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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

Ruth Wong

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 14 Come, Thou Almighty King

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 78:62-73

Hymn

HOP 57 Safely through Another Week

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 31:25-31; 48-51

Hymn

HOP 406 Take My Life and Let It Be

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

Willing Sharing

*Hymn

HOP 383 Something for Thee

*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. Parents' prayer for children

“For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him” (1 Sam 1:27).

“Creator and Giver of life, We thank Thee for the gift of children; while they are in our care, we acknowledge that they belong to Thee, even as we also belong to Thee. Make us therefore to appreciate our very great responsibility as parents in the upbringing of our children. Father in heaven, teach us how we should love them with a pure and holy love. Oftentimes our love is selfish and imperfect, but Thine is perfect, pure and holy. Evermore give us Thy perfect love.

“Grant us our wisdom, for we are but children in understanding. In many things we err: sometimes we do too much, sometimes too little, sometimes too strict, sometimes too lax. We need wisdom, more wisdom from Thee, Lord! Help us to teach them diligently Thy holy Word; to pray for them and to pray with them. Above all, help us to set them examples of godly piety by living the Christ-life, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.”

Readers, you will be able to find more prayers from “66 Pocket Prayers” for different occasions to keep you near to the heart of God. This prayer booklet, in English and Chinese, is available from Tabernacle Books. Email your orders to tabernacle@calvarypandan.sg.

2. Train up a child (Prov 22:4-6)

Parents are ever so mindful of their children's advancement in every field that they happily study with them, study for them, train them up in various skills and do a host of other things for them. In this respect Christian parents are not behind other parents. Strangely, however, believing parents not uncommonly neglect their responsibility in their children's spiritual upbringing. Some leave

it to the church; others leave it to the child. Whichever it is, they are failing in their God given opportunity.

The Word of God clearly lays on believing parents the holy duty of instructing their children in spiritual things. We must not shirk or shrink from this responsibility nor should we delegate it to anyone else. God's Word says, *"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up"* (Deut 6:7). Such is the zeal required of God's people in the instruction of children in God's Word. The same zeal naturally applies to the instruction of children in prayer.

Sadly, many modern parents have not been instructed by their pastors of their responsibility. Consequently their children grow up not knowing how to pray or read their Bible. At meal times they do not thank God for the food. Morning prayers are said hastily. Bedtime prayers become a drowsy formalism and routine. Does this describe your children? I pray not. God's Word commands all believing parents: *"Train up your child when he is young!"* We are to pray with them, to teach and guide and supervise. This is God's way.

When should we start? As soon as a child begins to speak. It is not too early to start. Let us read God's Word to them and teach them to speak to God as they learn to speak to man. This is our joyous and holy assignment from God. So, be faithful!

3. Songs my Mother taught me

From memory store, the song my Mother taught me drove all fears from a young heart. Here is an excerpt from *"Footprints."*

FISHING WITH FATHER - The story is not so much about *fishing* as about *following*. Father loved to fish at night, and I followed him for good company and as his errand boy. He was naturally proud of his three-year-old who walked with him to his favourite perch on the far bank of Peach River, across a wooden bridge spanning the stream.

Those fishing trips took place after dinner. At Father's word, I carried his can of worms, packet of tobacco, box of matches, and mosquito-repellent coil. With rod in hand, he would lead on with me by his side. Across the bridge we took a right turn making for our chosen spot. There, Father baited the hook, rolled his cigarette and lit up, and cast the line into the water -- a set routine.

In these fishing trips, I learned patience and courage, which meant, "*concealing my fear.*" More often than not, Father would send me home on some errand -- to fetch his stomach mixture or his water bottle. I had a suspicion he was testing my daring to walk alone in the dark. But Mother had prepared me with prayer and a hymn: "*God is always near me.*" "*Siang Hwa, there's no need to be afraid because the Lord walks with you.*"

I grew to love that "*Children's Hymn*" by Philip Bliss which our children still sing at Sunday School:

God Is Always Near Me
God is always near me,
Hearing what I say;
Knowing all my thoughts and deeds,
All my work and play.

God is always near me,
In the darkest night;
He can see me just the same,
As by mid-day light.

God is always near me,
Though so young and small;
Not a look or word or thought,
But God knows it all.

What fish did Father catch? I cannot recall Father catching any fish but telling of his son's "*bravery*," there was no end!

God bless all readers.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,

Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Combined Fellowship Series:** How do I know what is the lesson in a parable? Do you find it difficult to understand the prophets? Should you use Commentaries when you don't understand? Come and learn how to interpret the different genres of the Bible and some Bible tools that you can refer to to help you understand the Bible better. Christians of all ages will benefit from these practical sessions to teach you how to know God's Word better. Come and learn together at the Combined Fellowship meetings this Friday, 7:30pm.
- 2. Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship:** Tonight 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.
- 3. Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class:** from next Sunday the 23rd of August, this class will be in recess until further notice. Please contact Elder James Wong or Dn Joel Wong for the next series.
- 4. September 30in30:** Ten years ago, BPCWA started an outreach program to encourage every Christian to fulfil the Great Commission by prayerfully reaching out to 30 people in 30 days of September. Over this period, at least 11,329 people received a gospel tract. In two weeks' time, September 30in30 will commence again. If you would like to sign up, please fill out the registration form in the fellowship hall today.

5. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for keeping all the families and brethren safe, and healing those who are sick.
- Thank God for sustaining Brother Patrick with grace and strength each day. Please continue to uphold him in prayer.
- Pray for the leaders of the church to have good health and strength to continue the work of the Lord.
- Pray for opportunities to evangelise to non-believers.
- Pray for the translation and compilation of the ACM reports.
- Pray for a God glorifying and 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.
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SERVICE DUTY	16/8 COMBINED	23/8 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip	Robert Wong/Sonny Lim
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Dn Joel Wong
Musician(s)	Ruth Wong	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Lily Liow	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Kenny Chia, *Eugene Leong Alex Luu, Edward Ee, Kenny Tan Dn Michael Lee	*Yi Choong Liew, *Steven Sun Terry Chong, Caleb Cheng, Mark Heath Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Shie Tian Wong
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Adrian Ng
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew Yung Tsing Mew, Julia Sun Ilhoa Ramachandran	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee
JSS Singpiration	Esther Yiu/Rowena Cheng	Valerie Wan/Kenny Chia
Toddler Class Assistant	Shirlyn Lee/Victoria Lew	Ellainne Cheng/Lee Lee Yong
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Robert Wong (Karen Ee)	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth	Hall A: Dn Adrian Cheng Hall B: Mark Heath	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Caleb Cheng
Bayswater	Mark Heath	Kenny Tan

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	18/8	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Mark Heath, Sharon Poon
Wednesday	19/8	7:30pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Life of Christ II
Friday	21/8	10:00am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm	Combined Fellowship Meeting: Series 2
Sunday	23/8	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/ English & Mandarin (In Recess) 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 (9/8)

Attendance: 201 (Combined-170; JSS-31); Prayer Meeting: 54; Combined Fellowship: 76

Offerings in Total: \$16695.50

General Fund: \$16695.50 (#3928-Web Upgrade-\$10,000; #3929 - \$523.20; #3930-\$507; #3931 -Library-\$77; #3932-44.50)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What doth every sin deserve? Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come (Matt 25:41; Gal 3:10; Eph 5:6; James 2:10).