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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

Dn Joel Wong

Prelude

Karen Ee

Call to Worship

Dn Michael Lee/Andy Yu

*Hymn

HOP 28 I sing the Mighty power of God

*Invocation/Gloria Patri¹

Responsive Reading

Psalm 55:1-15

Hymn

HOP 58 O Day of Rest and Gladness

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology²/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 16:41-50

Hymn

HOP 230 Trusting Jesus

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pr Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng

Costly Murmurings

*Hymn

HOP 409 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

*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. **Last year our students spent \$1B dollars on Tuition** (as reported by Sunday Times, 9 Nov 2014)

“Singapore’s tuition industry is now worth more than a billion dollars” according to Sunday Times, 9 Nov 2014.

“In the latest Household Expenditure Survey, families spent \$1.1 billion on tuition last year, almost double the amount spent a decade ago. The Department of Statistics conducted a survey of some 11,000 households between October 2012 and September 2013.”

The Survey found that tuition is not just to help the weaker students but also to keep the bright ones “*ahead of the others.*” The growing number of tuition centres attests to Singapore’s ever-increasing demand for tuition. To date there are some 850 tuition centres on the Government’s registry. Some centres have grown into chains. One such centre, for example, has grown into 21 branches in 12 years, reaching to over 10,000 students! (This is an astonishing expansion as the demand for tuition grows.) Tuition costs are not cheap by any means. One parent said: “*My three children asked for tuition to keep up (as the teachers ‘teach too fast’ for the children) and that costs money!*” Poor parents! In order to meet their children’s needs, they just keep “*coughing up*” the tuition fees!

One comment I heard: “*Everyone, it seems, has tuition. Parents willingly ‘pay up’ as they feel for their kids.*” The common reason is, if you don’t give them the necessary tuition, they may lose out. It is a sort of “*kiasu mentality.*”

So this sort of reasoning goes on. It is quite infectious, not always because the child needs it, but “*What if you do not help him (or her)?*” So the reasoning spreads! In no time, Singapore becomes infested with “*tuition centres*”! (Just because of “*apparent need*”!)

I remember some 60 years ago, my elder brother (also from ACS, like me) used to give tuition to a boy in my class in Latin (for \$40 a month) and that boy came from a very rich family! That was just an isolated case! He took that tuition for some two years, quite successfully! In those days “*tuition*” was something of a rarity, not like today. It seems like an epidemic today!

2. FEBC Evening classes!

To those who have an evening to spare (and who hasn't?), give a thought to the night classes offered by FEBC. FEBC has a whole range of classes, lectures, etc coming “*on stream*” shortly! It's better than any tuition. I invite you to see what is available “*at your doorstep*” which may be worth more than money can buy – better than you “*hitting some jackpot*” or coming into rare fortune.

FEBC night classes may be just what you need!

“BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE” BY FEBC

Evening classes commence on 5 January 2015 @ 7.30 pm, 9A Gilstead Rd. The **Book of Revelation** by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew commences on Monday 5 January. **Westminster Standards** by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo commences on Thursday 8 January.

Online Courses: **Calvin's Institutes II, Life of Christ I, The Bible and Miracles.**

(For online courses, register at <http://www.febc.edu.sg/OnlineCourses>.)

God bless you!

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,
Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Condolences:** Our sister Mey Chiam passed away to be with the Lord on Tuesday the 18th of November. Our deepest sympathies to her husband Kee Wui Chiam and her family. Sister Mey has been a member of our church for many years and will be very much missed. Please uphold her family in prayer. May the Lord comfort them during this difficult time.

The funeral arrangements are as follows:

Viewing: 26/11 Wednesday, anytime between 3:30pm to 5pm. Venue address: Oakwood Funerals, 506 Marmion Street, Booragoon WA 6154.

Funeral Service: 27/11 Thursday at 1:30pm. Venue address: Oakwood Funerals, 506 Marmion Street, Booragoon WA 6154.

Please kindly note that the Chiam family has requested no monetary gift.

2. **Lunch Fellowship:** next Sunday after the worship service. Please bring a dish to share, all are welcome.
3. **City Evangelism:** Join us for the bi-monthly street evangelism outreach in the Perth City malls next Sunday. Please let one of the Evangelism Committee members know of email evangelism@bpcwa.org.au if you would like to participate. If you attended last outreach, you are already registered. Please meet at Church at 2pm for a pre-departure briefing and meet back at Church at 5pm for testimonies. Please keep this outreach in prayer this week.
“For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!”
- 1 Corinthians 9:16.
4. **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 security can be contacted on 1300 653 643 or call the police on 131 444. Please ensure no valuables are kept in the car and cars are locked at all times.
5. **Air Conditioning:** Please ensure that all air conditioners are switched off after use.
6. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for the students who have finished their exams. Pray that they will use their time wisely over the long summer break.
 - Thank God that Brother Yew Jinn’s student pass has been approved by the Singapore authority. Please pray for his studies at FEBC next year.
 - Pray for safety for those who are travelling overseas during the holiday period.
 - God’s leading, timing and provision to restart the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
 - Rebuilding of Nehemiah’s place.
 - Uphold those who are physically sick and spiritually discouraged in prayer. May God comfort and strengthen them.
 - Pray for security in and around the church.

Service Duty	(23/11) Combined	(30/11) Combined-Lunch Fellowship
Speaker	Pr Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng	Elder James Wong/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader	Dn Michael Lee/Andy Yu	Robert Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng
Prep Hymns	Dn Joel Wong	Allan Ang
Musician	Karen Ee	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun	Dn Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Lee Lee Yong
Offering Stewards ☆To Help Count Offering	☆ Terry Chong, ☆ Dn Joel Wong, Allen Liew, Caleb Cheng, Yi Choong Liew, Jason Tey	☆ Dn Michael Lee, ☆ Allan Ang, Claude Yiu, Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong, Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu
P.A. System	Joel Wong	Kenny Chia
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Yong, Julia Sun, Edward Ee, Lily Liow, Mew Yung Tsing	Le Fung Fong, Andy Ho, Barry Palm, Christine Chia, Margaret Ng
JSS Singspiration	Ruth Wong/Ellainne Cheng	Karen Ee/Ruth Wong
Toddler Class Assistant	Lee Lee Yong/Ka Yii Yip	Lilian Yong/Victoria Lew
Van Drivers	Eugene Leong (0401155386) / Allan Ang (0433032709)	
Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Robert Wong (Ruth Wong)	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)
South Perth	Hall A: Yew Jinn Chieng Hall B: Caleb Cheng	Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Allan Ang
Bayswater	Elder James Wong	Andy Yu

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	25/11	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: By Faith Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu, Elder James Wong, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	26/11	7:30pm	FEBC Night Class: Bible and Science
Friday	28/11	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	30/11	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 (16/11)

Attendance: 208 (Combined-177; JSS-31); Prayer Meeting: 62

Offerings in Total: \$7903.05

General Fund: \$7903.05 (#3848-\$171; #3849-\$112.60)

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

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is required in the first commandment?

The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify Him accordingly (1 Chronicles 28:9; Isaiah 45:20-25; Matthew 4:10).