

# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

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## EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP COMBINED SERVICE

### 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.

Preparatory Hymn

Kenny Tan

Prelude

Karen Ee

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip

\*Hymn

**HOP 33** Blessed Be the Name

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri<sup>1</sup>

Responsive Reading

Psalm 33:13-22

### 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.

**Baptism** Bernard Clarke, Shirlyn Lee, Rui Yi Yong, Xuan Rui Yong

**Transfer of Membership**

Kenny Chia, Yi-Choong Liew,

Diane Maranan, William Maranan

Hymn

**HOP 125** Open My Eyes, That I May See

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology<sup>2</sup>/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation

Scripture Reading

Job 19

Hymn

**HOP 110** I Serve a Risen Savior

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Dr S H Tow/Sonny Lim

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives

\*Hymn

**HOP 245** More About Jesus

\*Benediction/Threifold Amen

Announcements

\*The Lord Bless You and Keep You<sup>3</sup>

### 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.

\*Congregation Standing

<sup>1</sup> & <sup>2</sup> RHC Front Inner Cover

<sup>3</sup> RHC Back Inner Cover

Theme for 2014: "SHEW FORTH THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO HATH CALLED YOU" (1 Peter 2:9b)



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,*

This week we feature Part I of CMI's "Prayer News" (April to June 2014). This issue of CMI's newsletter is of particular interest since CMI is greatly increasing its focus on Singapore (for its strategic location in Asia) and its growing support of CMI's ministry. Please pray for this co-operative partnership.

### **"Teaching creation is child abuse"?**

#### ***A response to rabid atheist claims***

*by Gary Bates, CEO, CMI-Worldwide*

The creation/evolution debate is polarizing for many Christians and pastors due in part to the rhetoric that wrongly characterizes the biblical view. Let's face it; the secular media need to sell their product, and controversy sells! So, when evolutionist spokesmen supply juicy bites, it makes for great headlines, and unfortunately "mud sticks". But people seem to miss the point that these scientists are not commenting about science facts, which is where their focus should be. For example:

- **The UK's Independent** featured an article titled: *"Teaching creationism: Indoctrination is a form of child abuse."*
- Famous physicist and atheist propagandist, Lawrence Krauss, gained wide exposure in a radio interview in Australia when he said, *"Well, I've recently, in the United States, just stated that teaching creationism is child abuse and I think it is."*
- Evolution's high priest, Richard Dawkins, in his book *The God Delusion* titled a whole chapter *"Childhood abuse and the escape from religion."*
- In the US, the well-known TV "science guy" Bill Nye felt it necessary to release a video about the "dangers" of creationism. He stated, *"Creationism is not appropriate for children ... We need scientifically literate voters and taxpayers for the future ... we need engineers that can build stuff, solve problems."*
- And in New Zealand a website that helps defend children from real, physical child abuse states: *"Yeah I know it's not quite in the same league as bashing a baby to death but it's still child abuse."*

The "abuse" theme has gained global traction and churches are often playing into the atheists' hands by distancing themselves from the origins debate. Thus, churchgoers are not taught how to critically think about the issue—so we are in effect allowing the atheists to win!

**Let's call it as it is...**

However, such allegedly “informed” people **must know they are being intellectually dishonest**. They could not give a single example of how any child has been abusively harmed from learning about creation.

Krauss stated that withholding knowledge from children is “child abuse”. He was, of course, referring to evolution. In fact, CMI is very much opposed to censoring children from learning about evolution; the more people understand about it (provided they also get to know of its huge scientific problems) the less likely they will be to believe it. Rather it is the anti-theists that are keen to suppress knowledge and information; they prefer people never get to hear about the powerful evidences for creation!

To liken teaching creation to actual child abuse is frankly disgraceful, and those claiming this should be ashamed of themselves. And all Christians should say so, and use these claims to highlight that it is really an atheistic, religious agenda that drives such comments.

### **Unscientific?**

Claiming that creationists cannot do real science would be news to CMI’s Ph.D. scientists, by the way, who all got their doctorates in the same secular universities that many of these God-haters attended. And CMI staffers have made real contributions, like helping design satellites that steer television programs into our living rooms, or helping produce tropical fruit species that garnish our supermarket shelves. Also ignored is the fact that most of the great founding fathers of science who led the way for our modern advances were creationists who saw absolute consistency between their scientific observations and the idea of a biblical Creator.

### **Is teaching evolution harmful to children?**

To completely censor one side of the debate—when there are thousands of qualified “real” scientists who believe in Genesis creation, highlights that it is a philosophy—masquerading as science—that is at work. To indoctrinate children to believe only one side is the antithesis of the intellectual high ground being claimed because it is actually anti-intellectual.

