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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

Sharon Poon

Call to Worship

Robert Wong/Sonny Lim

*Hymn

HOP 28 I sing the Mighty power of God

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 73:1-16

Hymn

HOP 391 The Love of God

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 28:1-3

Hymn

HOP 10 Brethen, We Have Met to Worship

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

What Is Worship?

*Hymn

HOP 9 Come, We That Love the Lord

*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. Biblical Principles in Missions

Missions outreach comes best from a heart “on fire” for the Lord, simply because “...*the love of Christ constraineth us...*” (2 Cor 5:14) and out of compelling **necessity**, “... *woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel*” (1 Cor 9:16), and with **urgency**, as repaying a gospel debt (Rom 1:14). The establishing of gospel missions, preaching stations, and churches, is like sowing: “... *he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully*” (2 Cor 9:6). We must be prepared to give liberally in God’s work.

In missions, we regard the infant church as a daughter, to be tenderly nurtured and supported until independence is achieved. **This is our objective.** At the same time, the Mother Church should instil in the Daughter Church the biblical principle of returning thanks to God in meaningful giving of tithes, love gifts, etc, so that “missions giving” may also become a blessing to the daughter, which in turn will repeat the “reproductive cycle.”

2. Of Missions and Prayer

The Commission – The church of today lacks its focus on missions. All too often she attempts to fulfil the unbiblical role as a charity club doling out funds for the poor and needy or doubling up as a social organization, seeking to address the ever mounting social ills. The more biblical churches do better, through preaching the Word, fellowship and discipling. While these are commendable spiritual activities they still fall short of the primary goal given in the great **commission** (Matt 28:19-20), that of evangelism.

The Contrast – Sadly the church has lagged far behind fulfilling the role carved out for her. We witness the prophetic words of our Lord in Matthew 9:37 unfolding before our eyes, with an acute dearth of God’s labourers in an ever ripening harvest fields! The inertia of God’s people largely accounts for the

lamentable state of affairs. Too many prefer to stay in the comfort of their own locality, within the hearing of the church bell. It is convenient for us to be oblivious to the contrast between our home ground and that of the dark heathen lands.

On home ground we have ready access to Bibles, with churches abounding and the gospel of Jesus Christ given free rein. The same is not true in some dark heathen land, where the Bible is spat upon and scarcely available, churches driven underground and gospel rally a taboo.

Such a **contrast** must provoke us to question the apparent inequality of gospel opportunities. Why are some allowed to hear the gospel twice, when others have not even heard it once? Is this not enough reason to constrain us to bring the gospel to the doorsteps of those who genuinely hunger and thirst after righteousness?

The Call for accelerated missions – How shall these people believe in Him of whom they have not heard unless a missionary preacher is sent to them? Souls are perishing and many are within the clutches of a Christless eternity. The gravity of the situation **calls for accelerated missions**.

In emphasizing its urgency, CT Studd is quoted to have said that he would rather run his rescue station within a yard of hell than to live within the hearing of the Church's bell.

Calling unto the Lord – In spite of these provoking truths, many Christians still prefer to be grounded. Perhaps some are genuinely unable to go; then the least we can do is to uphold in prayer those who, unheard and unsung, are working feverishly at a number of these rescue stations, within a yard of hell.

Our intercession before the throne of grace is not in vain. It is not just a pious act whereby the mind is exercised. This confidence we have in prayer leads us to call on Him.

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not” (Jer 33:3).

Confidence in Him – Just on that promise we can rest our case because He is faithful that promised and also He is able that promised. Do we need to doubt? Has God not the power to deliver? Is the Lord’s hand shortened that it cannot save or His ear heavy that it cannot hear the cries of His people? I believe not.

Cries for succor –When we pledged to pray for our missionaries, we were inundated with prayer requests from throughout the four corners of the globe. Their afflictions were many. Their needs great. Their cries impassioned.

The charge to pray – But we have an omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent God, who is able to succor them that are tempted and make all grace abound toward them. His ears are open unto their cries. Many are their afflictions but He delivers them from them all and He supplies all their need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Phil 4:19).

Our God is not without resources. He will succor the heaven and the earth and ferret very nook and cranny to feed His people. He will recruit every angelic being to deliver them and will invent new ways to make smooth the rough ways they encounter, so that all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

It is our belief that our rescue missions workers having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. Meanwhile, all He asks of us is to call on Him. We may bargain with Him but He cannot ask less of us.

