

# 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.

Preparatory Hymn

Allan Ang

Prelude

Karen Ee

Call to Worship

Robert Wong/Sonny Lim

\*Hymn

**HOP 2** To God Be the Glory

## 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.

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

Responsive Reading

Psalm 51

Hymn

**HOP 181** Faith of Our Fathers

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

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

Choir Presentation

**HOP 139** Wonderful Words of Life

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

Hymn

**HOP 140** Amazing Grace

## 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.

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pr Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng

## Sola Gratia

\*Hymn

**HOP 421** Saved By Grace

\*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

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

\* Congregation Standing

<sup>1&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,*

## **1. Remembering the Founding of GAPPI**

Today (19 October 2014), a group of us from Calvary Pandan B-P Church are crossing the sea to commemorate with our brethren at Batam, to recall the goodness of God in enabling the original founders to begin this Gospel Church. I recall the humble beginning of Calvary Batam B-P Church in a private home of the late Brother Tan Nam Siang. Later, we moved to a rented shop house in Nagoya. Finally, the gift of a piece of land by a member's husband, a successful developer, enabled us to construct our present Sanctuary, a handsome concrete Church building which has endured until today, some twenty-five years on – all thanks to God and the generous donor.

At this point, we are privileged to publish an account from the pen of Elder Cheng Wei Nien.

### **Gereja Alkitab Presbyterian Protestan Indonesia (GAPPI) or B-P Church of Indonesia, Batam**

“Calvary Batam B-P Church started in the shophouse of Brother Tan Nam Siang on October 22, 1989. The number of worshippers grew and on October 21, 1991, thirty people moved to another shophouse nearby, bought specially for the establishment of our church. Ibu Roska (now Mrs Roska Choi) was the first part-time preacher. Other preachers (by rotation) were from Singapore. Initially, we encountered some difficulty registering the church because there was no previously registered B-P Church in the whole of Indonesia. Finally, it was then registered as the Gereja Santapan Rohani, Indonesia.

In March 1992, Brother Kiantoro (now Rev Kiantoro), a FEBC graduate and an Indonesian Chinese, began his work as a full-time worker and preacher. The congregation continued to grow as more people from other parts of Indonesia came to Batam to look for jobs. Soon, the shophouse was too small. The Lord then provided a bigger

place. A local developer kindly donated a piece of land in the midst of a housing estate known as the Orchid Park Batam Centre. A beautiful two-storey Church building was erected. This was inaugurated on August 7, 1994. The following year, GAPPI or B-P Church of Indonesia was officially registered in Medan and Batam, and we changed our church name to GAPPI Batam.

By 1998, there were 70-100 worshippers every Sunday, comprising approximately one quarter indigenous Indonesians and three quarters Indonesians of Chinese decent. There is also an active Sunday School and Youth Fellowship.

In August 1997, GAPPI Batam extended its outreach to a nearby island, Tanjong Balai. At the time of this writing, they are holding fortnightly services.” (Source: *Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary souvenir magazine, January 1998*)

## **2. The Lord’s Sure Return**

Our Lord’s return to earth from Heaven is a major “*Landmark event*” which our Lord Himself spoke about, and angels confirmed. Ponder our Lord’s words of promise to the disciples in John’s Gospel 14:1-3.

*“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”*

The disciples were grieved at our Lord’s going away, but His going was to prepare a place for them (and for you and me), to secure a lasting abode for them (and for you and me), which means our Lord has gone on our behalf “*to prepare a place for us*”. What a thoughtful Lord is our Lord!

Read John 14:3 again: “*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*” What a reassurance! Read this verse again (John 14:3). This promise was repeated by the two angels at our Lord’s ascension.

Read what they said:

*“...this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”*  
(Acts 1:11)

This promise of our Lord to “*come again*” for us, is so re-assuring that the Apostle Peter’s writing about our Lord’s return in 2 Peter 3:3-14 should be received with absolute confidence and joyous assurance.

### **3. Warning of End-Time Judgment**

The Apostle Peter, in his second epistle, wrote to warn end-time Christians of a universal (global) judgment coming upon the entire world, a judgment by fire, reminiscent of the former global judgment by water (in Noah’s time).

The Apostle warned readers of certain evil men who deny such judgment, “*scoffers*” who laugh at such a happening, denying that there was ever a global flood which destroyed the entire world (except for Noah’s family of eight). The Apostle warned, in no uncertain terms, that the coming global judgment will not be by water, but by fire (vv 6, 7).

