



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

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 Kenny Tan  
Prelude Winnie Lim  
Call to Worship Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong  
\*Hymn **HOP 37** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

### 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.

Responsive Reading Psalm 85  
Hymn **HOP 144** In Times Like These  
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings  
\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

### 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.

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:4-9  
Hymn **HOP 432** Thanks to God!  
Pastoral Prayer/Message Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

## Reasons To Thank God

\*Hymn **HOP 184** We Bless The Name of Christ, The Lord  
\*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

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My dear readers,

## **1. Faith is the Victory**

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen ... without faith it is impossible to please God” (Heb11:1, 6). Without faith it is impossible to work the works of God; but with faith, God gives the victory.*

*By faith Moses chose “rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt ... By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible” (Heb 11:25-27).*

For the deliverance of His people Israel from the bondage of Egypt and the Pharaoh, God raised a man of faith, Moses, who persevered through forty years against the murmurings and rebellion of his people. By faith he kept the Passover, led the people through the Red Sea. By faith the walls of Jericho fell.

It was faith in the God who called and raised him, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that won the victory.

## **2. The man God raised**

In every day and age, God raises men of faith to fulfil His purpose. In 16th Century England, God raised a man, William Tyndale, to stand up for his people. An entire nation held in the vice-like grip of the priesthood, kept in the darkness of ignorance of God’s Word, they were without light, without truth, without hope.

God had given Tyndale a gift of language and a consuming passion to give his people the light of God’s Word. Until every man and woman had free access to the Word, to read God’s Book without hindrance of the priesthood, William Tyndale could not rest.

Facing opposition from the highest quarters – King Henry VIII and his nobles, including Lord Chancellor Sir Thomas Moore – Tyndale despaired for man’s help. But had not the Lord who called him promised, “*I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee*” (Heb 13:5b)? Surely, “The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me” (Heb 13:6b). By faith, Tyndale held fast to his calling to translate the Bible from the original languages into the vernacular. The English people must have God’s Word in English!

If his own country was made unsafe and inhospitable, then, for the sake of his life calling, Tyndale was willing to go into exile. On the Continent he found asylum, even though unsafe at times, for Europe also was under the Roman power. Living the life of a fugitive, never far from the reach of the Pope’s agents, Tyndale pressed on with his work.

While in Germany, Tyndale finished the translation of the Greek New Testament, by faith and dogged determination, labouring under the most trying conditions. But God gave the victory. Many thousands of the freshly printed New Testament, the first ever translated directly from Greek into English, were smuggled into England, hidden in merchandise such as bales of cloth or sacks of grain.

The English New Testament literally set England on fire. For once, the common people could read God’s Word for themselves, without the intermediary of an ungodly and ignorant priesthood. God’s light began to shine into men’s heart everywhere. People were receiving God’s truth unhindered.

For the first time in history, the Greek New Testament was available in English and in print. Before Tyndale there were only hand-written copies of the Bible in English translated from Latin by John Wycliffe.

Driven on by the same indomitable spirit, William Tyndale started work on the Old Testament, translating from Hebrew manuscripts, until he was martyred in 1536. By then, he had completed the Pentateuch, Joshua, and up to 2 Chronicles, and Jonah.

William Tyndale's contribution to the King James Bible is largely obscured by the corporate fame of the 1611 "Authorized Version" under the auspices of royalty and officialdom. Little known by the common person is the fact that 84 percent of the KJV's New Testament and 75 percent of the Old Testament were the original work of Tyndale.

The perfection of translation and English idiom by Tyndale was such that the company of scholars who had received the royal commission to translate God's Word from the Hebrew and Greek Texts, could do no better than to adopt whole-sale the bulk of Tyndale's work.

Tyndale! What a man did God raise!

Consider the debt we owe Tyndale for leaving us timeless expressions of God's Word which too often we have quoted as "KJB," little realizing that sayings such as these following had flowed from God's servant.