Pray then valiantly on, prayer warriors, that the Word of the Lord may have free course. As long as the Lord tarries, we must not be weary in well doing. We must speed the gospel to the dark heathen lands, near and far, before the age of conflict closes in on us. If we cannot go, then we must pray. Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. City Evangelism:** Join us for the bi-monthly street evangelism outreach in the Perth City malls next Sunday. Please confirm your participation on the registration form in the foyer. If you are interested to learn more please see Dn Adrian Cheng or email evangelism@bpcwa.org.au
- 2. Myanmar and Cebu Mission:** Next Sunday immediately after the Worship Service, we would like to invite every worshipper to stay behind for 10-15 minutes, Elder James will be sharing some of the photos taken from the recent mission family camps in the main Sanctuary. Sunday School children are also welcome to join.
- 3. Acknowledgement from Dn John Meimaris, Mission Director of Bethel BPC:** On behalf of the brethren in the Myanmar and Cebu, please convey our heartfelt thanksgiving to the Lord for the collection raised by BPCWA of AUD\$2,950.00 for Myanmar and AUD\$2,020.00 for Cebu.
- 4. BPCWA Family Camp (5th – 9th of July):** Longing for a closer walk with God? Join us for a 5-day retreat at Orchard Glory Farm; studying God's word, and enjoying warm fellowship with your church family. Registration is now open. Forms and information handouts are available in the Fellowship Hall following the conclusion of this morning's Worship Service.
- 5. FEBC courses:** Those who are planning to take courses next semester, they are offering Life of Christ 2 (Rev Khoo), Ezekiel 1 (Rev Koshy) and Zechariah (Rev Khoo). All are 2 units.
- 6. Holy Land Pilgrimage:** Bethel BPC is organising a holy land pilgrimage to Israel and Jordon in December 2015. We will arrive on Monday morning (06/12) in Amman, Jordon and depart from the same airport on Thursday night (17/12). For any inquiries and to express interest, please contact Bro Kenny Cheong (kennychong@bethelbpc.com.au, +61 413 511 345) or Rev Paul Cheng (paulcheng@bethelbpc.com.au, +61 447 174 206) soon as there are limited spaces.

7. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- For a blessed Seniors' Fellowship yesterday.
- City Evangelism next Sunday. Pray for spiritual and physical protection for those who are participating in the outreach, and for those who hear the gospel to have a receptive heart.
- Sharing of Mission photos next Sunday by Elder James. Pray that the church will be encouraged and have a burden for mission work.
- Planning and preparation for the July family camp. Pray that families and individuals will come with prepared hearts to learn God's Word.
- All worshippers to have spiritual discernment.
- For the teaching and preaching of God's Word.
- A strong, faithful and united Church Session.
- Re-building of Nehemiah Place and the building committee to have wisdom and a clear direction to proceed with the project.
- God's leading and timing in re-starting 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	17/5 COMBINED	24/5 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Robert Wong/Sonny Lim	Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Ruth Wong
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Edward Ee, *Eddie Foo, Albert Ho, Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong, Dn Michael Lee	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng, Yi Choong Liew, Steven Sun, Claude Yiu, Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Adrian Ng
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, Shuin Ning Jong	Lisa Ho, Andy Ho, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia, Ming Ming Th'ng
JSS Singspiration	Yung Tsing Mew/Allan Ang	Valerie Wan/Yi Mey Tan
Toddler Class Assistant	Mary Ling/Lydia Chong	Lee Lee Yong/Ka Yii Yip
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: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Dn Adrian Cheng	Hall A: Kenny Tan Hall B: Jason Tey
Bayswater	Caleb Cheng	Elder James Wong

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK			
Tuesday	19/5	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Mark Heath, Sharon Poon
Wednesday	20/5	7:30pm	FEBC: Names of God & Bible and Science
Friday	22/5	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	24/5	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 (11/5)

Attendance: 229 (Combined-193; JSS-36); Prayer Meeting: 57
Offerings in Total: \$5616.35
General Fund: \$5616.35 (#3899-\$305.25; #3900-\$193; #3901-\$300)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is required in the seventh commandment?

The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech and behavior (1 Cor 7:2-3, 5; 1 Thess 4:3-5).