



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

January 10th, 2016

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

Ruth Wong

Call to Worship

Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 11 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 91:9-16

Hymn

HOP 278 Sweet Hour of Prayer

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

Hymn

HOP 262 Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

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.

Your Building Materials

*Hymn

HOP 115 When Jesus Comes to Reward His Servants

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 3

*Congregation Standing



Theme for 2016: "SANCTIFIED, AND MEET FOR THE MASTER'S USE" (2 Timothy 2:21)

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WORDS FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

My dear readers,

(Excerpts from Building Firm Foundations, Dr SH Tow).

1. Perilous times have come

Wisdom demands that we be informed and alert to the momentous events taking place around us. Parents in particular ought to be knowledgeable in the area of the great apostasy that has infiltrated and taken over the major denominations of the Church. On the surface we see the semblance of a Church with impressive teachers (pastors, elders, bishops, archbishops, cardinals, popes, etc). They teach and preach from the Bible, sing the same hymns, make the same prayers, talk the same language - up to a point. External appearance may be identical, but there the similarity ends. Beneath the facade is a fatal flaw.

Not every “Christian” Church is Christian. Not every “Christ” is genuine. Not every pastor or elder or bishop is a true servant of Jesus Christ. Who says so? Our Lord Himself. A major sign of His Second Coming (which is near) is the appearance of “... *false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect*” (Matt 24:24).

What our Lord is saying is this: “One major event which must take place before I return is the sign of the COUNTERFEIT CHURCH AND FALSE LEADERS. Many will be deceived and led astray, but DO NOT FOLLOW THEM!” In 2 Timothy 4, a further warning from the Lord tells of Church leaders getting tired of the old truths. These will not put up with sound doctrine, but for their own selfish ends they will gather together false teachers, spreading error and human ideologies.

Parents, godly fathers and mothers, I write expressly to you! If you treasure your faith and that of your children, heed God's words. Recognise the perils of false teaching everywhere: Churchmen denying the all-sufficiency of Holy Scripture, the atoning blood of Christ, the inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible, the Deity of Christ, His bodily resurrection, the Second Coming and other major doctrines. False teachers in the Churches are eroding the very foundations of the Church.

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? Truly we live in perilous times.

Dear parents, you can save your homes from the peril of false teaching. Let us ask the Lord to teach us His truth that we may not fall.

2. Surely I come quickly. Amen.

Our Lord's last words from heaven demand our careful and prayerful attention. In the final chapter of Revelation He says, *"And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be ... Surely I come quickly. Amen."* (Rev 22:12, 20).

My dear reader, are you fully aware of this last great unfulfilled promise of our Lord? It will be the one DECISIVE CLIMACTIC EVENT OF ALL TIME. The Bible mentions it over 1,500 times. The direct prophecies are numerous. Daniel's vision accords with the Apostle

John's. Jesus shall return in the clouds of heaven. Matthew's Gospel chapter 24 lists seven major signs. Do you know them? Let me list them for you.

1. False Christs, false prophets, false Churches, preaching false doctrines (worship of idols, Mary, saints; denials of Christ's deity, virgin birth, resurrection, etc.)
2. Wars and rumours of wars. Nation rising against nation, kingdom against kingdom. This global phenomenon increases, intensifies.
3. Famines. Africa, India, Bangladesh.
4. Pestilence. Strange diseases: drug addiction, AIDS epidemic, ebola.
5. Earthquakes. In the last six centuries, increased 20 times.
6. Israel (fig tree, verse 32) reborn, 1948.
7. Days of Noah. Eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. Preoccupation with physical carnal appetites. Genesis 6: Earth corrupt, filled with violence, wickedness of man very great, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart evil continually. The "Days of Noah" are already with us.

Parents as spiritual leaders of their families have an obligation to guide and instruct in this vital and urgent doctrine of the Second Coming. For when the Lord comes, it will all be over, "*in a moment*,

in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Cor 15:52). There will be no time then to think or to make amends.

