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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

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 7 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalms 69:22-36

Hymn

HOP 141 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 25:7-18

Hymn

HOP 54 I Am His and He Is Mine

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

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.

Turning From Chastening To Blessing

*Hymn

HOP 264 More Holiness Give Me

*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. “Be a Good Watchman for God” (Ezek 33:1-7)

The Word of God is clear. We have a duty and responsibility. It is a trust committed to us. In a church, the leaders, workers, pastors, have an added responsibility, being more knowledgeable and informed. We are watchmen for God. The flock are in our trust. Their safety is our responsibility. Our business is to be vigilant and to watch out for the enemy. If we fail to watch, we fail. If we see danger and raise no alarm, we fail. If we join forces with the enemy, we are traitors to our calling, to our Captain, to our Lord.

The penalty for such unfaithfulness is, the Lord will *“require at thine hand”* (Ezek 33:8).

2. God’s Word gives clear warning (Matt 7:21-23)

God’s word gives clear warning. *“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven”* (Matt 7:21).

We live in an age of overwhelming deception by false Christians and counterfeits: false preachers and pastors in false churches and Christian institutions, e.g. seminaries, Bible colleges, etc. Workers for God have a responsibility to keep informed, to be knowledgeable and discerning. We must be able to discern the genuine from the counterfeit, the real from the false. Once we detect the false, we must dissociate ourselves and warn against them. Not to do so is disloyalty to our Lord. False pastors, preachers and teachers are wolves in sheep’s clothing.

3. Sign of His return (Matt 24:5, 11, 24, 2 Thess 2:1-4, 7-11)

Our Lord gives us the major sign of His return. The first and foremost is the proliferation of *“false Christs and false prophets.”*

These masquerade as Christian workers, pastors, etc to mislead, deceive, and finally destroy. The deception today is so strong that our Lord said that it will almost *“deceive the very elect”* (Matt 24:24). The wholesale defection

in Christendom to the ranks of the false church is the major sign of our Lord's imminent appearing.

Dear reader, do you see these cardinal developments? Are you taking note? Raising a warning?

The Lord revealed to the Apostle Paul who wrote this amazing prophecy of the event which must immediately precede our Lord's appearing. Fact is stranger than fiction: the defection of Christendom is something most Christians do not recognise. This is sad.

This "*falling away*" (or apostasy) of the last days has already taken place in large measure, except for a remnant who are seen by mainstream Christendom as misfits and trouble-makers who deserve only to be eliminated. The end time is truly "*perilous*" (2 Tim 3:1). It may well bring on persecution to Bible-faithful Christians who refuse to bow their knees to the Baal of globalism and the One-World Ecumenical Church.

But our Lord is ever triumphant. So, hold fast and stand with Him. With Him is safety and victory.

4. Be faithful (Jude 3-4)

Bible-faithful Christians are called to "*earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*" This is not an option but God's command. Almost all churches today have fallen into the hold of Satan, and are preaching another Jesus, another spirit, and another gospel (2 Cor 11:4). The deception is too deceptive! We must arm ourselves with God's Word and cry out for the Spirit's help. Nothing else will keep us from the end time deception.

May God help us to be faithful watchman.

5. Pray for Holy Spirit filling

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13)

Labourers with God cannot effectively serve without asking our Heavenly Father for a constant filling of the Holy Spirit. We know, yet too often we rely on our own wisdom and energy, and become engrossed in much work (like Martha) and neglect the more needful waiting on the Lord (like Mary).

So let us re-think our work strategy and our whole approach to the part we play in the ministry. Did not our Lord say in John 15:5, *“Without me ye can do nothing”*?

Our Lord left these words with the disciples before His ascending to the cross, words full of assurance and promise (John 14:16-18). Shortly, the disciples would be left with the brand new venture of establishing the church in a hostile environment, all by themselves. Alone? No, not alone! Remember Matthew 28:20: *“And lo, I am with you always ...”* Recall also: *“I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you”* (John 14:18). The Lord who calls us to the work also supplies the necessary co-labouring (“back-up”) of the Holy Spirit.

