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For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

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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

Sharon Poon

Call to Worship

Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 41 Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 84

Hymn

HOP 253 I Am Thine, O Lord

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Hymn

HOP 124 O Spread the Tidings' Round

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.

The Church Belongs To God

*Hymn

HOP 178 The Church's One Foundation

*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. The Battle Rages!

Truly we are into the final phase of conflict: the Battle of GOD'S WORD against the Ecumenical tainted corrupted Versions.

As it began, so it will end: "*Yea, hath God said ...?*" (Gen 3:1); indeed, the Lord God shall conclude history in mighty power and smite the serpent's hosts with a sharp sword out of His mouth. Then the subdued nations shall acknowledge the almighty KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS (Rev 19:15-16).

2. SOLA SCRIPTURA – Only God's Word could dispel the gloom of the dark ages

For a thousand years Europe lay helpless under the oppression of Rome. The darkness was impenetrable until God's light broke through. "Sola Scriptura!" Only the Word: salvation and life is of the Lord, not the Church, nor any man. The just shall live by faith! Martin Luther and the Reformers literally turned Europe upside down.

For the first time God's Word was made available to common men and women. All Europe was aflame as the truth of God shattered every barrier, emancipating the masses from their centuries-old ignorance and bondage.

Our interest is in England, the land of God's particular mercy, for it is in England that the mightiest victory of the Word was to be won, and from whence the Light of the Word would shine everywhere. (Today, English is the world's lingua franca.)

To accomplish His purpose God raised a man, as He always does. That man was John Wycliffe, a reformer "before the time."

3. THE MORNING STAR of the Reformation – JOHN WYCLIFFE (1324 – 1384): He gave England her first English Bible

Some two hundred years before Martin Luther challenged the Power of Rome, John Wycliffe was born in England.

Gifted by God, with rare brilliance of mind, young Wycliffe excelled at Oxford. But his peculiar gift was his total commitment to his Saviour and His Word. His one burning desire was to share the Word with his fellowmen. But there was no Bible in English.

With his knowledge of Latin he translated the Vulgate (Latin Bible) to give the people the first English Bible in 1382. This was the only English Bible for 143 years (until Tyndale's Bible appeared in 1525.)

Then followed days of amazing persecution; it was an offence to be found in possession of God's Word. But Wycliffe cared not for his own life and safety: only the Word mattered! *Sola Scriptura!*

Against violent opposition from the establishment, Wycliffe preached the Word, and won converts everywhere. He trained young preachers, taught them how to live for their Master, to preach the Word, and to reproduce, i.e. train others *"who shall be able to teach others also"* (2 Tim 2:2). The fearless band multiplied.

Above all, Wycliffe taught the young preachers how to suffer and to die. "If the Word is true, it is also worth dying for!" Under his teaching, the commitment to the cause of Christ was such that, like the apostle Paul, they could say

"But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself..." (Acts 20:24).

Indeed many paid the supreme price of being burnt at the stake with the Wycliffe Bible hung round the neck.

4. Faithful unto death

Wycliffe's stand for the Word made himself an enemy of the Roman Church. The bishops attacked him but he stood his ground. The Pope condemned him on 19 charges. But his great popularity with the people kept him safe. One day while preaching, he collapsed and died. God called him before his enemies could burn him, which they did 44 years later by exhuming his bones and burning them, and scattering the ashes into River Swift.

The enormous price and effort put into the work of translating and copying the Bible cannot be fully appreciated by our technological generation. John Wycliffe produced his Bibles before the days of printing. It took ten months to one year for one man to make one copy of the Bible. How many copies followed Wycliffe's "preacher boys" to the stake, who can tell? John Wycliffe shows us the way of the true servant of God. He was rightly called the **"Morning Star of the Reformation."**

5. Reader, stand fast on the Word!

The Word of God is unchanging, *"forever... settled in heaven"* (Ps 119:89).

God bless all readers.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,

Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** this evening we will be meeting at the home of Elder James and sister Choon Fang Wong, Address: 22 Stuart Court, Bateman. Elder James will continue the series on The Beatitudes. Dinner is at 6 pm with the meeting starting at 7pm. Please bring a dish to share. We warmly welcome all those who understand Mandarin to come and learn God's Word and to have warm fellowship with one another.
2. **Congratulations:** to Cornelius and Hun Wong for the gift of a baby boy, Ethan, born on the 5th of October. Thank God both mother and baby are doing well.
3. **Men's Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship (18/10):** will be held next Sunday starting at 6pm with dinner in the fellowship hall. At 7:15pm, the men will meet upstairs with Rev Joseph speaking on "David : Understanding Unexpected Turns In Life". Ladies will meet downstairs with Sister Sharon speaking on "The Perseverance of Anna". We encourage all men and women of all ages to attend.
4. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for seeing the church through the Annual Congregational Meeting last Sunday. May God help the church to move forward to another year of faithful and fruitful service.
 - Thank God for the Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting tonight. Pray for Elder James, that he may be able to share God's Word clearly.
 - Pray for spiritual protection of the Church Session, to be united and have God's wisdom to govern the church.
 - Remember the young children and youth in our midst, may they be trained in the way of the Lord, and when they are old, they will not depart from it.

- Continue to pray for Uncle Bernie Clarke, pray that God will grant him inner joy and strength even though he is in the midst of dealing with some medical issues.
- God's guidance in the re-building of Nehemiah Place.
- God's will and leading on the re-starting of the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
- For those who are seeking employment, working away from home, and travelling.
- The brethren who are physically sick and facing trials, sadness or discouragement.
- Safety in and around the church and homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	11/10 COMBINED	18/10 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Allen Liew, Fiona Liew, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho Allan Ang, Adrian Ng, Dn Adrian Cheng Dn Stephen Chia	*Allen Liew, *Alex Luu Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong, Claude Yiu Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Adrian Ng, Lilian Cheo, Angeline Yong	Claude Yiu, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia, Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Yung Tsing Mew, Julia Sun, Ilhoa Ramachandran
JSS Singpiration	Esther Yiu/Kenny Chia	Valerie Wan/Rowena Cheng
Toddler Class Assistant	Lee Chin Yong/Victoria Lew	Lilian Yong/An Ning
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

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

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	13/10	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Dn Adrian Cheng, Yi Mey Tan
Wednesday	14/10	7:30pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Life of Christ II
Friday	16/10	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	18/10	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
		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 & Ladies' Fellowship		

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (4/10)

Attendance: 167 (Combined-142; JSS-25); Prayer Meeting: 55

Offerings in Total: \$5889.00

General Fund: \$5889.00 (#3946-\$192; #3947-\$64.20)

SHORTER CATECHISM: Which are the sacraments of the New Testament? The sacraments of the New Testament are, Baptism (Matt 28:19), and the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11:23-26).