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SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

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.

Preparatory Hymn

Claude Yiu

Prelude

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 9 Come, We That Love the Lord

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 72:1-11

Holy Communion [James, Adrian, Michael, Stephen, Joel, Robert]

Hymn

HOP 185 According to Thy Gracious Word

HOP 94 Alas! and Did My Saviour Bleed

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 27:12-23

Hymn

HOP 290 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

The Needs Of God's People

*Hymn

HOP 305 Hold the Fort

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 3

*Congregation Standing



Theme for 2015: "WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD UNTO ALL PLEASING" (Colossians 1:10)

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WORDS FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

My dear readers,

1. “Ye shall be my witnesses”

The last words of our Lord Jesus Christ before His ascension require Christians to be His witnesses *“unto the uttermost part of the earth”* (Acts 1:8). This command applies to Christians of every age and in every land. It applies to all Christians and not just to the few leaders. We who have received the free gift of salvation, in turn must repay our gospel debt by telling the Good News to others. We have found the cure for sin’s deadly disease. How can we not tell our fellow-men suffering from the same ailment that a cure has been found? How dare we keep silent? *“...woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel!”* (1 Cor 9:16).

But over 90 percent of Christians make no serious attempts at witnessing, thinking that this is the job of the full-time workers, pastors and missionaries. This is like an army whose soldiers have decided that only the generals must do the fighting. How could such an army ever hope to win any battles? Such a situation is simply too ridiculous to be imagined. And yet this is the case with many churches today. If Christians would awake to the realization that the only way of extending the Gospel to *“every creature”* is for every Christian to be an active witness to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Dear readers, please ask yourself this question: “Am I witnessing for my Lord? Am I telling others what He has done for me in my life? Am I passing on the Gospel to others?” If you can honestly say “yes,” may the Lord bless and increase your witness. If not, may the Holy Spirit rouse you into action. The time for witnessing is NOW, while it is yet day, for the night soon comes when no man can work (John 9:4). Days of peace and plenty are not for ever. As children of light, let us be wise to *“turn many to righteousness”* (Dan 12:3) while it is day.

Perhaps some Christian reader asks: “I’d like to make a start, but how?” Let me give you in a nutshell the first steps in personal witnessing. Live a consistent Christian life. Be kind and helpful to all. Have a *“Quiet Time”* daily with the Lord. Much Prayer and Bible study are essential for effective witnessing. Feed

on the Word. Speak oft with the Lord. He gives power to witness. Give out a tract or Gospel booklet (eg: “The Reason Why”). Study it first and make sure that it is appropriate to the occasion and to the recipient. Invite that person to a Gospel meeting. Supply transport if possible. Give your personal testimony of how you were saved. Tell someone what the Lord Jesus means to you, what He has done for you.

There are many books on soul winning obtain-able from Tabernacle Books.

There is great joy in soul winning. The beginning may be difficult. *“He that goes forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bring his sheaves with him. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy”* (Ps 126:5-6).

2. “Ye shall receive power” (Acts 1:8)

“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15) was our Lord’s parting command to the disciples. Are you a disciple of the Lord Jesus? Then the command is to you. Better, see it as an invitation, an invitation from the King of kings to be part of His great gospel team. What honour it is that you and I are included in the company of the Apostles and those who follow in their steps down the ages, to be witnesses of the Lord.

Most of us will feel inadequate or unqualified. Such feeling is natural, but our calling is from the Lord, and it is supernatural. In other words, to those who respond, He sends help from heaven. Recall what Jesus said to the disciples: *“Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you ...”* (Acts 1:8).

When we respond, we become part of the team directed and energized from above where our Lord, seated at the right hand of God, is in command, directing the entire gospel operation. It is natural to feel inadequate, “not up to the mark.” But think! The disciples were mostly simple, poorly educated men, yet the Lord called them, and used them mightily! What happened? Answer: They received power (Acts 1:8, 14) after they *“... all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication ...”*

The secret is prayer. By prayer and supplication we receive power – courage, eloquence, obedience to go and speak for Jesus. How did this come about? Because our Lord heard their *“prayer and supplication”* and sent them the Holy Spirit of promise, the Comforter. It is He who gives power, and enables witness, going for the Lord, venturing into distant lands to be His witnesses.

The task is great and unfinished. The harvest, already ripe, is waiting for reapers. Who will take up the challenge? If you pray earnestly and from the heart, God’s Spirit will touch you and make you willing, and you like Isaiah will say, *“Here am I, send me.”* The Lord can do great things with weak instruments like you and me, but fully surrendered to Him. And there is joy unspeakable to those who obey and go for the Lord.

