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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

Joel YY Wong

Prelude

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 23 How Great Thou Art!

*Invocation/Gloria Patri¹

Responsive Reading

Psalm 48:1-14

Infant Baptism

Isabella Maranan

Baptism

Lee Lee Yong

Transfer of Membership

Yan Wei

Holy Communion [Stephen, Michael, Adrian, Joseph, Robert, Mark]

Hymn

HOP 91 Rock of Ages

HOP 96 Lead Me to Calvary

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology²/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 90:1-12

Hymn

HOP 293 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Dr S H Tow/Yew Jinn Chieng

Walking With The Lord

*Hymn

HOP 3 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You³

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

^{1&2} RHC Front Inner Cover

³ 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,

1. The “slippery age” of youth

Solomon, writing in the concluding chapter of Ecclesiastes, exhorts young people with these words:

“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.” (Eccl 12:1)

It is the joy of believers to gratefully remember their Creator Redeemer for the days of vibrant youth – days which unfortunately fly away all too quickly.

The thoughtless young man speaks too easily such thoughtless words like, *“Youth is for fun and frolic, but old age is for serious contemplation.”* The wise king says, *“No, not so.”* The best time for constructive contemplation is in the days of youth! Young men and women, think soberly and with God-given wisdom! Do not wait till frailty and the faults of age catch up then you take stock of the realities of life.

Before you realize it, frailties of life have descended on your vulnerable frame and you find physical limitations and handicaps have set in and things you once did with ease are beyond even your dreams. So, the lesson then is to do those things which you fancy while you can – NOW, with God’s help!

2. Hear what another leader of men has to say

The leader among men, whose experience surpasses all others, can give us worthwhile advice. His name is Moses – the greatest of them all. Who, like Moses, had the unique experience of leading some 2 million men, women and children for 40 years through the wilderness, from Egypt to the Promised Land – Israel? For 40 years, Moses, assisted by Joshua, led Israel – men, women and children – to the Promised Land. What an experience!

With such first-hand experience, leading 2 million of God’s own people, Moses wrote Psalm 90. No one else could have written about human experience as Moses. In verse 10, he wrote:

*“The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength **labour and sorrow**; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”*

How very true!

I quote from “*Believers’ Bible Commentary*” by William MacDonald, p 688:

“The scene is the wilderness of Sinai, years since the spies returned to Kadesh Barnea with their report. The people are still trekking in the desert but get nowhere. It was an exercise in futility.

Each morning a communique like this one comes to Moses’ tent with the report of casualties – deaths, deaths and more deaths. Obituaries are the main item of news, the desert seems to be an expanding cemetery. Every time the people break camp, they leave behind another field of graves.

On this particular day, Moses, the man of God, had all he could take. Overwhelmed by the mounting toll, he retreats into his tent, prostrates himself on the ground, and pours out his prayer unto God.”

We, in somewhat better circumstances may not agree with all that Moses wrote, but the essence is little different. Sooner or later, we all “*fly away*”!

3. Yes, “*we fly away*”

It is a question of “*Why?*” Why do we all “*fly away*”? For answer read Genesis Chapter 3. The reason why all men must “*fly away*” (die) is plainly given in Psalm 90:10. For this reason, God gave us His Son, that all who receive Him as Saviour may have eternal life. God sent us the Saviour – “*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed*” (1 Pet 2:24). We, believing in the Redeemer Jesus, have life eternal.

Before we end, ponder again the words of Moses in Psalm 90:10. To live long, beyond the proverbial “*threescore years and ten*”, has its price – old age diseases and the cost of medical care and doctors’ fees! (Isn’t this “*labour and sorrow*” – living long?)

The secret is not to live long but to live well, with God’s blessing.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour’s Service,

Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Welcome:** This morning we warmly welcome Dr Tow and his two companions, Mary Jean and Jean Lee. Dr Tow is here for the ACM and church Session election. Dr Tow arrived in Perth on Thursday and will be returning to Singapore on Monday.

