

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ



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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.

Theme for 2012:

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ... (2 Peter 3:18a)

SUNDAY WORSHIP COMBINED SERVICE

Preparatory Hymn Kenneth Chong
Prelude Ruth Wong
Call to Worship Dn Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng
*Hymn **HOP 31** Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

*Invocation/Gloria Patri¹

Responsive Reading Proverbs 4:14-27
Hymn **HOP 173** Fill My Cup Lord

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology²/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading Revelation 2:1-8

Hymn **HOP 145** I Hear the Saviour Say

Pastoral Prayer/Message Mark Heath/Kong Vui Yip

A time to make a decisive break with sin

*Hymn **HOP 309** Yield Not to Temptation

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You³

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



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. Pray when ideas run dry

One member asked me, “Pastor, I read your weekly article. How do you get so many different ideas? You have an inexhaustible store!” No, my dear, I don’t have that sort of “store of ideas” as you think. Often-times it is a hard struggle, thinking what to write. This week I was having such a struggle, wondering, “What shall I write?”

It is at such a time as this that I seek the Lord’s help. Did He not say, “Ask, and it shall be given you ...” (Matt 7:7)? Let me share some thoughts as I put pen to paper and write out of my memory store what I have learnt and experienced in the matter of prayer.

2. Prayer is like breathing

This I learnt from an old man of God, from his lifelong experience and testimony. Isn’t this what the Apostle Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:17: “Pray without ceasing.” It is like breathing – “without ceasing,” as long as we live! Such is the importance of prayer, a “moment by moment keeping communication lines” open and connected with God’s “Throne of Grace.” Such a state of connected-ness is the pre-requisite of triumphant and holy living, recognizing that temptation and Satan’s snares are everywhere, out to stumble the unwary.

Our Lord stresses the vital importance of believers being joined with Him, as He said in John 15:5: “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” Herein is the essence of unceasing prayer. So much on the matter of prayer.

Now, about the Sunset Gospel Hour.

3. SGH: new spirit and interest

Last Lord’s Day at SGH we distributed a questionnaire and I have received a number of returned questionnaires: useful replies, hymn requests, and interesting ideas. The revived pre-Service singing – sing-
spiration – is drawing increasing numbers, praise the Lord!

To our SGH Faithfuls: your hymn requests will receive swift response! Questions asked will also be attended to by Rev Quek and myself as soon as practical. I thank all who responded. I earnestly pray that SGH will flourish more and more, and reach out to Christians throughout Singapore.

Reader, will you pray and invite someone? Be a good missionary for the Gospel's sake.

Make SGH a "Lord's Day Revival Centre"!

Increasingly, non B-Ps are attending SGH, where they hear sermons not heard in their own churches. The songs sung and the Word of God preached are reviving and attracting Christians. We continue to strive our utmost to increase the blessing of the Lord's Day through SGH.

Yes, our concern is the "Sanctity of the Lord's Day." While we no longer keep the Old Testament Sabbath (commemorating God's finished work of Creation), we now commemorate our Lord's finished work of Redemption. However, we do it with a certain "carefree" attitude by which we lose much of the sanctity of the Lord's Day and gratitude toward our Redeemer.

Currently the majority of our Pandan members attend only the Morning Worship Service and neglect the Evening Service. Why is this so? Is there not a blessing also in the Evening Service? Obviously, there is a loss of blessing to those who stay away.

What is the remedy? Firstly, let us confess our lack of love for the Lord and ask Him to revive our first love. Let us resolve to serve the Lord, and return to His House for Evening Worship. What a blessing that will be, when God's people come gratefully and willingly! It will be a big step forward in our combating the end time lethargy and carelessness.

But the Spirit of the Lord must first revive His people, fire each one with a real yearning and love for the Lord, and a longing for warm fellowship with fellow believers! In this way, we may better anticipate the Lord's soon return. What a joyous event it will be!

