



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

February 21<sup>st</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

Kenny Tan

Prelude

Sharon Poon

Call to Worship

Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong

\*Hymn

**HOP 2** To God Be the Glory

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 95:6-11

Hymn

**HOP 389** My Jesus, I Love Thee

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Hymn

**HOP 302** Loyalty to Christ

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.

## Whose Appraisal Do You Value?

\*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

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My dear readers,

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

## **1. Home sweet Home**

What is home to you? To a child home is where father and mother shower him with love and affection. To a man, home is where together with his wife and children he makes a little heaven on earth - a place of happy conversation, a haven for the family, a refuge from the hustle and bustle of the outside world. To me, home is where my heart is. Whenever I travel, the longer I am away, the keener is my longing for home. Thank God for sweet home-sickness!

John Howard Payne wrote that most loved song “Home Sweet Home.” Let us recall the words of the first verse.

*Mid pleasures and palaces  
though we may roam,  
Be it ever so humble,  
there's no place like home;  
A charm from the sky seems to hallow us there,  
Which, seek through the world,  
it's ne'er met elsewhere.*

*Home, Home, sweet, sweet Home!  
There's no place like Home!  
There's no place like Home!*

John Payne's immortal lines must strike a responsive chord in your heart. Go where you will through this whole wide earth, but invariably you will say “There's no place like home.” Yet the joys of home are ever so fragile and fleeting. In our heart we would that our homes were always sweet and complete, but of course that is pure wishful thinking. Sooner or later, sickness, accident, parting and other untoward happenings shatter the serenity of home.

Then we sigh and long for old times. Home is never the same again . Children grow up and leave the family nest. Like birds, they fly away. Gone are the cheery youthful voices, the carefree laughter , the boisterous playtime. The piano, untouched for many moons, stands muted and forlorn. A strange silence hangs over empty beds , now occupied only by long-discarded dolls.

Home sad home, casualty of time and change! Yet in the midst of gloom comes quiet assurance: Lo I am with you always, even until the end of the world! With Jesus, home is still Sweet Home. Our Comforter and Friend abides with us. He under stands our problems and shares our sorrows. He makes home sweet! His presence lifts the gloom and drives sadness away.

Make Jesus the Centre of your home. Meet with Him every night in Family Worship. Let Him make your Home a truly Sweet Home!

God bless our home!

## **2. Who is head of your house?**

A wall plaque commonly seen in Christian homes reads thus:

CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THIS HOUSE  
THE UNSEEN GUEST AT EVERY MEAL  
THE SILENT LISTENER  
TO EVERY CONVERSATION.

It is a good reminder to the members of the household that they belong to the Lord ‘whose they are and whom they serve.’ It also informs visitors that they are in a Christian home. The display of this and others with Scripture texts is a good practice, as Moses commanded the children of Israel to write God’s Word “upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates” (Deut 6:9).

If Christ indeed is Head of your house, then we ought to conduct ourselves as “in His presence.” When we practise the presence of Jesus in our homes,

it will cause us to guard our whole lifestyle and behaviour, especially the use of our ears, eyes and tongues. A children's hymn expresses this simply but powerfully.

*O be careful little eyes what you see!  
O be careful little eyes what you see!  
Your Father up above is looking down in love,  
O be careful little eyes what you see!*

*O be careful little ears what you hear!  
O be careful little ears what you hear!  
Your Father up above is looking down in love,  
O be careful little ears what you hear!*

The Lord Emmanuel, He dwells in our homes! What a blessed thought. He sits in our midst. Let no violence or uncleanness intrude into our homes by the air waves or cable. We must not offend our Special Guest. Let no harsh, abrasive, unkind, provocative or vulgar speech jar His ears. Let us adorn our Living Room, Dining Room and Bedrooms with Christ-honouring decorations. If any fleshy or lustful pin-ups have invaded your house, in the holy name of Jesus, destroy them! Let the Lord reign supreme in every area of your home. That includes the nooks and corners, the locked drawers and book-cases. May no immoral or occult or anti-Christian literature, pictures or articles be allowed to lurk anywhere within your four walls.

