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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

Dn Joel Wong

Prelude

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 2 To God Be the Glory

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 62

Hymn

HOP 230 Trusting Jesus

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 20:22-29

Hymn

HOP 278 Sweet Hour of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu

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.

God's Sovereign Appointment

*Hymn

HOP 404 O Jesus, I Have Promised

*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. Life under the Japanese

It was early in 1942: The British had surrendered and the Japanese Army was in charge. Unknown thousands of young men had been taken in a *“big purge.”* They simply disappeared without a trace, but many eye witnesses attest to the mass massacre. A new *“Order of the Day”* had been posted in strategic locations. It was a new order. It read thus: *“Refugees from Malaysia must return to their home-towns within two weeks of this notice. By order of the Japanese Army.”*

Our family had read the notice. We held a *“Family Meeting”* and decided that Father and I were to make the first *“return trip”* to open up our shophouse which served as clinic and dispensary on the ground floor. The upper storey was reserved for living quarters.

This *“return trip”* was the test of our courage and trust in God. Father had an idea: *“Let’s call on Pastor Chen (from China) and get his advice.”* So we made straight for Jubilee Presbyterian Church in Tiong Bahru.

Pastor Chen was an elderly man, very hospitable, speaking fluent Mandarin.

He displayed complete faith and trust in God as he listened to Father. *“Should the two of us return to our hometown Batu Pahat before the rest of the family?”* Pastor Chen’s reply was one of absolute trust and confidence in God. He prayed for us, committing us to the Lord our God.

“Go! Be not afraid! I shall pray without ceasing for you and family. Fear not! God will give you complete safety, going and coming. He will send good and friendly Japanese your way! Our God is able, fear not! Read Psalm 121!”

Thereupon we opened our Bibles and read Psalm 121. Thereafter we took our leave and left for Batu Pahat.

2. God is our Protector

Where do I turn for help daily? *“My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth”* (Ps 121:2).

The Word of God assures us: *“The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night”* (Ps 121:6). Have you given thought to the harm exercised by the sun and moon on our bodies? Albert Barnes in his commentary says:

“God’s Word promises: The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night (v 6). The Septuagint renders this, ‘shall not harm thee’

-- *συγκαύσει sungkausei*. The Latin Vulgate says: *The sun shall not smite thee by day*. -- The Hebrew word means to strike, as with a rod or staff, or with the plague or pestilence; and then, to kill or slay. The allusion here is to what is called a 'sun-stroke' -- the effect of the burning sun on the brain. Such effects of the sun are sometimes fatal.

Nor the moon by night (v 6b) -- The psalmist here refers the influence of the sun and moon, affecting our life or health. Some have supposed that the psalmist was referring to the sudden cold which follows the intense heat of the day in eastern countries. Lackmann and Michaelis suppose that there is some allusion to the influence of the moon in causing various kinds of disease, especially lunacy."

Definition of Lunatic:

- a) Chambers Concise Dictionary -- From Latin *lunaticus*, refers to those who are moonstruck, (from *luna*, the moon), observing that intermittent insanity was caused by the phases of the moon.
- b) Oxford Dictionary -- Middle English: from Old French *lunatique*, from late Latin *lunaticus*, from Latin *luna* "moon" (from the belief that changes of the moon may cause intermittent insanity).

A patient of my Father's, a train driver, had complained of intermittent insanity (caused by the changes in the moon). The remedy is to put one's trust in the Lord as mentioned in verses 7-8: *"The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."*

Psalm 121 speaks volumes on God's love, protection over us, His own children. Why not memorise this Psalm in the new year 2015?

*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."* (Psalm 121)

Finally, God bless all readers.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Mission Trip/Family Camp:** Please read today's insert regarding the mission trips organised by Bethel BPC. If anyone is interested in attending these mission trips, please contact Elder James Wong.
2. **Lunch Fellowship:** will be next Sunday after the Worship Service. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome to join.
3. **Australia Day Outreach:** our Church will be going to the Australia Day fireworks on the Monday 26th January public holiday. To be involved in this outreach or just to bring your family and friends to the fireworks, please meet at Church at 3pm. Please see Dn Adrian if you have any questions.
4. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God that Uncle Bernie is recovering well from his injury.
 - God's continued presence in BPCWA.
 - Unity of the church, the Session and the Preacher.
 - Pr Poon to have journey mercy as he flies to Singapore.
 - The re-development of Nehemiah's house.
 - God's leading and timing for the Mandarin Worship Service to re-start.
 - Those who are travelling during the summer holiday season.
 - Those who are spiritually discouraged and physically unwell.
 - Security in and around the church.

The following is the tentative details and information from Rev Paul Cheng re: Mission Trips in April, 2015.

A) MYANMAR

- Leave Myanmar (via Singapore) on the 20th April, Monday. Myanmar Family Camp will consist of three local churches; First BPC, Bethel BPC (Dagon) and Ngalti BPC. The family camp will be held from the 21st to 23rd of April.
- The next two days, 24th to 25th of April will be spent visiting some places of interest to better understand the Myanmar culture, the different tribes and its historic revolution, as well as visit some of the local homes, God willing.
- The Lord's Day service, 26th April will be held in First BPC, Yangon. A local fellowship lunch will be held with the culmination of the three local churches.
- Leave Myanmar for Cebu (via Singapore) on the 26th or 27th April.

B) PHILLIPINES – CEBU

- For the first two days in Cebu, the 28th and 29th of April we will visit the places of interest to understand the Cebuano culture. We may also visit the drug ministry.
- Cebu Family Camp will consist of three local churches from Cebu, Bogob and Bohol. The family camp will be held from the 30th of April to the 2nd of May.
- Tentatively Saturday may be spent visiting the local church in Bohol.
- The Lord's Day Service, 3rd of May will be held in Cebu (Gethsemane BPC).

SERVICE DUTY	18/1 COMBINED	25/1 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch
Speaker/Interpreter	Pr Joseph Poon/Andy Yu	Robert Wong/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Joel Wong/Kong vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Dn Joel Wong	Kenny Tan
Musician	Winnie Lim	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Allen Liew, Fiona Liew, Lily Liow	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Allen Liew, *Edward Ee, Alex Luu, Eugene Leong, Dn Stephen Chia	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng, Yi Choong Liew, Jason Tey, Kenny Tan
Ushers	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Joel Wong
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Mew Yung Tsing, Julia Sun	Lee Fung Fong, Andy Ho, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia
JSS Singspiration	Karen Ee/Rowena Cheng	Esther Yiu/Kenny Chia
Toddler Class Assistant	Mary Ling/Ka Yii Yip	Victoria/Lydia
Van Drivers	Eugene Leong (0401155386) / Allan Ang (0433032709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Edward Ee (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Allan Ang	Hall A: Andy Yu Hall B: Mark Heath
Bayswater	Mark Heath	Kenny Tan

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	20/1	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting Adrian Cheng, Elder James, Ruth Wong
Wednesday	21/1	7:30pm	FEBC Night Class: Life of Christ
Friday	23/1	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	25/1	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 (11/1)

Attendance: 177 (Combined-154; JSS-23); Prayer Meeting: 53
 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: What is required in the third Commandment? The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles (Deut 10:20, Psa 29:2, Matt 6:9), attributes (1 Chr 29:10-13; Rev 15:3-4), ordinances (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor 11:27-28), Word (Psa 138:2; Rev 22:18-19), and works (Psa 107:21-22; Rev 4:11).