Moreover, historical facts demonstrate that this godless philosophy shaped the thinking of the greatest genocidal regimes in human history, such as Stalin, Hitler and Mao *et al.*, who were only acting consistently with their worldview convictions. Some 100 million people have perished in the last century alone due to the advent of this apparently enlightened “scientific” philosophy. Plus the killing of many defenseless little human beings in the womb (more than in all the wars in human history) is really the ultimate demonstration of real child abuse—not just rhetorical propaganda. Particularly when all modern observational science tells us they are fully human from conception, and not evolutionary transitions. Or consider the rationale behind many of the awful public school shootings in recent times. (*CMI Prayer News footnotes are removed and slightly shortened. To be continued next week - Ed*)

***Yours faithfully in the Saviour’s Service,***

***Dr SH Tow***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

- 1. Rededication Forms:** Please remember to sign the rededication form and put it in the orange box in the foyer by the end of April. This is for all who are serving in whatever capacity. We encourage those that wish to serve in new areas to also fill in the service survey on the back.
- 2. Men's Fellowship & Ladies' Fellowship:** Men and women of all ages are encouraged to join us as we study the word of God about how to glorify God. Next Sunday night with dinner starting at 6pm. Men will meet upstairs 7:15pm and Ladies downstairs for the program.
- 3. English Basic Bible Knowledge Class:** A new session of BBK classes will begin next Sunday, 27th April at 9am in the upper level sanctuary. Worshipers who want to be baptised in obedience to the Lord's Sacrament, or who would like to transfer their membership to BPCWA should attend this class. All other worshipers who are interested in learning more about the Christian faith are also welcome to sit in at the class as well.
- 4. Thank the Lord for:**
  - God's grace upon BPCWA for the past 28 years.
  - Dr Tow's ministry in the past few days
  - Good Friday and Easter Sunrise service this morning that we can remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for our sins.
  - New members received into our Church family today.
  - Safety and good health to serve the Lord.
- 5. Pray for:**
  - Dr Tow's health and strength as he returns to Singapore tomorrow.
  - Spiritual walk of all worshippers especially those that have been baptized today.
  - Those who are sick and unwell physically.
  - Those who are travelling.

<b>Service Duty</b>	<b>(20/4) Combined-Easter Sunday</b>	<b>(27/4) Combined-Lunch Fellowship</b>
Speaker	Dr S H Tow/Sonny Lim	Pr Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader	Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip	Dn Michael Lee/Andy Yu
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Jason Tey
Musician	Karen Ee	Ruth Wong
Welcomers	Barry Palm, Juanita Palm, Julia Sun	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards ☆ To Help Count Offering	☆ Eugene Leong, ☆ Eddie Ho, Alex Luu, Barry Palm, Kenny Tan, Edward Ee	☆ Jonathan Woo, ☆ Caleb Cheng, Allen Liew, Jason Tey, Dn Stephen Chia, Yew Jinn Chieng
Ushers	Edward Ee, Grace Cheo	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Joel Wong
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Yong, Julia Sun, Edward Ee, Lily Liow, Mew Yung Tsing	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Victoria Liew
JSS Singpiration	Valerie Wan, Yi Mey Chieng	Hui Ling Cheng, Kenny Chia
Toddler Class Assistant	Lee Lee Yong/Ka Yii Yip	Lydia Chong/Victoria Lew
Van Drivers	Eugene (0401155386) / Allan (0433032709)	
<b>Old Folks' Home Ministry</b>		
Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Robert Wong (Karen Ee)
South Perth	<b>Hall A:</b> Jason Tey <b>Hall B:</b> Barry Palm	<b>Hall A:</b> Caleb Cheng <b>Hall B:</b> Yew Jinn Chieng
Bayswater	Kenny Tan	Pr Joseph Poon

### **APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK**

Tuesday	22/4	7:30pm	<b>Prayer Meeting: Hosea</b> Pr Joseph Poon/Joel Wong, Yew Jinn Chieng, Yi Mey Chieng
Friday	25/4	7:30pm	<b>Fellowship Meeting:</b> Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	27/4	8.30am	<b>Pre-Service Prayer Meeting</b>
		9:00am	<b>English &amp; Mandarin Sunday School/ English &amp; Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class</b>
		10:00am	<b>Combined Sunday Worship Service</b>
		12:00pm	<b>Mandarin Choir</b>
		12:15pm	<b>Church Van Depart</b>
		2:00pm	<b>Concorde (Nursing Home) – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens (Nursing Home) – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco</b>
		3:30pm	<b>Ben Ritcher Lodge (Nursing Home) – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater</b>
6.00pm	<b>Men's and Ladies' Fellowship</b>		

### **ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (13/4)**

Attendance: 196 (Combined-167; JSS-29); **Prayer Meeting: 55**

Offerings in Total: \$7166.25

General Fund: \$7166.25 (#3765-Anniversary Dinner-\$1349; #3766-\$229.85)

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

### **SHORTER CATECHISM: Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?**

The covenant being made with Adam (Gen. 2:16-17, James 2:10), not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression (Romans 5:12-21, 1 Cor. 15:22).