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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 8 Now Thank We All Our God

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 78:51-61

Hymn

HOP 404 O Jesus, I Have Promised

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 31:19-24

Hymn

HOP 379 Sweeter as the Years Go By

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

Purity Without Exception

*Hymn

HOP 264 More Holiness Give Me

*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. The tie that should bless! (Prov 27:15-16)

There are a number of such warnings and we need them all. The devil's attack on marriage and family is ruthless and devilishly successful!

The Trap! (Prov 27:15): In Proverbs 19:13, Solomon says, "*...the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.*" He goes farther here in Proverbs 27:15. He tells us that such a wife is like a "*continual dropping in a very rainy day.*" It is raining outside, but also within; and there lies the trap! The man cannot go out and not get wet, but if he stays at home, there is rain within! The rain outside only soaks the skin, but the rain at home breaks the spirit. Such a man may encounter contentions in his workplace, but these may be left behind when he enters his home to a loving wife and family. Is not this storm within the most pitiful? Where there is contention, without and within, both husband and wife are caught in a trap, no matter how fine the house or the trappings.

The Torment! (Prov 27:16): Its torment is that there is no covering it. A wise man would hide it if he could for the sake of his own and his wife's reputation, but he cannot, any more than he can mask the sound of the wind or conceal oil in his fist. Wind and oil call out: "Here we are!" The fragrance of the oil, like a perfume, when held in the hand, betrays its presence all the more. So this contentious woman can never be tied down! Brawlers proclaim their own shame, even when their friends, in kindness to them, would cover it. The only remedy is to keep well out of their way till the storm is over (Prov 21:9, 19).

The Triangle! "Successful marriage is a triangle: a man, a woman, and God" (Myers). Without love, marriage is questionable, but love must not be blind. True love is the gift of divine grace (1 Pet 3:7b). Where love like that reigns supreme, the married life will be joyful and fulfilling, whether in wealth or in poverty.

2. The marriage relationship (Mark 10:1-12)

“Till death us do part.” This is a most sacred vow taken at the time of marriage before God and before many witnesses. I have no doubt Christian couples take their vows seriously and intend that they will do their utmost to preserve their union. Marriage is instituted by divine ordinance. In the beginning, God created one male and one female. They are to live together in intimate harmony, described by Jesus as: *“... they twain shall be one flesh...”* (Mark 10:8). The marriage relationship is the most tender and endearing of all human relations, more tender than even the bond which unites us to a parent. Jesus, quoting Genesis 2:24, emphasizes that the husband and wife relationship is to be more endearing than their relationship with their parents to the extent of living apart from them: *“For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife”* (Mark 10:7). We must note that marriage is a life partnership, only physically to be separated by death. Jesus places divine sanction and protection over it when He says, *“What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder”* (Mark 10:9).

Grounds for Divorce

The Pharisees have come to trap Jesus, to force Him to make statements with which they may accuse Him. They ask Him concerning His position on divorce. If He says it is lawful, He would be guilty of sanctioning low morality. If He says it is not lawful, then He would be going against the authority of Moses. The Lord's answer is clear and authoritative. Marriage is indissoluble. There are no grounds for divorce. Whoever enters into a divorce and marries again commits adultery. The initiative may come from either husband or wife (Mark 10:11-12). Today, there are ever so many marriages of convenience, trial marriages and free love. These are sinful practices and Jesus condemns them as *“the hardness of your heart”* (Mark 10:5). Moses allows divorce only because it is the lesser

of two evils. However, Barnes explains that the process of divorcement would allow the couple to sit down before a scribe to de-liberate and to reconsider their position. They may be persuaded then to be reconciled.

“And forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live.”

3. Ten Commandments for a happy Christian marriage

1. *“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers”* (2 Cor 6:14). **This is the first rule** in the choice of a life partner for a blessed union in the Lord.
2. *“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands ... Husbands, love your wives”* (Eph 5:22-25). This is God’s way to a happy home.
3. Renew your *“first love”* before God often. *“We love him, because he first loved us”* (1 John 4:19).
4. Hide no secrets: Husband and wife are *“one flesh”* (Gen 2:24). Be clear and transparent before God.
5. *“For richer for poorer”* - what does it matter? More or less, all come from God the Giver. Best to operate one bank account.
6. Read God’s Word and pray together, morning and evening. And *“...be ye doers of the Word, and not (readers) only”* (James 1:22).
7. In dealing with children, be united and fair, always. Children observe more than you think.
8. Abstain from favouritism. It is the root of envy and contention. Remember Jacob?
9. In any disagreement, be ready to say *sorry*, *“let not the sun go down upon your wrath”* (Eph 4:26).

