

# 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

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Dn Michael Lee/Andy Yu

\*Hymn

**HOP 3** O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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

Responsive Reading

Psalms 59:1-8

Hymn

**HOP 404** O Jesus, I Have Promised

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

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

Scripture Reading

Numbers 19:1-9

Hymn

**HOP 417** Face to Face with Christ

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pr Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng

## What Can Wash Away My Sin?

\*Hymn

**HOP 176** Nothing But the Blood

\*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

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

<sup>\*</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. Answering the Call of God**

It was the year 1939. Revival days were over: Doctor Sung had left Singapore (as I understood). It had been his Farewell meeting, and Father and Mother had returned to Kluang.

Suddenly “*out of the blue*” Mother announced: “*Dr John Sung was holding a ‘Farewell Meeting’ in Muar – only for a day.*” Hearing the news Mother and Father decided to make the “*Day trip*” just to hear God’s servant for the last time, and by the way Mother asked, “*Would you like to come along, Siang Hwa?*”

“*Of course*”, my acceptance of Mother’s invitation came without hesitation. What an exciting turn of events, I thought to myself. In no time we were in a taxi, bound for Muar. Without difficulty we located the meeting place at the Chinese Presbyterian Church of Muar and in good time we were seated at the first meeting for the day.

Towards the end of the meeting, Dr Sung gave an invitation: “*Who would like to surrender their lives to serve the Lord?*” This was just what I had hoped to hear! Up went my hand, straight as an arrow. The “*Doctor*” took a quick count of about a dozen hands, mostly young people. At the end of the meeting, we were ushered into a “*prayer room*” at the rear. The dozen or so of us gathered in the room and the things expected of us were briefly elaborated, the Doctor prayed and laid hands on our heads. His prayer was simply to clinch our promise to serve the Lord “*full time*” and “*for life*”.

“*Yes, Lord!*” I whole-heartily gave my life to the Lord for “*full time service.*” But the Japanese eventually lost the war and the British and Americans were “*back in charge.*” Big Brother Timothy pursued Theological studies at Faith Theological Seminary, while I graduated in the 6-year medical course, with top marks in obstetrics and gynaecology, winning the Queen’s Scholarship. For this I was sent to the United Kingdom for Postgraduate studies.

Having completed postgraduate training in my chosen discipline of obstetrics and gynaecology in the United Kingdom, I returned to Singapore, where I acceded to the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (vacated by Professor Benjamin Sheares). But the call of the Gospel was constantly reminding me of my vow made in Muar.

To prepare myself for “*full time service*” of God, I lodged my resignation with the University. The Vice-Chancellor (Dr Toh Chin Chye) called me on the telephone. He could hardly believe that anyone in his right mind would want to “*chuck up*” such a prestigious university appointment. I explained to Dr Toh that I wanted to devote myself more to the Gospel ministry.

To the University I owed nothing. When I joined, I was the only MRCOG. Since coming into the Department, I had successfully trained 7 others – all “MRCOG” like me and equally able to function academically and discharge their duties like me! I reminded the Vice-Chancellor that each of the 7 MRCOGs was a valuable addition to the Department.

Thus comforted, the Vice-Chancellor was no more reluctant to “*let me go*”.

So in 1969, exactly 30 years after Dr John Sung’s “*Altar Call*” of 1939 I resigned my appointment to the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, to found the Tow Yung Clinic.

While I ran my private clinic, I had enough to support the Gospel work. (It was somewhat like the tent-making of the Apostle Paul, by which he supported his missions.)

So briefly this is my story, how I served the Lord and the ministry while maintaining a medical partnership practice. (I have fully retired from medical practice since 1980 – my 55<sup>th</sup> year of practice).

## **2. Gospel Door open!**

When I offered myself “*full time*” to the Lord, I agreed with Rev Philip Heng: “*Let’s devote Friday afternoons to visitation of absentees and ‘house-bound’ and sickly members.*”

On one such Friday afternoon as we drove on one of the main roads of Jurong, we were attracted by the many blocks of Jurong Town Corporation Flats (JTC Apartments). Suddenly our attention was caught by a signboard hanging over an office block: “Jurong Town Corporation” (JTC). If I was not mistaken, that would be Mr Woon Wah Siang’s office. (Mr Woon had lectured us in Social Medicine when we were medical students.)

A sudden impulse caused me to suggest to my companion Rev Philip Heng, “*Let’s call on Mr Woon!*” In no time we were inside the JTC office! Mr Woon cordially welcomed us! “*What are you doing, the two of you!*” Mr Woon called me by name! (I was pleasantly surprised).

I explained to Mr Woon our Friday afternoon mission! I was looking for land to build a church! Instantly he led us to a display board which showed a piece of land earmarked for “*religious use*”. This piece of land should suit your need – just right, not too small, not too big – 24,500 sq ft.

