



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

January 17th, 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

Kenny Tan

Prelude

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 23 How Great Thou Art!

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 92

Hymn

HOP 355 Jesus Is All the World to Me

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Hymn

HOP 254 Nearer, Still Nearer

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.

You Are the Temple Of God

*Hymn

HOP 264 More Holiness Give Me

*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. The hard struggle for “Quiet Time”

The Christian life is one life-long struggle, until we arrive Home. The greatest Christian, St Paul, describes his personal experience in terms such as *“so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection ... I press toward the mark ... I have fought a good fight. ...”* (1 Cor 9:26b, 27; Phil 3:14; 2 Tim 4:7).

If the Apostle had to struggle, how much more must we. In the fast-flowing current of the world, our spiritual boat of life will be swept into the ocean of godlessness unless we keep rowing hard upstream all the time. This applies to every believer without exception. The world around us constantly seeks our friendship, so that the prince of this world may add us to his numbers. Our homes can become spiritual citadels, where our members may daily take refuge and renew their strength. That is, if we will order our homes accordingly.

We have spoken of the utter necessity of daily Family Worship to counteract the day’s pollution of the outside world. There is also the need for individual communion with God. This has to be on a daily basis also. Our Lord says, *“when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret”* (Matt 6:6). Personal and private communion is the ordained channel of intimate access to God.

The time of the day helps. The best is early in the morning, at a predawn hour. Our Lord did His Quiet Time (QT) in the morning, *“rising up a great while before day, he went out , and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed”* (Mk 1:35). Can we do as He did? Not Easy! Remember His words: *“the spirit indeed is willing , but the flesh is weak ”* (Matt 26:41b).

So we struggle - against the world, against sin, and against the flesh. The spirit is ever willing. The flesh is always weak! The battle is QT vs the Rest! The Rest includes the cosy warm bed, the Daily News (hot off the press), the morning radio broadcast, the demands of another busy day.

Most times the outcome is sad defeat. Why? Simply because we have not given equal time or priority to QT. There is time for morning cleaning up, breakfast, newspaper, etc. Why not also for QT? Treat QT as a priority item and give it “prime time”. That is half the battle won!

If you put the Lord first in your life , QT will be no problem.

2. Best time for God

While it is true that prayer may ascend to God any time of the day, and at all times *“without ceasing”* (1 Thess 5:17), nevertheless we should not neglect the best time of the day for our prayer devotion.

The. Psalmist's words echo the experience of many godly men: *"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up"* (Ps 5:3).

The best time to converse with God is in the early morning before the world comes knocking at the door. Unless you have this prior appointment with the Lord which you determine to honour, your morning will be so crowded out that the Lord will be brushed aside. Then we find ourselves attending to the affairs of the world, concentrating our morning thoughts on everything and everybody, but the Lord is left out altogether.

Should we thus belittle the God of our salvation?

God deserves our first thoughts, for He first thought of us. We were in His thoughts long before we were born. He thought of us "before the foundation of the world." He planned our redemption before we fell. If we were thus esteemed by God, occupying even His first thoughts, should we not also devote to Him our first thoughts? O let us awake daily to the light of His countenance and the sweetness of His presence. Refreshed with sleep, recharged with His health, let us greet our Saviour each day with the best hour, and let His beauty fill our souls. Thus invigorated we may safely face the world .

All through life George Whitefield was an early riser. His day began at four o'clock and he would retire punctually at ten in the evening. If friends were present, he would courteously end the proceedings, saying, "Come gentlemen! It is time for all good folks to be home." He wanted to be sure of his morning appointment with God.

Will you also give Him your best hour? Have you tried the predawn hour?

Lord, Thou gave me Thine best. May I give Thee my best!

God bless you dear readers.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,

Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. Rev Joseph will be on leave in Singapore from 18th January to 3rd February. He will still be contactable via whatsapp or email during this time.
2. **Church Busy Bee:** This Saturday the 23rd of January from 9am – 12noon. If you are able, do come and let us serve together to beautify God's house. Lunch will be provided. Any queries, please contact Brother Mark Heath.
3. **Australia Day Outreach 26th January:** Each year, we reach out to thousands on the Australia day public holiday. Please meet at 3pm in the Church for prayer before the outreach. Prayer Meeting that week will be held on Monday, 25th January to enable all to attend both the prayer meeting and the outreach.

4. Mandarin Church Family Camp (28th – 31st March): Registration for camp will be starting on Sunday the 7th of February. Camp theme: “Faith, Hope, Love and Life Beyond” taken from 1 Corinthians 13:13. Camp Venue: Mandurah Quay Resort, Erskine. The Camp speaker will be Rev James Sun from Bethany Christian Church, New York. We pray that everyone who can understand Mandarin will take this opportunity to study God’s Word and enjoy the fellowship as a church family.

5. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for a blessed Seniors’ Fellowship yesterday.
- Pray for the preparation of the Australia Day outreach and church busy bee.
- Pray that BPCWA will be watchful and prayerful until the Lord’s return.
- Pray for the spiritual protection of the church session and that they may serve God faithfully.
- Pray that in the coming year, all the fellowship and bible study groups will grow in spiritual maturity.
- Pray for the planning and preparation of the Mandarin Church Family Camp (Dates: 28th-31st March 2016) and the camp speaker, Rev James Sun.
- Pray for Brother Stephen Cheng, he has been admitted to hospital and receiving treatment for his illness. Pray for God’s grace and strength be upon him during this difficult time.
- Pray for the re-development of Nehemiah Place.
- God’s will and leading on re-starting the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service once a month.
- Pray for those who are looking for a job, working away from home and travelling.
- Pray for those who are physically and spiritually unwell.
- Pray for protection in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	17/1 COMBINED	24/1 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Robert Wong/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Dn Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Lily Liow	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Dn Michael Lee, *Kenny Tan Eugene Leong, Edward Ee Dn Adrian Cheng	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng Claude Yiu, Yi Choong Liew Steven Sun
Ushers	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng Yi Mey Tan	Caleb Cheng, 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	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon
JSS Singspiration	Yung Tsing Mew/Allan Ang	Valerie Wan/Yi Mey Tan
Toddler Class Assistant	Mary Ling/Ka Yii Yip	Yi Mey Tan/Lydia Chong
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Dn Adrian Cheng Hall B: Kenny Tan	Hall A: Kenny Tan Hall B: Caleb Cheng
Bayswater	Elder James Wong	Caleb Cheng
Berrington	Edward Ee	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	19/1	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong, Dn Adrian Cheng, Yi Mey Tan
Wednesday	20/1	7:30pm	FEBC Online Course Screening: Revelation
Friday	22/1	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	23/1	9am	Church Busy Bee
Sunday	24/1	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		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

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (10/1)

Attendance: 165 (Combined-135; JSS-30); Prayer Meeting: 49

Offerings in Total: \$5097.15; General Fund: \$5097.15 (#3978-\$240.70; #3979-\$220; \$3980-FEBC-\$110)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What doth the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us? The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, which is, *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen*, teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only (Dan 9:4, 7-9, 16-19; Luke 18:1, 7-8), and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him; (1 Chr 29:10-13; 1 Tim 1:17; Rev 5:11-13); and, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen (1 Cor 14:16; Rev 22:20).