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For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

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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.

Preparatory Hymn Allan Ang
Prelude Ruth Wong
Call to Worship Dn Adrian Cheng/Andy Yu
*Hymn **HOP 5** The God of Abraham Praise
*Invocation/Gloria Patri **1**

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.

Responsive Reading Psalm 61
Hymn **HOP 133** O Breath of Life
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
*Doxology **2**/Offertory Prayer

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.

Scripture Reading Numbers 20:14-21
Hymn **HOP 212** How Firm a Foundation
Pastoral Prayer/Message Pr Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

Handling Discouragements

*Hymn **HOP 296** Day by Day
*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. News Briefs from The Straits Times

Today I share with readers, some “*News Briefs*” of interest from *The Straits Times*’ latest issue (Christmas Day 25 December 2014). Headline news reads: **“Muslims, Hindus help protect Churches.”** I thought, it was too good to be true! What a change from the usual report of churches being attacked or burnt! Further reading of the text seems to harmonize with the Indonesian capital having a Christian Governor! What a turn of events! It certainly augurs well for Indonesia’s future! Does it not reflect Singapore’s religious tolerance and harmony!

Further reading of the news text says: “Senior Commissioner Irsan, the Chief of Bogor Police, yesterday said his force would be assisted by the bomb squad in securing police facilities and almost 60 churches, adding that the bomb threat was made on Tuesday.

Three hundred people from a youth wing of the country’s largest Islamic organization, Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) will also help the force, he told the Jakarta Globe.

In Denpasar, the police have employed hundreds of traditional Balinese guards known as *pecalang* to secure Christmas services at 22 churches in North Kuta, the Jakarta Post reported yesterday.

The involvement of the *pecalang* has become a local tradition where Balinese Hindus support Christians. ‘The Police, Military, *pecalang* and each church security personnel will cooperate to safeguard the services,’ North Kuta Police Chief Ronnu Riantoko Eppang said.

More than 2,500 NU members will also help in securing Christmas events in Yogyakarta and Surabaya today.

The National Police have deployed a total of 197,126 persons under

Operation Candle to guard against security threats and traffic problems that could disrupt Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations, the Jakarta Post reported. The operation began yesterday and will run until January 2, 2015.

'We will secure every place of worship, residential areas, tourism locations, stations, terminals, ports, airports and also other places where there would be a lot of people gathered for Christmas and New Year celebrations,' General Sutarman, the Chief of the National Police, said on Tuesday, the Jakarta Globe reported.

The authorities said they have installed 868 new closed-circuit cameras."

For a country of over 220 million population spread over thousands of islands, the "*cleaning up*" process is far from easy or possible.

2. The problem of graft in China

The problem of graft in China is infinitely more ingrained and complicated. Currently the China President Mr Xi Jinping is said to have "*cast anti-graft far and wide*" (*The Straits Times*' latest issue, Christmas Day 25 December 2014). The sub headline reads: "Unprecedented purge has cemented Chinese President's grip on power." How clean will Mr Xi turn out eventually – who can tell?

For a country of 1,500,000 billion population, nurtured for 50 and more years in a "godless ideology," the effectiveness of its moral standard is anybody's guess. Steeped for two or three generations in godless ideology, various reports said that Christianity is being lapped up by hungry masses.

How the Spirit of God will turn multitudes to the truth of God and the gospel – who can tell? It remains for those "*of the way*" to spread the Word of God, as far as they can! God help us!

Who will be brave for the times?

God bless all readers.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. Due to the stepping down of our beloved Supervisory Pastor, Dr. Tow, BPCWA does not currently have a Pastor replacing him. The Session is seeking the Lord in prayer regarding this matter.
2. **Mission Trips:** Bethel BPC, Melbourne will be organising two mission trips/family camps in April. If anyone is interested in joining them or wants more information regarding these trips, please contact Elder James. The dates for the mission trips are as follows: Myanmar - 20th April to 26th April via Singapore. Cebu - 27th April to 3rd May via Singapore.
3. **Australia Day Outreach:** will be held on the 26th of January. More details will follow.
4. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for a blessed Seniors' Fellowship yesterday.
 - Thank God for the safe arrival of a baby daughter, Yan Yu Fei to Yan Wei and Li Bei on the 26th of December. Both mother and baby are doing well.
 - Thank God for the safe arrival of a baby daughter, Irene Tan to Eric Tan and Julia Cao on the 8th of January. Both mother and baby are doing well.
 - Pray for Uncle Bernie who has had a fall recently. He is recuperating in Osbourne Park Hospital. May God grant him a speedy recovery from his injury.
 - Pray for unity of the church and the Session Members.
 - Pray for God's spiritual and physical protection and preservation of the church.
 - Pray for the program planned for 2015.
 - The re-building of Nehemiah's Place.
 - God's leading and timing to re-start the Mandarin Worship Service.

SERVICE DUTY	11/1 COMBINED	18/1 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pr Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Andy Yu	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Dn Joel Wong
Musician	Ruth Wong	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Allen Liew, Fiona Liew, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Joel Wong, Adrian Ng, Allan Ang	*Allen Liew, *Edward Ee, Alex Luu, Eugene Leong, Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Joel Wong, Audrey Liow	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, Shuin Ning Jong	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Mew Yung Tsing, Julia Sun
JSS Singspiration	Camilia Sin/Yi Mey Tan	Karen Ee/Rowena Cheng
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Jye Chieng/Yi Mey Tan	Mary Ling/Ka Yii Yip
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: Dn Adrian Cheng Hall B: Jason Tey	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Allan Ang
Bayswater	Pr Joseph Poon	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK			
Tuesday	13/1	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: By Faith Pr Joseph Poon, Dn Joel Wong, Audrey Liow
Wednesday	14/1	7:30pm	FEBC Night Class: Life of Christ
Friday	16/1	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	18/1	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	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 (4/1)

Attendance: 173 (Combined-149; JSS-24); Prayer Meeting: 46
Offerings in Total: \$4594.05
General Fund: \$4594.05 (#3862-Library-\$40; #3863-\$90.50)
Mission Fund: (10% of General Fund is set aside for missions)

SHORTER CATECHISM: Which is the third commandment? The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain (Exod 20:7; Deut 5:11).