“*Can we have this piece?*” Mr Woon immediately agreed to let us have the piece of land for a church!

Overjoyed with the smooth transaction, we thanked Mr Woon. The building of a Church, staff quarters, Kindergarten rooms, plus Fellowship Hall was completed within 2 years – all praise and thanks to God!

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

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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- 1. Church Theme for 2015:** Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing (Colossians 1:10).
- 2. Lunch Fellowship:** Today after the worship service. All are welcome.
- 3. Brother Yew Jinn’s Send-off:** Will be incorporated into today’s lunch fellowship. Please stay behind and join us in encouraging him before he leaves on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December.

**4. Watch Night Service:** Will be held on this Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of December at 7:30 pm. Please come and join us for this end of year worship and thanksgiving service. All are welcome to stay back for prayer after the worship service.

**5. FEBC Classes:** Today is the final day to register for next semester's FEBC courses. These courses have been a great blessing to many in our church so do consider taking these. Please pass the completed forms with the course fees to Brother Mark Heath.

**6. Thank God for:**

- Sustaining and protecting the church throughout 2014.
- A blessed Christmas Day Worship Service and Sunday School presentation.
- The newcomers who have come to our church on Christmas Day. Pray for their salvation.

**7. Pray for:**

- That we would trust the Lord Jesus to grow the church (Matthew 16:18).
- Program planned for the church in 2015.
- Brother Yew Jinn and his studies at FEBC in January.
- The church, session and preacher.
- Rebuilding of Nehemiah's Place.
- God's leading and perfect timing to restart the Mandarin Worship Service.
- Those who are sick and unwell. May God heal and strengthen them during this time.
- Security in and around the church.

<b>Service Duty</b>	<b>(28/12) Combined-Lunch Fellowship</b>	<b>(31/12) Combined-Watchnight Service</b>	<b>(4/1) Combined</b>
Speaker	Pr Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng	Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu	Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu
Worship Leader	Dn Michael Lee/Andy Yu	Dn Adrian Cheng/Andy Yu	Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	-	Claude Yiu
Musician	Winnie Lim	Karen Ee	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun	Alex Luu, Grace Luu	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernard Clarke
Offering Stewards ☆To Help Count Offering	☆ Terry Chong, ☆ Allen Liew, Caleb Cheng, Yi Choong Liew, Jason Tey, Dn Adrian Cheng	☆ Alex Luu, ☆ Edward Ee, Kenny Tan, Caleb Cheng, Mark Heath	☆ Jonathan Woo, ☆ Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia, Mark Heath, Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng	Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan	Kenny Chia, Ruth Wong
P.A. System	Joel Wong	Joel Wong	Adrian Ng
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Victoria Lew	Lilian Yong & Team	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan, Edward Ee
JSS Singspiration	Valerie Wan/Allan Ang	-	Valerie Wan/Joel Wong
Toddler Class Assistant	Lilian Yong/Yi Jye Chieng	-	Mary Ling/Lilian Yong
Van Drivers	Eugene Leong (0401155386) / Allan Ang (0433032709)		
<b>Old Folks' Home Ministry</b>			
Subiaco	Andy Yu (Ruth Wong)	-	Pr Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Yew Jinn Chieng		Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Caleb Cheng
Bayswater	Yew Jinn Chieng		Kenny Tan

### **APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK**

Tuesday	30/12	7:30pm	<b>Prayer Meeting: By Faith</b> Pr Joseph Poon, Dn Adrian Cheng, Audrey Liow
Wednesday	31/12	7:30pm	<b>Watchnight Thanksgiving Worship Service</b>
Friday	2/1	7:30pm	<b>Fellowship Meeting:</b> Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	4/1	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>
		12:15pm	<b>Church Van Depart</b>
		2:00pm	<b>Concorde (Nursing Home) – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth</b>
		3:00pm	<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 (21/12)**

Attendance: 165 (Combined-139; JSS-26); Prayer Meeting: 39  
 Offerings in Total: \$7581.50  
 General Fund: \$7581.50 (#3860-\$2000)  
 Mission Fund: (10% of General Fund is set aside for missions)

### **ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (25/12)**

Attendance: 198 (Combined-186; JSS-12)  
 Offerings in Total: \$1698.30  
 General Fund: \$1698.30 (#3861-Concorde Aged Care Home-\$100)  
 Mission Fund: (10% of General Fund is set aside for missions)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What is forbidden in the second commandment?** The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images (Deuteronomy 4:15-19; Romans 1:22-23), or any other way not appointed in his Word (Leviticus 10:1-2; Jeremiah 19:4-5; Colossians 2:18-23).