



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

February 7<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 1 0** Worship the King

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 94:12-23

Holy Communion [Michael, Stephen, Adrian, Robert, Kong Vui]

Hymn

**HOP 94** Alas! and did My Saviour Bleed

**HOP 100** The Old Rugged Cross

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 3:18-20

Hymn

**HOP 180** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

## Deceptive "Wisdom"

\*Hymn

**HOP 138** Thy Word Is Like A Garden, Lord

\*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. Praying with one accord**

The Prayer Meeting has been called the Cinderella of the Church. People will attend Sunday Morning Worship, Gospel Services, Bible Study and ‘special meetings’. But most members shy away when it is *only* a Prayer Meeting. “After all I can pray at home. Doesn’t God also hear?” If that is what keeps you away from the Prayer Meeting, you have missed a vital truth which lies at the heart of every Holy Spirit revival.

In Acts 1:4 the Lord, before He ascended to Heaven, gave specific commandment to the disciples “*not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait*” for the promised coming of the Holy Spirit. After Jesus had ascended, the disciples tarried in Jerusalem and “*all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication*” (Act 1:14) until the day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost came down in full measure.

Here then is the lesson of united prayer.

Believers are to *gather in one place and continue in prayer with one accord*. This means praying toward one objective, in one spirit and with one mind. Nothing else will unite a body of believers as this sort of united prayer. Nothing else will open the windows of heaven for God’s revival blessing to be downpoured on His people. Every revival is preceded and sustained by the united prayer of God’s people.

The current Church scene around the world is generally one of spiritual lukewarmness and decline. (We do not regard the

charismatic phenomenon as true Holy Spirit revival, although it is gathering in large numbers and reporting impressive results). Many Bible-believing fundamental Churches find it difficult to induce not more than 5-10% of their adult members to attend Prayer Meeting. No pastor who means business should ignore this state of spiritual apathy. Surely he will be concerned enough to look at the problem in depth, seek out its causes and prescribe a cure. It may well be his own spiritual lethargy!

Let every home seriously consider how it can augment the Prayer Meeting and speed the revival of the Church.

**My God, Is Any Hour So Sweet**

My God, is any hour so sweet,  
From blush of morn to evening star,  
As that which calls me to thy feet,  
The hour of pra yer?

– *Charlotte Elliott*

**2. Every parting sealed by prayer**

In our home from as long as I can as long as I can remember every parting is sealed by prayer. For every parting is tinged with sadness and the inevitable heaviness of heart. Grandfather (with whom we lived nine months of the year for our schooling) led the family before God's throne of grace nightly in Family Worship. Nothing was ever permitted to interfere with this most important event of the day.

Grandfather taught us precious lessons in faith, lessons which remain with us to this day. Our Family Worship was a simple and homely affair. There was the singing of Chinese hymns and John Sung choruses, followed by the reading of God's Word. Then came the

catechism session. Grandfather used to ask simple questions yet with profound spiritual meaning. Then he would close with prayer before we parted for the night.

Each school day began with prayer. None was allowed to run off to the bus-stop without prayer. If we did not schedule our time early enough, it was our own fault. Grandfather was sure that being late for school was preferable to not having our time with God. He gave us our most precious heritage - believing prayer. So every morning we left home, armed with prayer and peace in our hearts to face the issues of the day.

School vacations were spent with our parents in Malaysia. Revived under Dr. John Sung's ministry, they faithfully led us in daily Family Worship. Some nights the meetings were long and our school-work was not finished. But Father assured us that God would make up by giving us the extra wisdom. Looking back we can say with all our heart: Thank God for Family Worship and the prayers morning and night. By God's grace we have imparted the same to our children.

Back to our text, and the sad parting between the Apostle Paul and the Ephesian elders. There on the seashore at Miletus, the group knelt down and prayed with tears. *"And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him"* (Acts 20:37). What a warm and loving parting, again sealed with prayer.

**"Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer**

'Tis the blessed hour of prayer,  
When our hearts lowly bend,  
And we gather to J esus,  
Our Saviour and Friend;  
If we come to Him in faith,  
His protection to share,

What a balm for the weary!  
O how sweet to be there!

– *Fanny J. Corsby*

God bless all you dear readers.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,

Dr SH Tow

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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1. The Church Session would like to wish all members and worshippers a blessed and happy Chinese New Year.
2. **Mandarin Church Family Camp (28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March):** Registration for the family camp starts today after the worship service. Please register at the fellowship hall with Adrian Ng or Yisan Chieng.
3. **Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship:** Will be held next Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of February starting with dinner at Church at 6pm. Messages will start at 7:15pm with the ladies meeting downstairs. Sister Sharon will be speaking on the topic, "An Honorable Widow". The men will be meeting in the upstairs sanctuary. Rev Joseph will speak on "David: Man With a Sense of Responsibility". All are welcome.
4. **Baptism, Reaffirmation and Transfer of Membership:** If you have gone through the Basic Bible Knowledge classes and wish to seek baptism, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of membership 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. Choir:** will resume practice on next Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm.

**6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for safely bringing families who have been away on holidays back into our midst.
- Thank God for a good start to a new school year for the primary school children and high school teens.
- Pray for the brethren who have returned to their home towns to celebrate Chinese New Year. May God grant them a blessed reunion with their family.
- Pray for the University campus outreach in February. May God draw people to our church to learn about Him.
- 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 as the speaker of the Mandarin church Camp.
- Pray for the preparation of the church's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, dinner and wisdom to compile the magazine.
- Pray for the planning and preparation of the Mandarin Church Family Camp.
- Pray for the re-development of Nehemiah Place.
- Pray for God's will and leading in 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 the sick and weak, spiritually down members of the church.
- Pray for protection in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	7/2 COMBINED - Holy Communion	14/2 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip	Dn Michael Lee/Sonny Lim
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Adrian Ng
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Ruth Wong
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Mark Heath	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu Kenny Chia, Caleb Cheng, Mark Heath	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Adrian Ng Yi Choong Liew, Dn Adrian Cheng Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ruth Wong	Yi Choong Liew, Lilian Cheo, Ellainne Cheng
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Mew Yung Tsing Julia Sun, Ilhoa Ramachandran	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia, Ming Ming Th'ng Mable Soon
JSS Singspiration	Holy Communion	Yung Tsing Mew/Rowena Cheng
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Jye/Lydia	Shirlyn/Yi Mey
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: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Mark Heath	Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Dn Adrian Cheng
Bayswater	Mark Heath	Kenny Tan
Berrington	Rev Joseph Poon	Mark Heath

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	9/2	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Mark Heath, Sharon Poon
Wednesday	10/2	7:30pm	FEBC Online Course Screening: Revelation
Friday	12/2	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	14/2	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	Men's Fellowship & Ladies' Fellowship

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (31/1)

Attendance: 169 (Combined-132; JSS-37); Prayer Meeting: 43

Offerings in Total: \$4759.10; General Fund: \$4759.10 (#3986-\$141; #3987-\$291; #3988-Library-\$94)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What do the Scriptures principally teach?** The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God (Gen 1:1; John 5:39; John 20:31; Rom 10:17; 2 Tim 3:15), and what duty God requires of man (Deut 10:12-13; Josh 1:8; Psa 119:105; Micah 6:8; 2 Tim 3:16-17).