Against those “*scoffers*” who deny the possibility of global judgment by fire, and why God’s judgment has not come, the Apostle in two verses (vv 8, 9), explained: No, the Creator has not destroyed the earth yet, because He is patient, giving time for men to repent.

But God’s judgment will come and men shall not escape. The Apostle appealed to the end-time society to repent towards God and escape the coming judgment (vv 11, 12).

Those who repent will inherit the “*new heaven and new earth*”, which God is preparing for the repentant and believing ones (vv 13, 14).

God bless all readers.

*Yours faithfully in the Saviour’s Service,*

***Dr SH Tow***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

- 1. Lunch Fellowship:** today after the Worship Service. All are welcome.
- 2. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** will be held next Sunday evening the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, at sister Irene Yap's home. Address: 11 Edmiston Way, Winthrop. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share. The meeting will start at 7:30pm. We encourage all who understand Mandarin to come and join us for an evening of learning God's Word and mutual encouragement. Please bring your children as well.
- 3. Seniors' Fellowship:** will be held on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. More details to come next week.
- 4. Thank God for:**
  - A blessed Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship last Sunday.
  - The choir presentation this Sunday.
  - All the fellowship meetings and activities held last week.
  - Health and safety throughout the week.
- 5. Pray for:**
  - God's leading and His perfect timing to restart the Mandarin Worship Service.
  - Sister Mey Chiam, who has been hospitalised for the last few weeks. Pray for God's timely healing upon her and grant a speedy recovery from her illness. May God's grace and strength be with sister Mey and her family during this time.
  - The rebuilding of Nehemiah's Place.
  - God's spiritual and physical protection upon the church.
  - Those who are sick and unwell in the body and those who may be discouraged spiritually. May God comfort and strengthen them with His Word during their difficult time.
  - Security and safety in and around the church.

<b>Service Duty</b>	<b>(26/10) Combined-Lunch Fellowship</b>	<b>(2/11) Combined</b>
Speaker	Pr Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng	Pr Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader	Robert Wong/Sonny Lim	Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Claude Yiu
Musician	Karen Ee	Lydia Pui
Welcomers	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards ☆To Help Count Offering	☆Terry Chong, ☆Allan Ang, Allen Liew, Claude Yiu, Yi Choong Liew, Jason Tey	☆Eddie Foo, ☆Albert Ho, Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia, Mark Heath, Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Claude Yiu, Rowena Cheng	Kenny Chia, Ruth Wong
P.A. System	Joel Wong	Adrian Ng
Kitchen Duties	Allan Ang, Irene Yap, Lilian Cheo	Lee Fung Fong, Andy Ho, Barry Palm, Christine Chia, Margaret Ng
JSS Singspiration	Esther Yiu/Ellainne Cheng	Camilia Sin/Yi Mey Chieng
Toddler Class Assistant	Lydia Chong/Victoria Lew	Yi Mey Chieng/An Ning
Van Drivers	Eugene Leong (0401155386) / Allan Ang (0433032709)	
<b>Old Folks' Home Ministry</b>		
Subiaco	Andy Yu (Ruth Wong)	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	<b>Hall A:</b> Allan Ang <b>Hall B:</b> Barry Palm	<b>Hall A:</b> Jason Tey <b>Hall B:</b> Pr Joseph Poon
Bayswater	Elder James Wong	Kenny Tan

### **APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK**

Tuesday 28/10	10:00am	<b>Mandarin Bible Study</b> – 30 Lorrimar Place, Murdoch
	7:30pm	<b>Prayer Meeting: Following Christ</b> Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu, Elder James Wong, Angeline Yong
Wednesday 29/10	7:30pm	<b>FEBC Night Class:</b> Calvin's Institute I
Friday 31/10	7:30pm	<b>Fellowship Meeting:</b> Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday 2/11	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)</b> – 25 Anstey Street, <i>South Perth</i> <b>Onslow Gardens (Nursing Home)</b> – 39 Hamersley Road, <i>Subiaco</i>
	3:30pm	<b>Ben Ritcher Lodge (Nursing Home)</b> – 480 Guildford Road, <i>Bayswater</i>
6:30pm	<b>Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting</b> – 11 Edmiston Way, <i>Winthrop</i>	

### **ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (19/10)**

Attendance: 216 (Combined-187; JSS-29); Prayer Meeting: 63

Offerings in Total: \$9496.10

General Fund: \$9496.10 (#3837-\$1000; #3838-\$205; #3839-\$345.60; #3840-Mandarin Camp-\$136)

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

### **SHORTER CATECHISM: What is the sum of the ten commandments?**

The sum of the ten commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbour as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-40).