news*” is Pastor Dr Raymond Saxe, a converted Jew who first came some eight years ago, then already in his early eighties, and still hearty and like the man of God, Moses, “*... his natural force (not) abated*” (Deut 34:7). Dr Saxe has been keenly interested in FEBC’s welfare, enquiring regularly after the progress of the problem with Life Church, and was overjoyed when the Supreme Court Judges ruled in favour of FEBC, upholding its stand on VPP. Here is the latest communication from Dr Saxe:

“Shalom in our Messiah Jesus. Glory to the Father Who sent His Son. A blessed Christmas and New Year because of Him. We are deeply grateful for your gracious gift. It was received with joy upon our return from Dayton, Ohio where we were serving the Lord. Pandan’s generosity just overwhelms us. Surely the LORD knows our needs and He has supplied through you His servants -- bless you all at Calvary Pandan.

We agree with you about our Lord's return. He has promised and will fulfill it in His own appointed time. Hence we watch and wait for our precious Lord to come at any moment. Again, thanks for your most timely gift. Psalm 69:30; ‘I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.’”

2. News from “Hilltop” Philippines

a) From Darla and Bill Ebert (missionaries from USA)

“We thank our God upon every remembrance of you and your many kindnesses to us. What a channel of blessing Calvary Pandan has been to us and the great work at Hilltop these many years. With blessed memories we recall Mrs Tow ... such a blessing to us. All our time spent at your apartment was joy beyond description. Indeed, we thank God always for you and your good Church.”

b) From Pastor Laudemar Lubaton

“The past months have been a great time of rejoicing as a number of blessings brought about by the outpouring of God's grace has come to Centre for Biblical Studies (Institute & Seminary) & Hilltop in much thanksgiving. Al-

low me to share this with you and our brethren at Calvary Pandan as you continue to pray and partner with us in the work of the Lord here in the Philippines.

The Lord's preservation of the Centre for Biblical Studies (Institute & Seminary) for the last 21 years in providing training for would-be laborers in the Lord's vineyard.

We celebrated the 21st anniversary of Centre for Biblical Studies (Institute & Seminary) with over 30 churches for a thanksgiving service. Three alumni of the school shared how the challenge of training at Centre for Biblical Studies (Institute & Seminary) prepared them for full-time ministry. The day's celebration was capped with a challenge from the Word expounding the theme, Christ's Call Echoes through the Centuries: 'Follow me.'

The gathering of pastors for rest and renewal last October has drawn 80 pastors, the biggest gathering of pastors since we started. We thank God for enabling these pastors to be renewed and rekindled in their faith. We have committed ourselves through the enabling grace of God to continue to be pastors of growing churches, faithful to our heavenly calling. We look forward to the year 2012 gathering of pastors as each one is challenged to encourage other pastors as we set our goal for 100 participants.

The development of the 16 faculty meeting regularly for a time of prayer, training and encouragement has been a rewarding experience to work alongside of one another in fulfilling the mandate of the Lord to make disciples of all people. To witness day after day the resolve of these faculty in impacting the life of the students in and out of the academic hall is a daunting task that requires much of God's grace.

The arrival of the 250 pieces of planners (from Calvary Pandan) continue to be a great help for our pastors and Christian educators. A number has already been distributed during the school anniversary. Second distribution will take place on Dec. 19 as the pastors and their families gather for Christmas fellowship.

We rejoice in the Lord and continue to lift up our hearts to Him in praise and thanksgiving. We thank God for you and the Church for being God's channel of blessings to all of us here at Hilltop."

c) From Pastor Dignadice Leoncio

"I thank the Lord for allowing me to attend the pastors' retreat last October 18-20. They were very happy to have fellowship with the **oldest pastor**. I thank God for the privilege of sharing some testimonies of His faithfulness to our young pastors. The Lord has also given me the time to visit our churches which I have not seen for a long time, since 1974 when I left Manila. On

December 3, 2011, Agape Baptist Church in Taytay Rizal made a tribute, and acknowledged me as the pioneer pastor. I ministered for 14 years in this church. We celebrate the grace, love, and mercy of the Lord in those years. We continue to minister to our police and armed forces here in Bicol. We pray for greater and fruitful ministry for the coming year 2012.

