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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

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 7 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 86:8-17

Holy Communion [James, Michael, Stephen, Adrian, Joel, Robert]

Hymn

HOP 91 Rock of Ages

HOP 99 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Hymn

HOP 251 O To Be Like Thee!

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

Be Perfectly Joined Together

*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. Serious Concerns

We cannot know our spiritual ill health and malaise except our Lord, the Great Physician, shows us. Let us come to Him and plead with Him, *“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me ...”* (Ps 139:23-24).

We may think ourselves to be rich, increased with goods, and have need of nothing, but our God says, *“... thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked”* (Rev 3:17).

Not everyone fits the full picture of the Laodicean Church, but before the Lord, let us “search ourselves.” In humble contrition of heart, ask the Holy Spirit to give us the spiritual eyesalve that we may see our true state – our lukewarmness, cold-heartedness, increasing worldliness, self-righteousness, spiritual apathy and pride, indifference to the things of God. Does any part of this description fit you?

Heed our Lord’s words: *“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent”* (Rev 3:19). Now, in all honesty and seriousness, let us search our hearts before the Lord.

2. If I believe that the Lord is returning soon –

- a) Do I **honour Him** in all areas of my life?
- b) Do I have daily **Quiet Time** - praying and reading His Word with fervent love?

- c) How much time do I spend **with the Lord** each day?
- d) Do I keep the **Lord's Day holy**?
- e) Do I attend the Lord's Day Services? **Morning and Evening**?
- f) Do I come to **Prayer Meeting**?
- g) Do I **tell others** about the Saviour?
- h) Do I have a part in **Missions? Pray? Go? Give**?

3. What then must we do?

- a) **Make right with God** - now! Death is never far away. Act before death strikes.
- b) **Come to the Lord**, if you have never truly repented of your sins and received the Saviour into your heart and life.
- c) **Go for the Lord**, if you have never done so before: go and be His witness.
- d) **Give your life full-time for God**. Our Calvary Pandan Church should have a pastoral staff of ten, even twenty.
- e) Start **Family Worship** in your own home. The blessing is yours. Begin tonight. The family that prays together stays together. The Lord is waiting to bless.
- f) Make **Prayer Meeting** your **first priority**.

g) **Attend Sunset Gospel Hour every Lord's Day evening.** *"He who honours me I will honour, saith the Lord."*

*Only one life 'twill soon be past;
Only what's done for God will last!*

4. "They had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:12-20)

A Christian should bear a striking likeness of his Master. We have available many biographies of Christ, but the best and most eloquent are those written out in the lives of His followers. The apostle Paul refers to the "Christ-likeness" of the believers in Corinth as epistles *"known and read of all men"* (2 Cor 3:2).

If we were what we profess to be, and what we should be, then we should be living pictures of Christ. We should bear such a striking likeness of Him that the world would not have to hold us up for close scrutiny, and say, "Well, you have somewhat of a likeness of Jesus." Consider the disciples of Peter and John, in the eyes of the authorities *"unlearned and ignorant,"* yet they were impressed that *"they had been with Jesus"* (Acts 4:13).

Dear reader, look into your own life and ask, "Have I a resemblance to my Lord that others will also say that I have been with Jesus?" Is it too hard for each of us to strive to live like our Master, to imitate His pure and sinless life so that men will see Christ in us? Think and pray this through.

Like Him! How can it be? By ourselves, impossible. But by His grace, we can. Let us be like our Lord in His boldness: never blush to own His name. Be like Him in our loving spirit: think kindly, speak kindly, do kindly. Be like Him in holiness, always going about doing nothing but good. Be like Him: self-denying, fervent in prayers, submitting to the Father's will, patient and enduring all things. Most of all, as the highest Christ-likeness, be forgiving! Let us in all ways and by all means, so live that all men may say, *"They have been with Jesus."*

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.

God bless all readers.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,
Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Basic Bible Knowledge:** A new series of BBK classes conducted by Rev Joseph has begun this morning at 9am in the upper level sanctuary for worshippers who desire to be baptised or have their memberships transferred. Believers are also encouraged to attend to build up their foundation in the Christian faith.
- 2. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** will be held at the home of Claude and Esther Yiu next Sunday the 8th of November. Address: 34 Geographe Way, Thornlie. Elder James will continue to speak on the last of the series on The Beatitudes. Brethren and friends who can understand Mandarin are welcome and encouraged to come. Dinner is at 6pm with the meeting starting at 7pm. Please bring a dish to share.
- 3. Seniors' Fellowship:** will be held on Saturday the 14th of November at 10am. Details will be available next Sunday.
- 4. BPCWA Mandarin Family Church Camp 2016:** As the church celebrates her 30th Anniversary next year, we thank God for His provision in enabling us to have this family camp. The camp will start on Easter Monday the 28th of March to the 31st of March, 2016 (4 days, 3 nights). The camp speaker is Rev James Sun from Bethany Christian Church, New York. Please start applying for leave early to avoid disappointment.

5. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for guiding and leading all the church ministries and fellowship groups for the past 10 months of 2015.
- Thank God for His grace and comfort to those who are sick and to those who have recently lost their loved ones.
- Pray for the congregation to be obedient to the Lord and His commandments. May they also increase in their faith.
- Pray for the Church Session not to have the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind to continue serving God faithfully.
- Pray for the preparation of the Mandarin Family Camp in March 2016.
- Pray for Yew Jinn as he studies for his examinations at FEBC. May God use his studies to prepare him for his full time ministry ahead.
- Pray for the students who are working on their assignments and preparing for examinations over the next few weeks.
- God's guidance in the re-development of Nehemiah Place.
- God's will and leading on re-starting of the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service once a month.
- For those who are seeking employment, working away from home, and travelling.
- Pray for the brethren who are sick, facing pressure from work and studies.
- Safety in and around the church and homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	1/11 COMBINED - Holy Communion	8/11 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Jason Tey	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Ruth Wong
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernie Clarke	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Jason Tey Kenny Chia, Mark Heath, Yan Wei Kenny Tan	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho Allan Ang, Adrian Ng, Dn Adrian Cheng Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ruth Wong	Adrian Ng, Lilian Cheo, Ellainne Cheng
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow Shuin Ning Jong
JSS Singpiration	Holy Communion	Hui Ling Cheng/Terry Chong
Toddler Class Assistant	Lee Lee Yong/Yi Mey Tan	Lee Chin/Shirlyn Lee
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)
South Perth	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Kenny Tan	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Jason Tey
Bayswater	Kenny Tan	Kenny Tan
Berrington	Mark Heath	Edward Ee

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	3/11	10:00am	Madarin Bible Study
		7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Allan Ang, Angeline Yong
Friday	6/11	10:00am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	8/11	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 Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont
6:00pm	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting: 34 Geographe Way, Thornlie		

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (25/10)

Attendance: 185 (Combined-157; JSS-28); Prayer Meeting: 52

Offerings in Total: \$7470.60; General Fund: \$7470.60 (#3951-\$160.55; #3952-\$62.40)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is the Lord's Supper? The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and the cup according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26); and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace (1 Cor 10:16-17).