10. "Honour thy father and thy mother..." (Exod 20:12) means double blessing to you. Never neglect parents: repay their love while you can!

Lord, help me to be faithful in my marriage.

God bless all readers.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,

Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Combined Fellowship Series:** Do you struggle with studying God's Word? Not sure how to do your devotion, and when you do you don't understand some passages? What tools are there to help? How do I know if their interpretation is correct? God's Word is a lamp to our feet and light to our path. Believing in Sola Scriptura means that the Bible is the sole and supreme authority of all our faith and practices. Hence, the foundation for our knowledge of God - finding God's direction and knowing His will, understanding how to walk worthy of Him - all hangs upon the right study of the Word. Come and equip yourself to rightly divide the Word of Truth this Friday 14th Aug at 7:30pm. All are welcome.
- 2. ACM reports due today:** For those who are yet to submit their ACM reports, please pass them to Deacon Adrian Cheng today. This will allow time for the translation of the reports.
- 3. Choir:** Will be resuming practice on next Sunday (16 August). Practice starts at 12pm. Please be punctual.
- 4. Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship:** This Sunday evening the 16th of August. Rev Joseph will continue on the study of David: Men Behaving Wisely. Sister Sharon will speak on Mary: A Woman Favoured of God. Dinner is at 6pm with meeting starting at 7:15pm. Come study God's Word and fellowship together.

5. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God that Uncle Bernie Clarke's heart condition is under better control.
- Thank God for sustaining Brother Patrick with grace and strength each day. Please continue to uphold him in prayer.
- Thank God Sister Lisa Ho is recuperating well from her knee surgery two weeks ago.
- Thank God for a blessed Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting and the opportunity to learn God's Word last Sunday evening.
- Pray for the forthcoming church activities.
- Pray for the preparation, translation and compilation of the ACM reports.
- Pray for a God glorifying and God honouring Annual Congregational Meeting in October.
- Pray that God will continue to grant wisdom to the building committee members to proceed with the re-building of Nehemiah Place.
- God's leading and timing in re-starting the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
- God's providence to those who are searching for jobs, changing of job, working away from home and travelling.
- Pray for those who are physically sick and spiritually down. May God comfort and strengthen them daily with His Word and His presence.
- Safety and security in and around the church and homes of all worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	9/8 COMBINED	16/8 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Ruth Wong
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Adrian Ng, *Allan Ang Eddie Foo, Albert Ho, Edward Ee Dn Stephen Chia	*Kenny Chia, *Eugene Leong Alex Luu, Edward Ee, Kenny Tan Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Adrian Ng, Lilian Cheo, Ellainne Cheng	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia, Ming Ming Th'ng	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew Yung Tsing Mew, Julia Sun Ilhoa Ramachandran
JSS Singspiration	Karen Ee/Yi Jye Chieng	Esther Yiu/Rowena Cheng
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Mey Tan/An Ning	Shirlyn Lee/Victoria Lew
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)	Robert Wong (Karen Ee)
South Perth	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Kenny Tan	Hall A: Dn Adrian Cheng Hall B: Mark Heath
Bayswater	Kenny Tan	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	11/8	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Dn Adrian Cheng, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	12/8	7:30pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Life of Christ II
Friday	14/8	7:30pm	Combined Fellowship Meeting: Series 1
Sunday	16/8	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 Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (2/8)

Attendance: 190 (Combined-157; JSS-33); Prayer Meeting: 62

Offerings in Total: \$6151.30

General Fund: \$6151.30 (Church Camp -\$89.00; #3925-\$132.90; #3926-\$209.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous? Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others. (Eze 8:6; 13, 15; Matt 11:20-24; John 19:11).