If Christ is Lord at all, He must be Lord of all!

Serve the Lord with clean hands and pure hearts within clean homes and pure rooms.

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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- 1. Congratulations:** To Kenny Chia and Julia Sun on their engagement last week.
- 2. University Campus Outreach:** This Friday, our Church will be at UWA Orientation Day to share the Gospel and welcome students to our Church. Our stall will be on James Oval from 9am – 2pm. Please come down to invite new students to our welcome dinner on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. If you are willing to offer some practical help or hospitality to new students, please see CYPG and Youth180° committee members.
- 3. Lunch Fellowship:** will be held next Sunday after the worship service. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome.
- 4. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** will be held next Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February at the home of Sister Yisan Chieng. Address: 69 Lansdowne Entrance, Canning Vale. Dinner will begin at 6pm with the meeting starting at 7pm. Please bring a dish to share. We warmly invite you to come and be encouraged by God's Word and the fellowship.

## **5. Mandarin Church Family Camp (28th – 31st March):**

Camp Theme: Exceeding Life of Faith, Hope and Love (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Camp Venue: Mandurah Quay Resort.

Camp Speaker: Rev James Sun (Pastor of Bethany Christian Church, New York)

*"Faith" is extremely important. The Book of Hebrews has commented on great men of faith. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. He who comes to God must have faith. The relationship between man and God comes from faith. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses all are great men of faith, who were pleasing to God because of faith. However, faith is not only believing in the heart, but also brings about actions. Mere consent and approval in the head is not true faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

We would like to encourage all who can understand Mandarin to come and join the church camp. Please register with Sister Yi Min Chieng or Sister Ka Yii Yip at the fellowship hall after the worship service.

## **6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for a blessed Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship last Sunday.
- Thank God for the Sunday School Teachers and Assistants training yesterday.
- Pray for the UWA (26/2) and Murdoch (3/3) Orientation Day outreaches.
- Pray for all the ministries and activities of the church.
- Pray for Rev James Sun as he prepares to come to BPCWA in March to minister to us at the church's 30th Anniversary celebration and as the speaker of the Mandarin church camp.
- Pray for the preparation of the church's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, dinner and the compilation of the magazine.
- Pray that the Mandarin speaking brethren will have a willing heart to attend the church camp and for the planning and preparation.
- 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, or travelling.
- Pray for the sick and weak and those who may be struggling spiritually.
- Pray for spiritual and physical protection in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	21/2 COMBINED	28/2 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong	Robert Wong/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Allen Liew, Fiona Liew, Lee Lee Yong	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Alex Luu, *Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong Edward Ee, Allan Ang, Dn Michael Lee	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng, Jason Tey, Yi Choong Liew, Steven Sun Dn Stephen Chia
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 Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow Shuin Ning Jong
JSS Singpiration	Esther Yiu/Yi Jye Chieng	Valerie Wan/Kenny Chia
Toddler Class Assistant	Shirlyn/Lee Lee	Ellainne/Lydia
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

### Old Folks' Home Ministry

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

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	23/2	10:00am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Dn Adrian Cheng, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	24/2	7:30pm	FEBC Online Course Screening: Revelation
Friday	26/2	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	28/2	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	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting – 69 Lansdowne Entrance, Canning Vale		

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (14/2)

Attendance: 183 (Combined-150; JSS-33); Prayer Meeting: 53

Offerings in Total: \$7252.20; General Fund: \$7252.20 (#3992-\$228; #3993-\$169.70; #3994-\$500; #3995-\$872)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: Are there more Gods than one?** There is but one only (Deu 6:4; Isa 44:6; Isa 45:21-22; 1 Cor 8:4-6), the living and true God (Jer 10:10; John 17:3; 1 Thess 1:9; 1 John 5:20).