“These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren” (Acts 1:14). Ten days of united prayer marked the turning point in the transformation of the disciples, from a lot of disunited, self-seeking, natural men, into God’s valiant band, Spirit-filled (supernatural) and ready to do and die, for the ascended Lord.

What made the difference? Read again Acts 1:14. Read also Luke 22:24, 33, and Matthew 26:35. Cowards and quarrelsome selfish men can be transformed by the Holy Spirit, and only by the Holy Spirit. Wait upon the Lord in prayer and plead for Holy Spirit filling. This is God’s way, the only way to succeed in His work.

My dear readers: Be faithful and follow our Commander Jesus who goes before us!

“Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Rev 2:10).

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **English Basic Bible Knowledge classes:** A new cycle of classes conducted by Rev Joseph Poon began this morning at 9am in the upper sanctuary. Worshippers who are considering baptism or transfer of membership, or would like a refresher of the important doctrines of our faith are encouraged to attend these classes.
2. **Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** Meeting will be held at Brother George and Sister Linda Quo's home this coming Saturday the 18th of April at 11:00am. Address: 5 Preen Street, Booragoon. If you understand Mandarin, we warmly welcome you for a time of learning God's Word and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share for lunch.
3. **Men's Fellowship & Ladies' Fellowship:** Will be held next Sunday the 19th of April. Dinner is at 6pm, with the meeting starting at 7:15pm. Men's topic will be "A Man Jealous For God" and Ladies on "Women in The Gospels". Everyone is encouraged to come and join us.
4. **Church July Family Camp:** Will be held from Sunday to Thursday 5th – 9th of July at Orchard Glory Resort. The camp speaker is Reverend Prabhudas Koshy from Gethsemane BP Church in Singapore. Please do book your leave early to avoid disappointment.
5. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - For the continual preservation of the church as a faithful testimony for Christ.
 - Thank God for the services held over Good Friday and Easter weekend.
 - For the church's 29th Anniversary celebration and dinner last Sunday.
 - For all the brethren who has participated in tidying up the church yesterday.
 - Pray for spiritual and physical protection for Elder James and Sister Choon Fang who will be leaving for the Myanmar Mission trip next Sunday night. Pray also for Sister Joyce Yip who will be leaving this Friday for the Myanmar and Cebu mission.
 - Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting this Saturday.
 - Planning and preparation for the July family camp and the camp speaker Reverend Koshy.
 - Re-building of Nehemiah Place.
 - God's leading and timing in restarting the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
 - Those who are spiritually and physically unwell.
 - Safety and security in and around the church and homes.

SERVICE DUTY	12/4 COMBINED	19/4 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong	Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Ruth Wong
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Andy Ho, Lisa Ho, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Adrian Ng, Allan Ang, Allen Liew, Dn Adrian Cheng	*Allen Liew, *Edward Ee, Alex Luu Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong, Mark Heath
Ushers	Adrian Ng, Ruth Wong, Yi Jye Chieng	Allen Liew, Edward Ee, Yi Mey Tan
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	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	Camilia/Terry	Yung Tsing/Yi Mey
Toddler Class Assistant	Mary/Lee Chin	Shirlyn/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: Dn Adrian Cheng Hall B: Caleb Cheng	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Mark Heath
Bayswater	Caleb Cheng	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	14/4	10:00am	Mandarin Bible Study: Address – 6 Minchin Place, Bullcreek
		7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Elder James Wong, Audrey Liow
Wednesday	15/4	7:30pm	FEBC: Life of Christ
Friday	17/4	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	18/4	11:00am	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting: Address – 5 Preen Street, Booragoon
Sunday	19/4	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
6:00pm	Men's & Ladies' Fellowship		

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (5/4)

Attendance: 212 (Combined-182; JSS-32); Easter Sunrise Service: 93; Prayer Meeting: 46
Offerings in Total: \$5296.50
General Fund: \$5296.50 (#3890-Anniversary Dinner-\$1055; #3891-Library-\$25)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment? The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is, a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment (Exo 20:12; Eph 6:2-3).