The time to prepare is NOW, before He comes. Parents, heed the Saviour's loving call: *"Be zealous therefore, and repent"* (Rev 3:19). *"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come"* (Matt 24:42).

May our prayer daily be: "Lord, quicken me by Thy Almighty Spirit. Keep me ever ready and watchful."

God bless you and keep you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Church Calendar 2016:** is available on the foyer table. It details the activities planned for 2016. Please take one, and prayerfully participate in the various activities. Pray that through all the learning and activities in the year ahead, we will become more like our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- 2. Seniors' Fellowship:** will be held this Saturday the 16th January at 10.30 am at church. Rev Joseph will be speaking. There will be a steamboat lunch fellowship after the meeting, so please bring some ingredients to share. Kindly let Bro Allan or Sis Yi San know if you are coming for logistics purpose. All are warmly welcome.

- 3. Congratulations:** Thank God for the gift of a grandson Cayden Ting to Ben and Shelly Soon in Brunei on Thursday the 7th of January. Their daughter Christina and the baby are doing well.
- 4. Church Busy Bee:** will be held on Saturday the 23rd of January. We would like to invite you to come and participate in the tidying up and cleaning of God's house from 9 am to 12 pm. Lunch will be provided. Any queries, please contact Brother Mark Heath.
- 5. Australia Day Outreach:** will be organised for Tuesday the 26th of January. Details to follow next week. Please prayerfully prepare your heart to participate in this ministry.
- 6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for His protection during this hot season.
 - Pray for those who have lost their homes during the recent bush fire.
 - Pray that BPCWA will be watchful and prayerful until the Lord's return.
 - Pray for the Seniors' Fellowship this Saturday. Continue to pray for the elderly brethren in our church to have grace, strength and good health to serve God.
 - Pray for the church Session that they may serve God faithfully.
 - Pray for the church programs and activities planned for this year.
 - Pray for the planning and preparation of the Mandarin Church Family Camp (Dates: 28th-31st March 2016). Pray for the camp speaker Rev James Sun, and that brethren and friends will be willing to join the camp to learn God's Word.
 - God's will and leading on restarting the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service once a month.
 - Pray for the redevelopment of Nehemiah's Place.
 - Pray for those who are physically and spiritually unwell.
 - Pray for protection in and around the church and homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	10/1 COMBINED	17/1 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong	Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Ruth Wong	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Dn Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Allan Ang, Adrian Ng, Dn Stephen Chia	*Dn Michael Lee, *Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong, Edward Ee, Dn Adrian Cheng
Ushers	Adrian Ng, Lilian Cheo, Ellainne Cheng	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Albert Ho
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	Karen Ee/Rowena Cheng	Yung Tsing Mew/Kenny Chia
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Jye Chieng/Victoria Lew	Mary Ling/Ka Yii Yip
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)
South Perth	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Jason Tey	Hall A: Dn Adrian Cheng Hall B: Kenny Tan
Bayswater	Allan Ang	Elder James Wong
Berrington	Mark Heath	Edward Ee

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	12/1	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Mark Heath, Sharon Poon
Wednesday	13/1	7:30 pm	FEBC Online Course Screening: Revelation
Friday	15/1	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	16/1	10:30 am	Seniors' Fellowship
Sunday	17/1	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:15 pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Ben Ritcher Lodge – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (3/1)

Attendance: 178 (Combined-149; JSS-29); Prayer Meeting: 53

Offerings in Total: \$8787.95; General Fund: \$8787.95 (#3974-\$120; #3975-\$3890-FEBC; #3976-\$145; #3977-\$77)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What do we pray for in the sixth petition? In the sixth petition, which is, *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*, we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin (Ps 19:13; Matt 26:41; John 17:15), or support and deliver us when we are tempted (Luke 22:31-32; 1 Cor 10:13; 2 Cor 12:7-9; Heb 2:18).