Will you heed the Gospel call?

3. *“Say not ye, there are yet four months ...”* (John 4:35)

Our Lord’s words to the disciples sound an urgent warning to us today. Souls of men are lost, without light and without life. Many are rushing into a Christless eternity, ever regretting and never able to return to life.

Say not, there is still much time before the harvest: ripened grain cannot wait for tardy reapers; neither can perishing souls await Gospel preachers who hold back. Our Lord says, *“Go ye therefore and teach all nations”* (Matt 20:28).

Signs of the Lord’s imminent return are visible everywhere. Only the willingly blind will not see. Are you blind also? Or plain disobedient? The Lord of the Harvest calls to all who have ears: *“And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together”* (John 4:36).

Shake off lethargy, pray for Holy Spirit conviction. Ask yourself, “What am I doing with my life? My talents? My time?” My dear reader, arouse out of your lethargy and unconcern. Our Lord expects that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

But it’s up to you to respond.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Mothers Day:** Please bring a dish of finger food next week as we celebrate Mothers' Day together.
- 2. July Family Camp:** Our annual July Family Camp will take place on Sunday 5th to Thursday 9th of July at Orchard Glory Farm Resort. Rev Prabhudas Koshy will lead a study on the theme "Walk Worthy Of The Lord" (Col 1:10). Registration will commence next week (10th May) when registration forms will be made available. The Church-subsidised camp fees are listed below. All full-time fees include four days accommodation, meals (breakfast provide your own) and a camp jacket souvenir (for adults only).

	2 Bedroom Chalets (4 persons)	3 Bedroom Chalets (6 persons)
Adult	\$230	\$215
Children under 10 years	\$180	\$165
Children under 6 years	\$150	\$135
Children under 2 years	FREE	FREE
Part Timers	Accommodation: \$30/night	\$27/night
	+ Meals: \$12/meal for lunch, \$16/meal for dinner	

- 3. Car Park:** Please remember to move your car after the service if your car is blocking other cars from getting out. Please register your vehicles with our new car park register at www.bpcwa.org.au/carpark so that we can coordinate car parking better.
- 4. Seniors Fellowship:** will be held in two weeks time on Saturday 16th May at 10:30am. More details next week.

5. Please note the upcoming Church activities in your calendars. You can view and add the Church calendar online – www.bpcwa.org.au/calendar

10/05/2015	Sunday	Mothers' Day (bring a dish)
16/05/2015	Saturday	Seniors' Fellowship
24/05/2015	Sunday	City Evangelism
31/05/2015	Sunday	Lunch Fellowship (bring a dish)

6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Reminder through the Lord's Supper of God's atonement for our sins through Jesus Christ.
- Thank God for seeing bro Yew Jinn and the online students through the FEBC semester and exams.
- Spiritual walk of all worshippers.
- Teaching and preaching ministries of the Church.
- Registration for the July Family Camp beginning next week.
- Re-building of Nehemiah Place and the building committee to have wisdom and clear direction to proceed with the project.
- God's leading and timing in restarting the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
- Those who are working away from home and travelling.
- Those who are spiritually and physically unwell.
- Safety and Security in and around the church and homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	3/5 COMBINED - Holy Communion	10/5 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernie Clarke	Andy Ho, Lisa Ho, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia, Mark Heath, Eugene Leong, Kenny Tan	*Allen Liew, *Adrian Ng, Allan Ang, Alex Luu, Dn Stephen Chia, Dn Adrian Cheng
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Ruth Wong, Camilia Sin	Adrian Ng, Audrey Liow, Ellainne Cheng
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan, Edward Ee	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Mew Yung Tsing, Julia Sun
JSS Singspiration	Holy Communion	Esther Yiu/Kenny Chia
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Mey Tan/An Ning	Yi Jye Chieng/Lee Chin Yong
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)
South Perth	Hall A: Dn Adrian Cheng Hall B: Rev Joseph Poon	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Kenny Tan
Bayswater	Allan Ang	Caleb Cheng

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	5/5	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Elder James Wong, Angeline Yong
Friday	8/5	10:00am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	10/5	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English & Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:00pm	Mandarin Choir
		12:15pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30pm	Nursing Home: Ben Ritcher Lodge – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (26/4)

Attendance: 222 (Combined-188; JSS-34); Prayer Meeting: 55

Offerings in Total: \$5881.75

General Fund: \$5881.75 (#3895-\$274.10; #3896-\$1400)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is forbidden in the sixth commandment? The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor, unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto. (Gen 9:6; Matt 5:22; 1 John 3:15).