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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

Claude Yiu

Prelude

Lydia Pui

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng

*Hymn

HOP 88 All Glory, Laud and Honour

*Invocation/Gloria Patri¹

Responsive Reading

Psalm 56

Hymn

HOP 44 Fairest Lord Jesus!

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology²/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 18:1-8

Hymn

HOP 313 Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu

The Charge From God

*Hymn

HOP 260 A Charge to Keep I Have

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You³

^{*} 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. Feeding the flock of God ... earnestly contending for the faith

For thirty years the Bible-Presbyterian Church was the leading consumer of “Scripture Union” Daily Bible Reading Notes. That was until 1980. In that year, the poison of liberal theology began to appear in the pages of the SU “Daily Bread”. Like the serpent in Genesis 3, the writer cast doubt on the Bible record, e.g.

- a) The six Creation days (Gen 1) were “long periods of time”, not 24-hour days.
- b) “the forbidden fruit, talking serpent, and flaming sword” of Gen 3 are not to be taken literally.
- c) “We cannot be sure the flood covered the globe”, implying the Genesis record was unreliable.

The decision to stop subscribing to SU Notes was a “step in faith” which, praise God, has opened up a great new avenue of service for the past 12 years, since 1982. Today 12,000 copies of RPG Daily Bible Reading Notes are helping Christians around the globe, especially in Third World countries, to read God’s Word regularly and meaningfully.

RPG Distinctives:

- a) The notes help the user to read through the whole Bible systematically in easy stages.
- b) The authors are conservative Bible-believing pastor-teachers of fundamentalist persuasion, with a “high view” of Holy Scripture.
- c) The notes are based on the **King James Version** of the Holy Bible, the Bible of the Reformation, most loved and trustworthy, and a bulwark in the path of the ecumenical union.
- d) **RPG** notes have a strong devotional (and evangelistic) flavour to

help the reader “*grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*” (2Pet 3:18).

- e) **RPG** notes will also help the reader to take a stand for the Word of God, and to “*earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*” (Jude 3).

We must settle in our minds that the Word of God must certainly be true, absolutely infallible, and beyond all questions.

2. Using God’s Word Every Day

By Miss Carol Lee

Psalm 119:105 (“*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path*”) is a familiar and well memorized verse. Indeed, we must use the Word of God on a daily basis to direct us as we sojourn on earth, to guide us in all that we say and do. Thank God that He did not leave His people to grope in the dark. We are grateful that God has given us His Word to be our “*lamp*” and “*light.*” Are we using this “*lamp*” and “*light*” every day, every moment of every day?

Many in our midst are using the Read Pray and Grow (RPG), a Daily Bible Reading Guide, to help them in their daily reading of God’s Word. We are thankful to God for this publication which is helping many to spend time with God: for some, every morning; for others, every night. There are also those who use the RPG as materials for their nightly family devotion. How wonderful to see father gathering everyone in the home (servants and house guests included) nightly to READ a portion of God’s Word and the RPG reading for that day, and to PRAY before they retire for the night. Surely, our Lord will be pleased to help the family to GROW spiritually.

How did the RPG Daily Bible Reading Guide come about? For many years, right up to the early 1980s, our churches were using the Daily Bread (published by Scripture Union) as our daily Bible reading guide. Unfortunately, Dr SH Tow detected “poison” in the Daily Bread. How can the sheep be fed “poison”? But if not Daily Bread, then what? The

Lord laid it in the heart of Dr Tow to produce an alternative daily Bible reading guide. So in 1982, he “began this RPG ministry to give God’s people a doctrinally sound Daily Bible Reading Guide, faithful to the Word of God and free from the poisonous leaven of liberalism, ecumenism, Romanism, and other godless ‘isms.’” (Source: Inside Cover of RPG August 1987.) The maiden issue of RPG rolled out in January 1982 as a monthly booklet. What does it mean for Dr Tow to start this RPG ministry? It meant that for the first two years (1982 and 1983), he laboured to write the RPG readings, with older brother Rev Dr Timothy Tow helping with seven months’ of readings.

RPG, as we know it today in 2014, is a quarterly issue and has grown to include the Junior RPG and the Teenz RPG, with their own teams of writers, editors, proof-readers, cover designers, etc. The Senior RPG is also translated into five languages: Chinese, Bahasa Indonesia, Swahili, Myanmar and Vietnamese. In addition, this Daily Bible Reading Guide is also available for reading online and for downloading onto mobile phones and tablets. The Lord has extended the RPG readership beyond our shores, almost into any corner of the world. Anyone can be helped to read God’s Word daily.