Thank you very much for all your prayers and support for the Lord's work here in Bicol and to our brethren at Calvary Pandan! EMMANUEL. ”

***Faithfully in the Lord,
Dr SH Tow***

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITIONS

- 1. Christmas Lunch:** Please join us after the service for a special Christmas lunch to celebrate Christmas with your Church family. All are welcome!
- 2. Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses** if you are interested in doing a Bible course, registration is open for the following three online courses: **Elements of Theology, Hebrews** and **Christian Apologetics**. There are a number people already interested and a study group may form. In the meantime, if you are interested, please pick up a registration form in the foyer and see Brother Mark Heath for more details. Cost is only \$80/unit and registration closes this week.
- 3. Watchnight Service:** 31/12/2011 at 7:30pm. Please bring a plate of finger food to share after the service.
- 4. Musicians Please Note:** A session on “Biblical Principles and Choices of Christian Music” will be conducted by Sister Sharon for sisters who are involved in the church’s music ministry. This will be on Wednesday, 28th December, 7.30pm in the church sanctuary. Others who may be interested in the topic may also join. Guitarists who wish to attend may sit in. Brother Joseph will speak on guitar usage.
- 5. The church theme for 2012** is “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ...” 2 Peter 3:18a. Please keep this theme in prayer.
- 6. Thanksgiving & Prayer:**
 - 1. Update of Brother Patrick Liow:** Brother Patrick is recovering slowly. Please continue to pray for his ongoing treatment and recuperation.
 2. Pray for spiritual & physical well-being of all members and worshipers.
 3. Pray that God will send a pastor to shepherd our church, a man who is after God’s heart and will teach God’s Word faithfully.
 4. Pray for those who are sick and weak.
 5. Pray for safety and security in and around the church.

| Service Duty | (25/12) Combined (Fellowship Lunch) | (31/12) Combined (Watch Night Service) | (1/1) Combined |
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| Speaker | Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim | Joseph Poon/Joel Wong | Joseph Poon/Kenneth Chong |
| <i>Worship Leader</i> | <i>Adrian Cheng/Joel Wong</i> | <i>Mark Heath/James Wong</i> | <i>James Wong /Joel Wong</i> |
| Prep Hymns | Heng Lee Ting | - | Heng Lee Ting |
| <i>Musician</i> | <i>Joyce Yip</i> | <i>Sharon Poon</i> | <i>Sharon Poon</i> |
| Welcomers | Barry & Juanita Palm | Michael & Irene Lee | Jonathan & Bonnie Woo Michael Lee |
| <i>Offering Stewards ☆ To Help Counting Offering</i> | ☆ <i>Barry Palm</i> ☆ <i>Chi Fai Tang</i> <i>Jonathan Woo</i> <i>Heng Lee Ting</i> | ☆ <i>Michael Lee</i> ☆ <i>Stephen Chia</i> <i>Barry Palm</i> <i>Allan Ang</i> | ☆ <i>Jonathan Woo</i> ☆ <i>Michael Lee</i> <i>Stephen Chia</i> <i>Steven Sun</i> |
| Ushers | Choon Fang Wong & Maryann Law | Karen Yap & Allan Ang | Steven Sun & Christina Soon |
| <i>P.A. System</i> | <i>Eddie Ho, Joel Wong</i> | <i>Joel Wong</i> | <i>Terry Chong</i> |
| Kitchen Duties | Irene Yap, Truc Pham Yi Jye Chieng, Alan Ang Lau Han Wei | Lee Fung Fong Shirley Soon, Tammy Hsu David Liu | Lilian Yong, Julia Sun David Liu, Jenny Huang Edward Ee |
| <i>JSS Singpiration</i> | <i>Camilia Sin, Terry Chong</i> | - | <i>Juanita Palm, Terry Chong</i> |
| Toddler Class Assistant | <i>Valerie Wan</i> | - | <i>Kim Voo</i> |
| <i>Van Drivers</i> | <i>Shie Tian (M) Leonard (C)</i> <i>Eugene (U)</i> | <i>Camilia (M) Caleb (C)</i> <i>Terry (U)</i> | <i>Shie Tian (M) Leonard (C)</i> <i>Eugene (U)</i> |
| Old Folks' Home Ministry | | | |
| Subiaco | Joseph Poon (Karen Yap) | - | Mark Heath (Christina Soon) |
| <i>South Perth</i> | Hall A: <i>Mark Heath</i> Hall B: <i>Barry Palm</i> | - | Hall A: <i>Adrian Cheng</i> Hall B: <i>Jason Tey</i> |
| Bayswater | James Wong | - | Heng Lee Ting |

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

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| Tuesday | 27/12 | 7:30pm | Prayer Meeting Joseph Poon, Robert Wong, Sharon Poon |
| Friday | 30/12 | 7:30pm | Fellowship Meetings: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG |
| Saturday | 31/12 | 7:30pm | Watch Night Service "Rejoicing in Christ" (Philippians 4:4-7) |
| Sunday | 1/1 | 8:30am | Pre-Service Prayer Meeting |
| | | 9:00am | Sunday School |
| | | 10:00am | Combined Sunday Worship Service "Pursuing Christ" (Philippians 3:13-14) |
| | | 12:15pm | Church Van Depart |
| | | 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 (18/12)

Attendance: 142 (Combined-116; JSS-26); **Prayer Meeting: 34**

Offerings in Total: \$3,222.70

General Fund: \$3,222.70

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

VERSE OF THE WEEK **Romans 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.