

# 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.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP COMBINED SERVICE

Preparatory Hymn

Kenny Tan

Prelude

Ruth Wong

Call to Worship

Mark Heath/Kong Vui Yip

\*Hymn

**HOP 30** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

Responsive Reading

Psalm 54

Hymn

**HOP 145** I Hear the Saviour Say

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

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

Scripture Reading

Numbers 16:1-14

Hymn

**HOP 394** Is Your All on the Altar?

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pr Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

## Disguised Challenge

\*Hymn

**HOP 178** The Church's One Foundation

\*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,*

Writing this weekly “*Newsletter*” is not easy: it takes serious thinking and much time, especially in prayer. Most readers have heard this:

*“Much prayer, much power;  
little prayer, little power;  
no prayer, not power.”*

So true. But, you ask, “*What power are you talking about?*”

**Answer:** Holy Spirit power to touch the reader’s heart and to possibly change his way of thinking and way of living. This is not easy. Only God’s Spirit can effect this, for this is entering the realm of the spiritual.

I pray, then, that the reader will be touched by these words and be benefited thereby. Let me share my thoughts with you.

### **1. Calling on Christians to serve the Lord**

This is a serious matter and I direct the message to those who are willing to take a moment, to read and ponder, and pray. If you are a casual reader, my message will escape you: you will not give it “*a second thought*”, and I don’t blame you. Likely, you are too busy. But if you are a serious believer, someone who is truly wanting to do something to “*repay your gospel debt*”, read on.

My first point is: Why must I serve? Simply because you are a true Christian, a genuine follower and believer, and you accept that every believer and recipient of God’s salvation grace must also repay this Gospel debt.

Recall the Apostle Paul's words:

*"I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians ... I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ ..."* (Rom 1:14, 16).

I must, therefore, discharge my "gospel debt" by helping someone to come and believe in the Saviour or to be closer drawn to Him.

The world in which we live and operate is too attractive and demanding: it ever pulls us further and further from the Lord into the ways of destruction and perdition. These are the "perilous times" spoken by Paul in 2 Timothy 3:1-3. If I am a truly committed Christian, should I not be concerned and involved in the Gospel ministry?

## **2. The times are perilous**

For our adversary the devil is not willing that any of us should give up the world for God's everlasting Kingdom of righteousness. So the devil puts a hundred, nay, even a thousand attractions of the flesh, of the eyes, and every temptation to draw us away from God and the Celestial City. What then must we do?

**Answer:** Let us, who truly belong to God's Kingdom, keep "fervent in spirit" (Rom 12:11) following the Lord, and remember the words of John in 1 John 2:15-17:

*"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."*

But the world is so comfortable and pleasant! How can we resist it? Ah! Here is the trap laid by our adversary, and we must watch out!

Only by fervent prayer and supplication, and earnest plea to the Lord can we avoid this seduction so pleasant and desirable! Pray, pray, pray! Ask the Lord, Holy Spirit, to keep your feet away from temptation. Earnestly and sincerely, ask the Lord to save you. If you mean it from your heart, He will do it! The Lord will deliver you from evil (as in the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:13: "*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ...*"). Pray without ceasing, from the heart, your prayer will surely be answered: our Lord "*is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask ...*" (Eph 3:20).

Then I hear my Lord call from heaven:

*"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be"* (Rev 22:12).

And I know on that day I must appear before the judgment seat of Christ; "*that every one may receive the things done in his body ...*" (2 Cor 5:10).

Out of gratitude to my Redeemer, who brought me back to God, I shall henceforth devote my all – body, soul, and spirit, for the Master's use – to turn men to righteousness. Then, like the Apostle, I may confidently say,

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith"* (2 Tim 4:7).

God bless all readers.

*Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,*

***Dr SH Tow***

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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1. Brother Yew Jinn Chieng has been called by God to study in FEBC. Please pray for his student visa application and preparation of heart to study in the Bible College in 2015.

2. **City Evangelism:** will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. We would like to encourage everyone to participate in this gospel outreach. More details to follow next Sunday.
3. **Church Security:** Due to recent increased criminal activity in the area and the church, worshippers are advised to be vigilant and on the lookout for any suspicious activity. Melville city council security can be contacted on 1300 653 643 or the police. Please ensure your belongings are kept safe and cars are locked at all times.
4. **Thank God for:**
  - Seeing us through another week, for safety and protection in our daily lives.
  - Giving us joy and energy to serve Him.
5. **Pray for:**
  - The church, session members and preacher.
  - Brother Yew Jinn's student visa application.
  - God's leading, timing and provision to restart the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
  - Rebuilding of Nehemiah's place.
  - Students studying for their end of the year examinations.
  - Those who are away working, on holidays and those who will be travelling during the holiday season.
  - Continue to uphold Sister Mey, Sister Siew Lan and those who are physically sick and spiritually discouraged in prayer. May God comfort and strengthen them.
  - Safety and security in and around the church.

<b>Service Duty</b>	<b>(16/11) Combined</b>	<b>(23/11) Combined</b>
Speaker	Pr Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pr Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng
Worship Leader	Mark Heath/Kong Vui Yip	Dn Michael Lee/Andy Yu
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Dn Joel Wong
Musician	Ruth Wong	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Barry Palm, Juanita Palm, Lily Liow	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards ☆To Help Count Offering	☆ Barry Palm, ☆ Kenny Tan, Edward Ee, Alex Luu, Eugene Leong, Dn Stephen Chia	☆ Terry Chong, ☆ Dn Joel Wong, Allen Liew, Caleb Cheng, Yi Choong Liew, Jason Tey
Ushers	Edward Ee, Grace Cheo	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Joel Wong
Kitchen Duties	Allan Ang, Irene Yap, Lilian Cheo	Lilian Yong, Julia Sun, Edward Ee, Lily Liow, Mew Yung Tsing
JSS Singspiration	Karen Ee/Ellainne Cheng	Ruth Wong/Ellainne Cheng
Toddler Class Assistant	Mary Ling/Lydia Chong	Lee Lee Yong/Ka Yii Yip
Van Drivers	Eugene Leong (0401155386) / Allan Ang (0433032709)	
<b>Old Folks' Home Ministry</b>		
Subiaco	Pr Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)	Robert Wong (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	<b>Hall A:</b> Allan Ang <b>Hall B:</b> Mark Heath	<b>Hall A:</b> Yew Jinn Chieng <b>Hall B:</b> Caleb Cheng
Bayswater	Mark Heath	Elder James Wong

### **APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK**

Tuesday	18/11	7:30pm	<b>Prayer Meeting: By Faith</b> Pr Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Dn Adrian Cheng, Audrey Liow
Wednesday	19/11	7:30pm	<b>FEBC Night Class: Bible and Science</b>
Friday	21/11	10:00am	<b>English Mother's Bible Study Group</b>
		7:30pm	<b>Fellowship Meeting:</b> Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	23/11	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) – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth</b> <b>Onslow Gardens (Nursing Home) – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco</b>
		3:30pm	<b>Ben Ritcher Lodge (Nursing Home) – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater</b>

### **ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (9/11)**

Attendance: 216 (Combined-176; JSS-40); Prayer Meeting: 48

Offerings in Total: \$6498.10

General Fund: \$6498.10 (#3845-\$300; #3846-\$335.70; #3847-Library-\$40)

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

**SHORTER CATECHISM:** Which is the first commandment? The first commandment is, *Thou shalt have no other gods before me* (Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 5:7).