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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

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 26 Immortal, Invisible

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 78:9-16

Hymn

HOP 220 Walk in the Light

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 30:1-12

Hymn

HOP 208 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

Vows and Headship

*Hymn

HOP 210 Trust and Obey

*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. No greater joy!

“Wise children are not only the joy but the crown of their parents. Foolish children are their disgrace as well as their torment. How unnatural are those children that bring grief and dishonour on those to whom they are under obligations that can never be canceled!” (George Lawson).

What Resolve! *“My son, be wise!”* No father can force wisdom on a son even if he should try to do so. With all the best efforts on the father’s part, there is no guarantee of a favorable outcome. “Children sweeten labour, but they make misfortunes more bitter” (Bacon). There must be a strong resolve on the part of the son to hear and heed his father’s prayer. He must do whatever it takes, cost what it may, to get the best wisdom and knowledge that he is capable of, and then make the very best use of it.

What Result! *“My son, be wise, and make my heart glad.”* How blessed it is when a son obeys his father’s injunction and follows the best wisdom, and does so by words and deeds. Yes, surely such a son brings joy to a father’s heart. Who would not rejoice in such a multitude of children, and in the goodness of those children? Apostle John records, *“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth”* (3 John 4). It is certainly ample reward for all the loving care and sacrifice made on behalf of that son. What a comfort and stay this must be in the father’s (parents’) old age! What praise and thanks to God are offered for His great mercy and kindness to them all.

What Rebuke! *“That I may answer him that reproacheth me.”* There are always enemies of the best, especially God’s best. Should the son turn out badly after all, the godly father (parents) must bear the rebuke for having produced such a son. Some will accuse the father of being too severe, or for too many restrictions in his son’s training. The father’s personal religious beliefs will be blamed. Others may hint that the father’s life has been inconsistent. His religion again is at fault being hypocritical. What father does not rather pray for a noble son who will refute all such reproach?

To bring up a child for God is the noblest privilege. To be such a son or daughter is to gladden my parents' hearts!

2. Fathers and sons

There were two sons. The first son was handsome, clever, ambitious, but had ruled God out of his life in pursuit of his goal. The second had few of the advantages of the first, had only average ability, but was imbued with a deep love of God, and respect for God's Word, learned first at his parents' knees. Which of the two is a wise son, according to Solomon? Can you doubt which one brings most honour to himself and his father's name (Deut 4:5-6)?

Parents' Desire: The law here is the moral law running through all of Scripture, God's eternal law that He has set before every man (Rom 1:18-20). He who keeps this law is a wise son, a son who grasps the true nature of things (Ps 119:33-40). He seeks the company that respects God and honours His law. Such a son all godly parents would be proud of (Prov 6:20-21).

Parents' Disgrace: Is it not a son "*among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh* (gluttons)..." (Prov 23:20-22)? Such a disobedient, self-indulgent, prodigal son, shames the family. How often have godly parents appealed to their sons to be careful of the company they keep? They know that those who hang around with the wrong people will all too quickly become like them.

Parents' Devotion: What parent does not shrink from the shame of a son sunken in sin? What parent does not desire to have delight in his children? There is, however, an obligation and a cost. Parents must:

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it ... And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Prov 22:6; Eph 6:4).

They must help them early to hide God's Word in their hearts so that they can say truly, *"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee ... I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word ... O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day"* (Ps 119:11, 16, 97).

"A father's holy life is a rich legacy for his sons" (Spurgeon).

3. A Christian Home (*Barbara B Hart*)

1. O give us homes built firm upon the Saviour,
Where Christ is Head, and Counsellor and Guide;
Where ev'ry child is taught His love and favor
And gives his heart to Christ, the crucified:
How sweet to know that tho his footsteps waver
His faithful Lord is walking by his side!
2. O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
Who always place their hope and trust in Him;
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim;
A home where each finds joy in serving others,
And love still shines, tho days be dark and grim.
3. O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master,
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung;
Where pray'r comes first in peace or in disaster,
And praise is natural speech to ev'ry tongue;
Where mountains move before a faith that's vaster,
And Christ sufficient is for old and young.
4. O Lord, our God, our homes are Thine forever!
We trust to Thee their problems, toil, and care;
Their bonds of love no enemy can sever
If Thou art always Lord and Master there:
Be Thou the center of our least endeavor:
Be Thou our Guest, our hearts and homes to share.

Lord, give us Christian homes “where Christ is Lord and Master, The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung; Where pray’r comes first in peace or in disaster, And praise is natural speech to ev’ry tongue.”

God bless all readers.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Church Family Camp Messages:** are now available to download at www.bpcwa.org.au/2015walkworthy. If you would like a copy of mp3 recordings on CD or flash drive, please see Brother Kenny Chia.
- 2. ACM:** The Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) will be held this year on the 5th October 2015. Please start preparing ministry and fellowship group ACM reports and submit them to Deacon Adrian Cheng by the 9th August 2015.
- 3. City Evangelism:** Next week we will be undertaking our bi-monthly street outreach in the Perth city malls. If you have not been witnessing for Christ, this is an opportunity for you to learn how to evangelise. Please sign up with sister Julia Sun if you would like to participate. Outreach starts with a briefing in Church at 1:45pm. *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. - 2 Peter 3:9*
- 4. Lunch Fellowship:** will be next Sunday after the worship service. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome.

5. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for a blessed children's holiday program last week, the teachers, the helpers, and the children who have participated.
- Thank God for a blessed Seniors' Fellowship yesterday.
- Thank God for the University students who have successfully completed their studies this semester. Continue to pray for God's will in their future direction.
- Please pray for Sister Lisa Ho who will be undergoing a knee operation this week. May God give wisdom to the surgeon and grant her a speedy recovery.
- Pray for brother Yew Jinn who has returned to the Bible College to continue his studies last Wednesday.
- Re-building of Nehemiah Place and for 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 job searching, working away from home, and travelling.
- Those who are physically sick and spiritually unwell.
- Safety and security in and around the church and homes of all worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	19/7 COMBINED	26/7 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong	Robert Wong/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Ruth Wong
Welcomers	Andy Ho, Lisa Ho, Lily Liow	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Alex Luu, *Edward Ee, Kenny Tan Eugene Leong, Mark Heath Dn Michael Lee	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng, Yi Choong Liew, Steven Sun, Adrian Ng, Allan Ang
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	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Yung Tsing Mew Julia Sun, Ilhoa Ramachandran
JSS Singspiration	Yung Tsing Mew/Allan Ang	Valerie Wan/Yi Mey Tan
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Jye/Lydia	Lee lee/Ka Yii
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	
Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth	Hall A: Dn Adrian Cheng Hall B: Allan Ang	Hall A: Kenny Tan Hall B: Caleb Cheng
Bayswater	Mark Heath	Elder James Wong

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK			
Tuesday	21/7	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Mark Heath, Sharon Poon
Wednesday	22/7	7:30pm	Far Eastern Bible College online courses: Life of Christ II
Friday	24/7	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	26/7	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English & Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:15pm	Church Van Depart
		1:45pm	City Evangelism
		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 (12/7)

Attendance: 184 (Combined-160; JSS-24); Prayer Meeting: 61
Offerings in Total: \$5533.65
General Fund: \$5533.65 (#3917-\$16.10; #3918-\$297.50)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is required in the tenth commandment? The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition (Ps 34:1; Phil 4:11; 1 Tim 6:6; Heb 13:5), with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his (Luk 15:6, 9, 11-32; Rom 12:15; Phil 2:4).