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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

Kenny Tan

Prelude

Lydia Pui

Call to Worship

Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 23 How Great Thou Art!

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalms 68:11-23

Rededication

Elder James Wong

Hymn

HOP 355 Jesus Is All the World to Me

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 22:21-35

Hymn

HOP 309 Yield Not to Temptation

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

False Repentance

*Hymn

HOP 127 Search Me, O God

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 3

*Congregation Standing

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.



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. Sobering and Searing reminders (*letter from Rev & Mrs Bill Ebert of Hilltop, Philippines, dated Feb 18, 2015*)

Many thanks to Kathie for the reminder concerning ISIS and the recent beheadings of the Coptic Christians in Egypt. Our hearts are still shaken and we are made aware all over again that believers today have to take a stand and risk having to sacrifice their lives for the cause of Christ. I still can hardly believe this news report and the haunting pictures and yet it is alarmingly true. We had some inkling, a “taste” of what others experience when the “Ch” brethren were studying on Hilltop. We were made aware in such a painful way of the suffering of Christians via stories we recently shared. It just seems it is all coming closer and closer. Only remember to pray (for wisdom and discernment).

We have been thankful for our Bible study and the GREAT feedback and response of those who attended. Their questions prove they are listening and absorbing. Bill has some ideas for future study and discussion of any doctrine over which there is confusion. Last night we studied more in 1 Peter 2 and Bill had his usual hand-outs with questions designed to make us think.

Our ladies’ fellowship went very well last Saturday, Sis Tess gave a short devotional from 1 John, appropriate to Valentine’s Day. I will be devotional leader next time and we will meet in town for breakfast and then go walking at the nearby stadium in the town.

Our air filter is working superbly, and many thanks to a very caring couple who helped us to purchase it. We are breathing so much better at night, and even though the air is still heavy with smoke much of the time. Bill’s cough is nearly gone! He wants to get back to exercising as soon as possible now that he is not coughing and his back is better. “Thank you” to those who prayed for these things.

It has been SO COLD. I know there are those up-east in the US who are laughing, but to have frigid air at night is almost too much for us. I’ve been having to wrap up in a blanket while sitting in the family room, and wear socks to bed at night. We sleep under two blankets and a thick comforter. Actually in Baguio, it is down to probably the low sixties at night and Pastor Lubaton’s

daughter lives there but says it is too cold for the baby so she will bring him back to Hilltop until our “winter” is over. The change from Cold to Dry Season will happen VERY soon, probably early March. The extreme cold was so serious for the aforementioned baby (Baby Pabs) that in the absence of heaters the parents were turning on hot water at night for a time until there was steam in their room, that was the closest to actual heat they could get.

We have graduation next month and so there is a lot of excitement on campus. Sadly, the speaker we had scheduled for conference cannot make it this year, we recently learned. Another possible speaker is being contacted by Pastor Leo.

We were informed a week ago of two raises in our support, two of our supporting churches having done this for us. What a blessing and help! And we received so many generous love gifts over Christmas, we could never express adequately our gratitude.

Most of all, we are deeply grateful for your prayers.

Love in Him, Darla and Bill

2. JEWISH JOURNALIST RECORDS ANTI-SEMITIC HATE ON PARIS STREETS *(Friday Church News Notes, February 20, 2015)*

The following is excerpted from “Ten Hours of Fear and Loathing in Paris,” nrg.co.il, Feb 17, 2015: “Welcome to Paris 2015, where soldiers are walking every street that houses a Jewish institution, and where keffiyeh-wearing men and veiled women speak Arabic on every street corner. ... In modern-day Paris, you see, Jews are barred from entering certain areas. ... For 10 hours I quietly walked down the streets and suburbs of Paris, with photographer Dov Belhassen documenting the day using a GoPro camera hidden in his backpack. Given the tensions in Paris, which is still reeling from a wave of terrorist attacks (including the murder of *Charlie Hebdo* magazine journalists), I was assigned a bodyguard. ... Areas known as tourist attractions were relatively calm, but the further from them we walked, the more anxious I became over the hateful stares, the belligerent remarks, and the hostile body language. At times it was like walking in downtown Ramallah. Most women were wearing a veil or a hijab, most men appeared to be Muslim, and Arabic was prevalent

everywhere. We decided ahead of time that I was to walk through these areas quietly, without stopping anywhere, without speaking to anyone, without so much as looking sideways. My heart was pounding and negative thoughts were running through my head. I would be lying if I said I was not afraid. Walking into a public housing neighborhood, we came across a little boy and his hijab-clad mother, who were clearly shocked to see us. ‘What is he doing here Mommy? Doesn’t he know he will be killed?’ the boy asked. ... Over at a nearby street I was lambasted with expletives ... At a nearby cafe, fingers were pointed at us, and moments later two thugs were waiting for us on the street corner. They swore at me, yelled ‘Jew,’ and spat at me. ... Two youths were waiting for us on the next street corner, as they had apparently heard that a Jew was walking around their neighborhood. They made it clear to us that we had better get out of there, and we took their advice. ‘A few more minutes and this would have been a lynching,’ the bodyguard told me as we were getting into the car. ‘Leave this area right now.’”