We also warmly welcome Rev Paul Cheng from Bethel BPC, Melbourne. Rev Paul Cheng has been invited to be the Election Commissioner for the Session election this morning.

2. **Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM):** will be held shortly after the Worship Service. Members, please sign your attendance for the ACM immediately after the Worship Service. Lunch will be provided after ACM.
3. **BPCWA Mandarin Family Camp:** will be held on Tuesday the 30th of September to Thursday the 2nd of October at Orchard Glory Farm Resort, Bindoon. Campers please be at the camp site **before 9:30am**. This is to ensure that the camp program starts on time.
4. **Church Combined Fellowship:** will be held this Friday the 3rd of October at 7:30pm. Rev Peter Wong will be speaking on missions. We warmly welcome everyone to join us for this mission night.
5. **Thank God for:**
 - The safe arrival of Dr Tow, Rev Paul Cheng, Mary Jean and Jean Lee.
 - A blessed Church Combined Fellowship last Friday and the speaker Rev Paul Cheng.
 - City Evangelism outreach last Sunday and the many people who have received the gospel tracts.
 - Mandarin Family Camp briefing last Sunday.
6. **Pray for:**
 - Dr Tow's health and a safe journey back to Singapore tomorrow.
 - A God-honouring and God-glorifying ACM and Church Session Election.
 - Mandarin Family Camp, the camp speaker Rev Peter Wong, the corporate devotional speaker Elder James Wong and the children's program. Journey mercies to and fro the camp and for spiritual revival for all those who attend the Mandarin Family Camp.
 - Those who are sick and unwell in the body. May God's comfort and grace be with them during this difficult period.
 - Security in and around the church.

Service Duty	(28/9) Combined-Holy Communion	(5/10) Combined
Speaker	Dr S H Tow/Yew Jinn Chieng	Rev Peter Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader	Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Adrian Cheng/Andy Yu
Prep Hymns	Joel YY Wong	Claude Yiu
Musician	Winnie Lim	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards ★To Help Count Offering	★Terry Chong, ★Joel YY Wong, Allen Liew, Caleb Cheng, Yi Choong Liew, Jason Tey	★Eddie Foo, ★Albert Ho, Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia, Mark Heath, Alex Luu
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng	Kenny Chia, Ruth Wong
P.A. System	Joel Wong	Adrian Ng
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Yong, Julia Sun, Edward Ee, Lily Liow, Mew Yung Tsing	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Victoria Lew
JSS Singspiration	Holy Communion	Camilia Sin/Allan Ang
Toddler Class Assistant	Lee Lee Yong/Victoria Lew	Yi Mey Chieng/Ellainne Cheng
Van Drivers	Eugene Leong (0401155386) / Allan Ang (0433032709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Recess due to ACM	Mark Heath (Karen Ee)
South Perth	Recess due to ACM	Hall A: Barry Palm Hall B: Jason Tey
Bayswater	Recess due to ACM	Kenny Tan

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK			
Tuesday	30/9	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Mark Heath, Dn Adrian Cheng, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	1/10	7:30pm	FEBC Night Class: Calvin's Institute I
Friday	3/10	10:00am	English Mother Bible Study Group
		7:30pm	Church Combined Fellowship Meeting – Mission Night
Sunday	5/10	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, South Perth Onslow Gardens (Nursing Home) – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30pm	Ben Ritcher Lodge (Nursing Home) – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (21/9)

Attendance: 219 (Combined-193; JSS-26); Prayer Meeting: 60; Church Combined Fellowship: 100

Offerings in Total: \$7661.15

General Fund: \$7661.15 (#3832-\$200; #3833-\$1000)

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

SHORTER CATECHISM: **What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?** At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory (1 Cor 15:42-43), shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment (Matt 25:33-34, 46), and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God (Ro 8:29; 1 John 3:2) to all eternity (Ps 16:11; 1 Thess 4:17).