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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

Jason Tey

Prelude

Sharon Poon

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 180 Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 82

Hymn

HOP 324 Send the Light!

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation

HOP 214 O Safe to the Rock

Scripture Reading

Numbers 35:11-16, 29-34

Hymn

HOP 12 When All Thy Mercies, O My God

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

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.

Ensuring Justice

*Hymn

HOP 261 I Want A Principle Within

*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. Praying one for another

The kindest thing we can do to our brethren is to pray one for another, much better than talking about one another, for in the course of talking, our words may be misunderstood or misinterpreted. Therefore, let us do that which is good and blessed.

Our Lord Himself set us the example. To Peter, the spokesman of the Twelve, He said, *“But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren”* (Luke 22:32).

To all the disciples, Jesus said, *“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever”* (John 14:16). If our Lord prayed thus, ought not we to learn from His example and pray one for another? This sort of praying makes the heart tender and forgiving, kindly disposed one to another.

It may surprise some of us to know that our Lord Jesus, now ascended to His heavenly home, continues His work on our behalf, which is part of His *“unchangeable priesthood.”* Hebrews 7:24, 25 says: *“But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”*

Our ascended Lord knows all our weaknesses and needs. Before the Father’s throne, He remembers us, and He pleads our case, praying on our behalf. We may believe that our Lord’s prayers are perfect, according to the will of the Father and therefore much more effective than ours.

Remembering His kindness and concern on our behalf, let us be ever so grateful to Him and daily thank Him for it.

Then we read also of the ministry of the Holy Spirit on behalf of the children of God. *“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God”* (Rom 8:26-27).

Today this joint intercession by God the Son and God the Holy Spirit on our behalf is of the greatest worth and assurance to us in our present carnal state. Paul the apostle confesses thus: *“...but I am carnal, sold under sin ... For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing ... For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do ... O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord ...”* (Rom 7:14-25).

In the helplessness of our wretched carnal state, we thank God that we have One who “... is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them” (Heb 7:25). Praise God, our ever living Saviour saves us to the uttermost, making intercession for us.

How shall we conclude this brief meditation on “praying one for another”? Be careful how we pray and what we pray for. Unless we pray aright we have no assurance that our prayers will be answered. If we want our prayers to be effective, let us heed the instruction of God’s Word. To this end, John

the apostle writes, *“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him”* (1 John 5:14-15).

Beloved, let us pray one for another according to the will of God. Amen.

2. Pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5:17)

Daily Remembrancer

“IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION.” Our Father is ever willing to receive us in prayer. In prayer then we must approach God as a Father, ask of Him what we really need, and expect to receive according to His wisdom and will. Our wants are constantly recurring, therefore our prayers should be constantly ascending. The ear of God is always open. He is ever ready to listen to us. He invites, exhorts, and commands us to pray always, in everything. Every object that meets the eye, every circumstance of life, every employment in which we engage, are worthy matters for prayer. The believer should cultivate the habit of prayer. He should look up to God for all he needs, through all he sees, whenever he has a moment to spare. The prayers of a Christian are pleasant to God; He says, *“...let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely”* (Song 2:14). The believer should pray as naturally and as constantly as he breathes, for prayer is the breath of the soul. Beloved, if your prayers dwindle into a mere duty, is but occasionally offered, or become burdensome, it is clear that you are in a most unhealthy state. *Pray for revival mercy from God!*

Through the skies when the thunder is hurled,
The child to its parent will flee;
Thus amid the clamour of the world,
I turn, O my Father, to Thee;
The spirit of prayer in Thy mercy impart,
And take up Thy constant abode in my heart.

God bless all readers.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,

Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting:** Members please take note that the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday the 4th of October, 2015 soon after the worship service at the Main Sanctuary.
- 2. Sunday Worship 4th of October:** Due to the Church's Annual Congregation Meeting, please take note that the Worship Service will start at **09:00am** on Sunday the **4th of October, 2015**.
- 3. ACM ministry reports and financial reports:** After the Worship Service today, please obtain a copy of the ACM agenda, ministry and financial reports from Dn Adrian Cheng.
- 4. Lunch Fellowship:** Will be held next Sunday. Please do bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome to join.
- 5. Church Busy Bee:** This will be held on Saturday 3rd October from 9am - 12pm. Please do come and help take care of the Church premises. Lunch will be provided.
- 6. September 30in30:** Thank God more than 800 people have received a Gospel tract from Canning Vale to Cairns to Barcelona. Pray that our Church will be a faithful witness for the Lord. Even if you are not participating, take some tracts and start to make evangelism part of your daily life as God intended. **1 Corinthians 9:16** *For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel.*

7. City Evangelism: Will be held next Sunday the 27th September. We will be going to the Perth city malls to evangelise and give out tracts. This time, the outreach will begin at 1:15pm with an evangelism training session with Rev Joseph and finish with testimonies at 5pm back in the church. If you would like to participate or are just interested in learning more about how to evangelise, please sign up with the Evangelism Committee or the registration form in the foyer.

8. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the brethren who have written, translated and compiled the church's ACM ministry reports. Thank God for their faithful service.
- Pray for the forthcoming ACM. May all glory and honour be unto God for His grace and faithfulness to BPCWA.
- Pray for the evangelistic outreach programs including September 30in30 and city evangelism. May God grant those who have received the gospel tracts a receptive heart to the gospel.
- Pray for Sister Annie Lau who is undergoing an operation for a shoulder reconstruction and repair this Friday.
- For God to guide the building committee and grant them wisdom with the rebuilding of Nehemiah Place.
- For God to show the church His will and timing on re-starting of the Mandarin Worship Service.
- For those who are seeking employment, working away from home, and travelling.
- Remember those brethren who are physically sick and facing trials, sadness or discouragement.
- Safety in and around the church and homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	20/9 COMBINED	27/9 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong	Mark Heath/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Jason Tey	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Allen Liew, Fiona Liew, Lily Liow	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Allen Liew, *Alex Luu, Claude Yiu Jason Tey, Eugene Leong Dn Michael Lee	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng, Kenny Tan Yi Choong Liew, Steven Sun, Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Claude Yiu, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Shie Tian Wong
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Kenny Chia
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow Shuin Ning Jong	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Yung Tsing Mew Julia Sun, Ilhoa Ramachandran
JSS Singpiration	Valerie Wan/Terry Chong	Yung Tsing Mew/Yi Mey Tan
Toddler Class Assistant	Ka Yii Yip/Lydia Chong	Ellainne Cheng/Yi Mey Tan
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)	Robert Wong (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Dn Adrian Cheng Hall B: Jason Tey	Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Kenny Tan
Bayswater	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	22/9	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Dn Adrian Cheng, Audrey Liow
Wednesday	23/9	7:30pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Life of Christ II
Friday	25/9	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	27/9	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:00pm	Mandarin Choir
		12:15pm	Church Van Depart
		1:15pm	Evangelism Training Session, 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 (13/9)

Attendance: 215 (Combined-179; JSS-36); Prayer Meeting: 61

Offerings in Total: \$6190.35

General Fund: \$6190.35 (#3940-Thanksgiving-\$300; #3941-\$176.50; #3942-\$316.70)

SHORTER CATECHISM: How is the Word made effectual to salvation? The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation (Neh 8:8-9; Acts 20:32; Rom 10:14-17; 2 Tim 3:15-17).