These RPG daily Bible reading guides costs many man-hours to produce, but they are freely available today to aid God’s people in their reading of God’s Word every day for their spiritual good and growth. Are you setting aside time daily to read God’s Word? No? Why not? God’s Word is “*a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path*” (Ps 119:105). Grope no more in the dark. Begin today, and let RPG help you to read God’s Word daily. Psalm 63:1: “*O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee...*” No effort is spared to help you read God’s Word daily. Will you spare no effort to daily read God’s Word? May God help you. Amen. – End of article.

God bless all readers.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Church Combined Fellowship:** will be held this Friday the 12th of December at 7:30pm. Message Title: Mutual acceptance with understanding (Romans 14:1-12). Rev Paul Cheng from Bethel BPC is our speaker. We encourage all to come and learn God's Word.
2. **Holy Communion:** will be conducted next Sunday. Please prepare yourself to partake the holy communion.
3. **Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship:** will be held next Sunday evening. Dinner together starts at 6pm and the separate meetings will start at 7.15pm.
4. **FEBC Online Courses:** Registration for the online courses starting in January 2015 is now open. Calvin's Institutes 2 and Life of Christ 1 is \$75 each and Bible and Miracles is \$35. Please fill out the form in the foyer and hand to Brother Mark Heath with the course fees.
5. **Thank God for:**
 - The many brethren who had participated in the City Evangelism last Sunday and the many unbelievers who have received the tracts. Pray that they may come to know our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
6. **Pray for:**
 - Various church activities and programs for the forthcoming weeks.
 - Planning of next year's program for the church.
 - The rebuilding of Nehemiah's Place.
 - God's leading and timing in restarting the Mandarin Worship Service.
 - Those who are seeking employment.
 - Those who are working away from home, and those who are travelling during the summer holidays.
 - Those who are physically sick and unwell. May God heal and strengthen them during this time.
 - Security in and around the church.

Service Duty	(7/12) Combined	(14/12) Combined-Holy Communion
Speaker	Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu	Rev Paul Cheng/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader	Dn Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng	Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Allan Ang
Musician	Lydia Pui	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernard Clarke	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards ☆To Help Count Offering	☆ Jonathan Woo, ☆ Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia, Mark Heath, Dn Michael Lee, Dn Stephen Chia	☆ Eddie Foo, ☆ Albert Ho, Joel Wong, Adrian Ng, Allan Ang, Allen Liew
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Yi Jye Chieng	Joel Wong, Audrey Liow
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Allan Ang, Irene Yap, Lilian Cheo, Yi Jye Chieng	Lilian Yong, Julia Sun, Edward Ee, Lily Liow, Mew Yung Tsing
JSS Singspiration	Karen Ee/Ruth Wong	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Mey Chieng/An Ning	Mary Ling/Victoria Lew
Van Drivers	Eugene Leong (0401155386) / Allan Ang (0433032709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)
South Perth	Hall A: Pr Joseph Poon Hall B: Elder James Wong	Hall A: Yew Jinn Chieng Hall B: Caleb Cheng
Bayswater	Kenny Tan	Elder James Wong

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	9/12	10:00am	Mandarin Bible Study – 7 Kirk Close, Munster
		7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: By Faith Pr Joseph Poon, Caleb Cheng, Ruth Wong
Wednesday	10/12	7:30pm	FEBC Night Class: Bible and Science, Names of God
Friday	12/12	7:30pm	Church Combined Fellowship
Sunday	14/12	8.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/ English & Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Combined Sunday Worship Service
		12:15pm	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>
		7:15pm	Men's Fellowship & Ladies' Fellowship

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (30/11)

Attendance: 205 (Combined-168; JSS-37); Prayer Meeting: 54

Offerings in Total: \$4762.75

General Fund: \$4762.75 (#3853-\$156; #3854-\$136.30)

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

SHORTER CATECHISM: What are we especially taught by these words “before me” in the first commandment? These words *before me* in the first commandment teach us, that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeas'd with, the sin of having any other God (Deuteronomy 30:17-18; Psalm 44:20-21; Ezekiel 8:12).