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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

Allan Ang

Prelude

Karen Ee

Call to Worship

Dn Michael Lee/Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 2 To God Be the Glory

*Invocation/Gloria Patri¹

Responsive Reading

Psalm 37:1-11

Hymn

HOP 149 The Light of the World Is Jesus

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology²/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

Hymn

HOP 363 Constantly Abiding

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pr Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

The LORD's Blessing

*Hymn

HOP 8 Now Thank We All Our God

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You³

*Congregation Standing

^{1&2} RHC Front Inner Cover

³ RHC Back Inner Cover

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 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,

1. No end to man's foolishness

It was from the land of new-fangled ideas on how to dispose of “*memorable corpses*” that some refrigeration man thought of a way of preserving his dying wife in a fresh and near-fragrant state – by the science of **cryogenics (also called cryonics)**. By the use of “*deep freeze*” technique his beloved one would be preserved until some other bright spark discovered a way of “*unfreezing*” or “*defrosting*” with “*revitalizing possibility*.” Then, by one clever technique, the deep frozen darling would warm up to the beloved's torrid attention.

But before that technique had been perfected, another bright spark has hatched a similar idea, obtaining “*Eternal life through technology*” – a more advanced and crazy idea through super ambitious “*imaginology*.” Quoting from an Internet article (“*Friday Church News Notes*” – Vol 15, Issue 21, May 23, 2014):-

“Google has funded a company called Calico (California Life Company) to cure old age. Larry Page, founder of Google, believes that there is no need for humans to start dying once they hit their 80s (“Larry Page Lists 5 Things That Google Will Conquer,” *Business Insider*, May 15, 2014). Larry Ellison, CEO of Oracle and the fifth-richest person in the world, says, “Death makes me very angry,” so he created the Ellison Foundation to find a way to cheat death. Venture capitalist Paul Glenn helps fund the Methuselah Foundation, which claims that “the first person to live to be 1,000 years old is certainly alive today.” Another approach is **AVATARS**. The goal is to “back up” the individual's genetic information onto computers and “download it into bionic avatars.” This is the approach of Russian multimillionaire Dmitry Itskov and his 2045 Initiative. He intends to “help humans achieve physical immortality within the next three decades.”

Another approach is **CRYONICS (OR CRYOGENICS)**, which involves deep freezing the body in the hope that future scientific advances will enable the resurrection of the dead. “Once the preserve of celebrities and multimillionaires, cryonics is now gaining traction among the broader public. Three senior staff at Oxford University have signed

up to have their bodies frozen” (“How Google’s Calico aims to fight aging and ‘solve death’”, CNN, Oct. 3, 2013).

Another approach to gain eternal life through technology is **TRANSHUMANISM**. The objective is to merge man’s mind and body with technology that would give him superhuman powers and longevity. “Transhumanists envision a day when technology will allow humanity to become so advanced that sickness, disease, poverty and war will essentially be eradicated” (“Transhumanists: Superhuman Powers and Life Extension,” *End of the American Dream*, May 13, 2014).

Elements of transhumanism include organ transplants, nanobots, and bionic limbs. Transhumanist Ray Kurzweil takes 150 vitamin supplements a day “in an attempt to extend his life until more advanced life extension technologies can be developed.”

Time will prove that eternal life through technology is but a pipe dream, foolish beyond words.

2. Now let’s turn to God’s Word

The Bible summarizes the issue of death and eternal life in one verse,

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

Dying man, turning to God in repentance, will find everlasting life.

If all of the world’s resources could be focused on solving the issue of death, the project would fail. Man is not a mere genetic machine that can be made into a cyborg or reproduced as an avatar; he is a living soul made in God’s image.

Further, he is a fallen creature who has rebelled against his Creator God, and the result is death.

In His great mercy, God has purchased salvation for sinners at the expense of Christ’s death and shed blood on the cross. Those who repent and trust in the resurrected Christ as Lord and Saviour receive the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

Further,

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” (John 3:36).

God bless all readers.

Yours sincerely in the Saviour's love,

Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **BPCWA Family Camp Registration Closes Soon:** Speaker: Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew from Calvary Pandan BPC, Singapore. Topic: "Ye Are a Chosen Generation". Please register in the fellowship hall by **today** to ensure that you won't miss out. Camp fee includes accommodation, lunch and dinner for five days and four nights and has been partially subsidised by the Church.
2. **Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** will be held on next Sunday the 15th of June at the home of Sister Joyce Yip. Address: 23 Harwood Close, Canning Vale. Dinner is at 6:30 pm, please bring a dish to share. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. We encourage those who are Mandarin speaking to join us to study God's Word and for mutual encouragement.
3. **Thank God for:**
 - Protection and safety throughout the week.
 - Giving grace and strength to those who are sick during the week to cope with their sickness.
 - All the church's ministries.
4. **Pray for:**
 - Those non-believers who are attending various fellowship groups and the worship services. May they continue to have receptive hearts that they will soon come to know our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
 - BPCWA Family Camp, the committee members, the preparation, the speakers Rev. Quek and Pr. Joseph.
 - Preparation of hearts for those who are going to the family camp in July.
 - High school and University students who will be undertaking examinations in the next few weeks. May they have good time management.
 - Those who are sick and unwell. May God give strength and comfort to them physically and spiritually.
 - The security and safety in and around the church.

Service Duty	(8/6) Combined	(15/6) Combined
Speaker	Pr Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pr Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng
Worship Leader	Dn Michael Lee/Joel Wong	Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician	Karen Ee	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernard Clarke	Barry Palm, Juanita Palm, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards ☆ To Help Count Offering	☆ Jonathan Woo, ☆ Allan Ang, Joel Wong, Adrian Ng, Allen Liew, Caleb Cheng	☆ Barry Palm, ☆ Kenny Tan, Edward Ee, Alex Luu, Eugene Leong, Joel YY Wong
Ushers	Joel Wong, Audrey Liow	Edward Ee, Grace Cheo
P.A. System	Kenny Chia	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Victoria Lew	Lilian Yong, Julia Sun, Edward Ee, Lily Liow, Mew Yung Tsing
JSS Singspiration	Valerie Wan/Yi Mey Chieng	Karen Ee/Kenny Chia
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Mey/An Ning	Mary/Victoria
Van Drivers	Eugene Leong (0401155386) / Allan Ang (0433032709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Pr Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth	Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Caleb Cheng	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Barry Palm
Bayswater	Yew Jinn Chieng	Elder James Wong

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	10/6	10:00am	Mandarin Bible Study – 29 Raymond Road, <i>Mt. Pleasant</i>
		7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Hosea Pr Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Elder James Wong, Ruth Wong
Wednesday	11/6	7:30pm	FEBC Recess Course: Theology of Giving
Friday	13/6	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	15/6	8.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/ English & Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Combined Sunday Worship Service
		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 Ritcher Lodge (Nursing Home) – 480 Guildford Road, <i>Bayswater</i>
6.30pm	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting – 23 Harwood Close, <i>Canning Vale</i>		

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (1/6)

Attendance: 207 (Combined-177; JSS-30); Prayer Meeting: 56

Offerings in Total: \$6233.60

General Fund: \$6233.60 (#3785-\$175.10; #3786- \$275.70; #3787-Library-\$150)

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

SHORTER CATECHISM: What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer? Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet (Deut 18:18; Acts 2:33; Acts 3:22-23; Heb 1:1-2), of a priest (Heb 4:14-15; Heb 5:5-6), and of a king (Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:32-33; John 18:37; 1 Cor 15:25), both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.