*"Am I my brother's keeper?"* (Gen 4:9).

*"The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace"* (Num 6:24-26).

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"* (John 1:1).

*"There were shepherds abiding in the field"* (Luke 2:8).

*"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted"* (Matt 5:4).

*"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name"* (Matt 6:9).

*"The signs of the times"* (Matt 16:3)

*"The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak"* (Matt 26:41).

*"He went out ... and wept bitterly"* (Matt 26:75). Those two words are still used by almost all modern translations (NIV, NASB, ESV, NKJV). It has not been improved on for five hundred years in spite of weak efforts like one recent translation: "cried hard." Unlike that phrase, "the rhythm of his two words carries the experience."

*“A law unto themselves” (Rom 2:14).*

*“In him we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28).*

*“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels” (1 Cor 13:1).*

*“Fight the good fight” (1 Tim 6:12).*

*To be continued ...*

Yours faithfully in the Saviour’s Service,

Dr SH Tow

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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- 1. Men’s Fellowship and Ladies’ Fellowship:** will be held this evening starting with dinner at 6pm. in the fellowship hall. At 7:15pm, the men will meet upstairs with Rev Joseph who will be speaking on “David: Understanding unexpected turns in life.” Ladies will meet downstairs with Sister Sharon who will be speaking on “The perseverance of Anna”. We encourage men and women of all ages to attend.
- 2. Lunch Fellowship:** will be held next Sunday after the Worship Service. Please bring a dish to share.
- 3. Berrington Nursing Home Ministry:** Thank God that our Church has been given the opportunity to reach out to another nursing home in Subiaco. The outreach will be every Sunday 3:30pm at Berrington, Subiaco. Anyone wanting to attend this outreach needs to have a current police clearance. Any queries, please contact Brother Robert Wong.

#### **4. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the freedom to worship Him. May we rejoice and be glad to come into the house of the Lord, that we have the opportunity to learn His Words and to walk in His paths.
- Thank God for a blessed Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting last Sunday evening.
- Thank God for the Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship this evening. Pray for Rev Joseph and Sister Sharon, that they may be able to share God's Word clearly.
- Pray for Sister Christine Chia and her older sister's family in UK. May the mercy, grace and strength of God help them during this difficult time.
- Pray for the Church Session to have wisdom and discernment in leading the church.
- God's guidance in the re-development of Nehemiah Place.
- God's will and leading on restarting of the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
- For those who are seeking employment, working away from home, and travelling.
- Pray for those brethren who are physical sick, faint and weary, that they are able to experience God's grace and love. "For those who wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles". (Isaiah 40:31)
- Safety in and around the church and homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	18/10 COMBINED	25/10 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	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Allen Liew, Fiona Liew, Lily Liow	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Allen Liew, *Alex Luu Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong, Claude Yiu Dn Michael Lee	*Terry Chong, *Kenny Tan Jason Tey, Yi Choong Liew, Steven Sun Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Claude Yiu, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan	Kenny Tan, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Kenny Chia
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 Singspiration	Valerie Wan/Rowena Cheng	Yung Tsing Mew/Yi Jye Chieng
Toddler Class Assistant	Lilian Yong/An Ning	Yi Jye Chieng/Ka Yii Yip
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	
Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Mark Heath	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)
South Perth	Hall A: Kenny Tan Hall B: Dn Adrian Cheng	Hall A: Rev Joseph Poon Hall B: Allan Ang
Bayswater	Kenny Tan	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK		
Tuesday	20/10	7:30pm Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Caleb Cheng, Audrey Liow
Friday	23/10	10:00am Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	25/10	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

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (11/10)

Attendance: 192 (Combined-155; JSS-37); Prayer Meeting: 61

Offerings in Total: \$4075.55

General Fund: \$4075.55 (#3948-\$210.90)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What is Baptism?** Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matt 28:19), doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Rom 6:3-4; Gal 3:26-27; 1 Pete 3:21).