



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 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

Claude Yiu

Prelude

Karen Ee

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip

\*Hymn

**HOP 31** Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 93

Hymn

**HOP 397** I Gave My Life For Thee

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalms 91

Hymn

**HOP 263** Thou My Everlasting Portion

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Robert Wong/Sonny Lim

## Where to Obtain Security and Peace

\*Hymn

**HOP 231** Under His Wings

\*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

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My dear readers,

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

## **1. Thy Word forever settled in Heaven**

There is a common misconception that only the less well educated and uninformed continue to believe in the Bible as the complete inspired and infallible Word of God. It is true that the overwhelming majority of academics and the upper strata of society no longer believe in the Bible. Nevertheless there are a significant number of important and well educated people, scientists, businessmen and politicians whose faith in the Bible remains unshaken in the face of attacks of science and learning so-called .

President Reagan has this to say of the Bible: “We’re blessed to have its words of strength, comfort and truth. I’m accused of being simplistic at times with some of the problems that confront us. But I’ve often wondered: within the covers of that single Book are all the answers to all the problems that face us today, if we’d only look there. *“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand for ever”* (Isa 40:8). It is my firm belief that the enduring values, as presented in its pages have a great meaning for each of us and for our nation. The Bible can touch our hearts, order our minds, refresh our souls.”

We quote below what other great men have said of the Bible:

*George Washington:* It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.

*Abraham Lincoln:* I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can, and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man.

*General Douglas MacArthur:* Never a night goes by, be I ever so tired, but I read the Word of God before I go to bed.

Not everything in the Bible can be understood, but we can definitely understand enough to gain an entry into God's everlasting Kingdom, if we would be humble enough to believe all that it says. Peter the Apostle warns those who dissect and attack the Bible that they do so to their own destruction. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let this be the one great objective in your home, through daily study of the Word.

If believers would give equal time to Bible study as to the news on their handphones their lives will be changed for the better.

## **2. Reading with desire**

The perfect food for newborn babes is milk. The spiritual milk for babes in Christ is the Word of God. Nothing else will nourish and strengthen the new Christian; only God's Word. The Apostle Peter addresses all Christians: learn to be newborn babies, ever eager and desirous to drink in the "*milk of the word.*" It is something all babies love to do. There is no need to coax, or persuade or remind.

So Peter says, "Desire to read the Bible. Love it , for by so doing you will grow." My dear reader, do you see the light? Pray for spiritual

appetite. If you do not have it you are suffering from spiritual anorexia. You need to come to the Great Physician for cleansing and healing. When healed you will say with the Psalmist. *“O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”* (Ps 119:97, 103)

A young lady was asked to explain what is meant by devotional reading of the Bible. She said: “Yesterday morning I received a letter from one to whom I had given my heart and devoted my life. I freely confess to you that I have read that letter five times, not because I did not understand it at first reading, nor because I expected to commend myself to the writer by frequent reading of his letter. I love to read it simply because I am devoted to the one who wrote it.”

To read the Bible with the same desire is to read it devotionally, and to one who reads it in that spirit it is indeed a Love Letter. And that’s what the Bible is, God’s letter telling of His love for us. If you have not read the Bible you truly do not know the depth of God’s love for you and me. Moreover, the Bible teaches us how to love God and one another. And there is no better remedy to the stresses and conflicts causing homes to break up everywhere.

If it is a happy united family that you want, make the Bible the centre of your devotion. Therein you will find the solution to interpersonal tensions, marital disharmony, parent-child problems. No time? Cut down on computer and TV time and use it for Bible study, and see how the Lord will bless!

*How sweet are Thy words unto my taste!*

*yea sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

*I opened my mouth and panted:*

*For I longed for Thy commandments*

*O how love I Thy law!*

*It is my meditation all the day.*

The family that reads together sticks together. Let us ask the Lord to evermore give us spiritual appetite!

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,

Dr SH Tow

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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- 1. Prayer Meeting:** Please note that Prayer Meeting will be held tomorrow evening (Monday 25/1) at 7:30 pm instead of Tuesday (26/1) to enable everyone to attend both prayer meeting and the Australia Day outreach on Tuesday.
- 2. Australia Day Outreach 26<sup>th</sup> January:** Join us for the Australia Day Outreach on Tuesday. Please meet at 3pm on Tuesday in the Church for prayer before the outreach. Please bring your Smartriders as we will be using public transport to and from the city.
- 3. Lunch Fellowship:** Next Sunday after the worship service. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share.
- 4. Baptism, Reaffirmation and Transfer of Membership:** will be conducted on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, Easter Sunday. Those who have gone through the Basic Bible Knowledge classes and wish to seek baptism, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of member from another church to BPCWA, can obtain an application form from Brother Mark Heath. Please submit the completed form with a short testimony to Elder James or Dn Adrian by the 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

**5. Mandarin Church Family Camp (28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March):** Registration for the family camp will be starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February (in two weeks). We pray that you will not miss the opportunity to study God's Word through the camp theme, "The Exceeding Life of Faith, Hope and Love" taken from 1 Corinthians 13:13. The details are available on the camp posters placed on the church walls. The camp site is at Mandurah Quay Resort, a convenient 45 minute drive from Perth via the Kwinana Freeway. We warmly welcome all to join us!

**6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for all the brethren who have come together to serve at the busy bee yesterday.
- Thank God for seeing Dn Stephen Chia through an eye operation last Thursday.
- Thank God Brother Stephen Cheng has been discharged from the hospital. Continue to pray for God's strength and grace to be upon him and also for Sister Wilai who is taking care of him.
- Pray for the preparation and the participation of the Australia Day outreach.
- Pray for Rev James Sun as he prepares to come to Perth in March to minister to us at the Church's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Mandarin Family Camp.
- Pray for the preparation of the church's 30th Anniversary and dinner.
- Pray for the spiritual protection of the church session and that they may serve God faithfully.
- Pray for the planning and preparation of the Mandarin Church Family Camp (Dates: 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March 2016)
- Pray for the re-development of Nehemiah Place.
- Pray for God's will and leading on re-starting the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service once a month.
- Pray for those who are searching for a job, working away from home, on holidays 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	24/1 COMBINED	31/1 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship
Speaker/Interpreter	Robert Wong/Sonny Lim	Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip	Dn Joel Wong/Sonny Lim
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun	Allen Liew, Fiona Liew, Lilian Yong
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng Claude Yiu, Yi Choong Liew Steven Sun	*Allen Liew, *Alex Luu, Kenny Chia Jason Tey, Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Shie Tian Wong	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Lee Lee Yong
P.A. System	Kenny Chia	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee
JSS Singspiration	Valerie Wan/Yi Mey Tan	Esther Yiu/Allan Ang
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Mey Tan/Lydia Chong	Lee Chin/Ellainne
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

### Old Folks' Home Ministry

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

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday	25/1	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Mark Heath/Kong Vui, Allan Ang, Angeline Yong
Tuesday	26/1	3:00pm	Australia Day Outreach
Wednesday	27/1	7:30pm	FEBC Online Course Screening: Revelation
Friday	29/1	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	31/1	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 (17/1)

Attendance: 162 (Combined-135; JSS-27); Prayer Meeting: 43

Offerings in Total: \$7171.60; General Fund: \$7171.60 (#3981-\$141; #3982-\$550.70)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What is the chief end of man?** Man's chief end is to glorify God (Psa 86; Isa 60:21; Rom 11:36; 1 Cor 6:20; 10:31; Rev 4:11), and to enjoy him forever (Psa 16:5-11; Psa 144:15; Isa 12:2; Luke 2:10; Phil 4:4; Rev 21:3-4).