Faithfully in the Lord,
Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class** will be resuming next Sunday 19th of February. This class is designed for those wishing to obey the Lord in baptism. We will be studying the Scripture regarding Baptism and other important beliefs of the Church. This class is also suitable for those who have been baptised but have recently joined our Church and want to find out what our Church stands for. If you are interested please see Sister Karen Shao or Elder James Wong.
2. **Mandarin Tuesday Bible Study:** Will be temporarily replaced by Monthly Mandarin Sisters' Fellowship as from March, 2012. Details on Mandarin Sisters' Fellowship will follow soon.
3. **Church Hours:** Brother Mark Heath will be in the Church on Monday and Thursday from 9am to 5pm as of this week. If you need to contact him or access the Church during these hours please call 93649898.
4. **Murdoch University Outreach:** One of the most effective outreaches for our church has been our university outreaches. This year, we would like to encourage more senior members of our Church to help out. Our church will be setting up a stall at the Murdoch University Orientation Day THIS Thursday. Come between 10am and 2pm to help invite new students to BPCWA and our various welcome events.
5. **Library Clean up:** Following the clean up of the library last week, there are some items you may like to take home. The magazines etc have been put aside in the upper fellowship hall. Please help yourself before they are thrown out next week.
6. **Mandarin Choir** practice today at 12pm.
7. **Air Conditioners:** Please help to ensure that all air conditioners are switched off when not in use.
8. **Thanksgiving & Prayer:**
 1. Please pray for speedy recovery of David Law's mum, Sister Siew Ming Kerk. She is currently in ICU in a critical situation from severe infection after radiotherapy & stem cell treatment.
 2. Please continue to pray for brother Patrick Liow. May God heal and grant him a full recovery.
 3. Pray for spiritual & physical well-being of all members and worshippers.
 4. 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.
 5. Pray for safety and security in and around the church.

Service Duty	(12/2) Combined	(19/2) Combined
Speaker	Mark Heath/Kong Vui Yip	Robert Wong/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader	Dn Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng	Elder James Wong/Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Kenneth Chong	Claude Yiu
Musician	Ruth Wong	Joyce Yip
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Jason & Chen Shi Tey Lily Liow
Offering Stewards ☆ To Help Counting Offering	☆ Kenneth Chong, ☆ Joel Wong Eddie Foo, Albert Ho	☆ Alex Luu, ☆ Jason Tey Eddie Ho, Eugene Leong
Ushers	Joel Wong, Christina Soon	Audrey Liow, Truc Pham
P.A. System	Terry Chong	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Lee Fung Fong, Andy Ho Barry Palm, Christine Chia Tammy Hsu, Margaret Ng	Lilian Yong, Julia Sun Jenny Huang, Edward Ee
JSS Singpiration	Hui Ling Cheng, Terry Chong	Christina Soon, Yi Jye Chieng
Toddler Class Assistant	Hui Ling Cheng	An Ning
Van Drivers	Shie Tian (M) Leonard (C) Eugene(U)	Camilia (M) Caleb (C) Terry (U)
Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Barry Palm (Karen Yap)	Mark Heath (Christina Soon)
South Perth	Hall A: Dn Adrian Cheng Hall B: Caleb Cheng	Hall A: Elder James Wong Hall B: Barry Palm
Bayswater	Yew Jinn Chieng	Jason Tey

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	14/2	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting Elder James Wong/Kenneth Chong, Caleb Cheng, Yi San Chieng
Friday	17/2	7:30pm	Fellowship Meetings: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	19/2	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	Sunday School/Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Combined Sunday Worship Service “Why a man must be born again?” (John 3:1-15)
		12:00pm	Mandarin Choir
		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 Ritchee Lodge (Nursing Home) – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (5/2)

Attendance: 169 (Combined-134; JSS-35); **Prayer Meeting:** 33

Offerings in Total: \$4241.55

General Fund: \$4241.55 (#3531-CYAF-\$498.70)

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

VERSE OF THE WEEK **2 Timothy 4:2** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.