3. EGYPTIAN SCHOLAR DEMANDS THAT JEWS RETURN EXODUS TREASURE *(Friday Church News Notes, Feb 20, 2015)*

Egyptian scholar Amar Ali Hassan is demanding that Israel return the treasures they took from the Egyptians when they left Egypt 3,500 years ago. In an interview with Egypt’s *Channel 1* in July 2014, Hassan said, “When they left they stole Egypt’s gold and treasures. We demand that they return the treasures they stole from us” (“Egyptian Academic Demands Jews Return Exodus Gold,” *Israel Today*, Sep 15, 2014). Hassan is referring to the Bible’s statement that children of Israel “borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment” (Exo 12:35-36). In fact, that was the just wages that the Egyptians owed Israel for abusing them as slave labor to build their cities. It is interesting that Hassan, Ph.D. in political science, author, and Middle East research center scholar, acknowledges that Israel has a long history in the region and that Israel’s history in Scripture is accurate. This flies in the face of the Israel denial movement since Yasser Arafat.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Rededication Sunday:** For those who are serving in any capacity in church, please fill in the attached Rededication Form and place it in the box in the foyer.
- 2. Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class:** The new series has started this morning at 9am in the downstairs library. If you speak Mandarin and are seeking for baptism, transfer of membership or wanting to know basic bible knowledge you are most welcome to join this class. Please see Elder James Wong or Dn Joel Wong for further information.
- 3. Church Combined Fellowship Series:** This Friday 20th March (and continuing 27th March) at 7.30pm. "What is God's will? I'm not sure what to do!" "Just pray about it and God will show you" is what we often say and hear. How does God show you? Can a Christian walk out of God's will? It is critical for Christians to know what Scriptures say about God's will and how to know it. Come and learn together.
- 4. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** will be held next Sunday evening the 22nd of March at the home of Elder James and Sister Choon Fang Wong. Dinner is at 6:30pm, please bring a dish to share. The meeting starts at 7:30pm. Address: 22 Stuart Court, Bateman. If you understand Mandarin, we welcome and encourage you and your family to join us for an evening of learning God's Word and mutual encouragement.
- 5. City Evangelism:** Join us for the bi-monthly street evangelism outreach in the Perth City malls in two weeks time. Sign up or confirm your attendance on the registration form in the foyer. If you are interested to learn more please see Deacon Adrian or email evangelism@bpcwa.org.au.
- 6. BPCWA Family Camp:** Please start applying for leave and make arrangements to join this year's family camp. Rev Koshy will be speaking which will be held from Sunday 5th - Thursday 9th July at Orchard Glory Resort.
- 7. Church 29th Anniversary:** This year, BPCWA will be celebrating her 29th Anniversary on Easter Sunday, 5th of April. A thanksgiving dinner has been organised at North Lake BBQ Chinese Restaurant, 406 North Lake Road, Bibra Lake at 6pm. The cost is \$25 per adult, children 4 to 10 years old \$10. Register after the worship service at the fellowship hall with Sisters Yisan or Victoria.

- 8. Special Mission Fund Collection:** This special collection of offering will run for the next two Sundays, 22nd and 29th of March. If the Lord has set this burden in your heart to give, you can designate your love gift to “Myanmar Missions” or “Cebu Missions” and drop it in the offering bag. This Mission love gift will be used to help the Myanmar brethren to attend the Family Camp or for the mission work in Myanmar and Cebu.
- 9. Item Collection for Myanmar & Cebu Brethren:** We will be collecting specific items which are in good condition to bring to Myanmar and Cebu. The following are the items needed:
- Used laptops and mobile phones (10 of each are required). This will enable communication between the churches.
 - New A4 zip/snap lock clear satchels, small packs of thin colour textas, UHU glue sticks and small scissors. Between the two camps there will be approximately 70 children attending the respective children’s programs.
 - Collection of men’s, women’s and children’s jackets would be very useful to the brethren in Myanmar.

Please see Sister Choon Fang if you have any of these items to give.

10. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- For all the brethren who have re-dedicated their services at the Re-dedication Service held this morning. Pray that we will continue to be God fearing and serve God fervently for the testimony and glory of Jesus Christ.
- Thank God for the Seniors’ Fellowship meeting yesterday.
- New friends and families joining our Church.
- Preaching and teaching ministries of the Church.
- Spiritual growth and greater desire to please God.
- A strong, faithful and united Session and Church.
- Combined Mission trips with Bethel BP Church in April.
- Rebuilding of Nehemiah House.
- God’s leading and timing to restarting the Mandarin worship service once a month.
- Those who are spiritually discouraged or physically unwell.
- Security in and around the Church and homes.

SERVICE DUTY	15/3 COMBINED	22/3 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Robert Wong/Andy Yu
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Dn Joel Wong
Musician	Lydia Pui	Ruth Wong
Welcomers	Andy Ho, Lisa Ho, Lily Liow	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Allen Liew, *Edward Ee, Alex Luu, Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong, Dn Stephen Chia	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng, Yi Choong Liew, Jonathan Woo, Dn Joel Wong, Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Kenny Chia
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan, Edward Ee	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, Shuin Ning Jong
JSS Singpiration	Yung Tsing/Allan	Karen/Yi Mey
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Mey/Victoria	Ka Yii/Lilian
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	
Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)	Robert Wong (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Andy Yu Hall B: Elder James Wong	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Mark Heath
Bayswater	Mark Heath	Allan Ang

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK			
Tuesday	17/3	10:00am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Andy Yu, Dn Adrian Cheng, Audrey Liow
Friday	20/3	10:00am	English Mother's Bible Study Group
		7:30pm	Church Combined Fellowship
Sunday	22/3	8.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English & Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Combined Sunday Worship Service
		12pm	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
6:30pm	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting		

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (8/3)	
Attendance: 235 (Combined-203; JSS-32); Prayer Meeting: 64	General Fund: \$6928.70
Offerings in Total: \$6928.70	Mission Fund: {10% of General Fund is set aside for missions}

SHORTER CATECHISM: What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment? The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments (Exo 20:9; 31:15; Lev 23:3), his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, His own example, and His blessing the Sabbath day. (Gen 2:2-3; Exo 20:11; Exo 31:17).