



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

February 28<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

Jason Tey

Prelude

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Robert Wong/Dn Joel Wong

\*Hymn

**HOP 46** Our Great Saviour

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 96

Hymn

**HOP 378** My Saviour's Love

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 4:6-7

Hymn

**HOP 8** Now Thank We All Our God

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

## Nothing To Boast About

\*Hymn

**HOP 2** To God Be The Glory

\*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

\*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 3

\*Congregation Standing

### 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.



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. Does Christ live here?

One of the best loved Easter Hymns loved is He Lives by Alfred H Ackley. Most of us can sing the chorus from memory:

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!*

*He walks with me and talks with me*

*Along life's narrow way.*

*He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart!*

*You ask me how I know He lives?*

*He lives within my heart!*

If Christ truly lives in our hearts, this must also be seen in our lives. Our old selfish ugly ways should give way to the Christ-life, for *"I am crucified with Christ"* - the old nature, the old Adam is no longer in control. Then I can truly say *"Christ liveth in me."* The proof of our faith (our conversion) is the changed life - the Christ-life. Is this seen in you?

The new pastor of a village church in France called at one of the members' homes. When the husband came home from work his wife said, "The new pastor called."

"What did he say?" asked the man.

"Oh, he asked me, Does Christ live here? I didn't know what to say."

The man's face flushed. "Why didn't you tell him that we are respectable members of the congregation?"

"Well, that isn't what he asked."

"Then why didn't you tell him that we say our prayers regularly, and read our Bible too?" "But he didn't ask that either."

The man grew more vexed. His wife could not honestly say “Yes” to the pastor’s question and neither could he. This set them both thinking.

That night they turned the question over in their minds. “Does the Lord Jesus Christ live in our home? Does He live in us?”

As they searched their hearts, the Holy Spirit convicted them of their sins and their need. They confessed their sins and received Christ as Saviour and Lord. From that night on their lives were changed, and little by little, Christ became Lord of their lives; thanks to the pastor’s searching question.

Does Christ live in you also? Christ in your heart must show in your life.

## **2. Many members, one body**

The binding principle for a happy family is love. A Christian home makes a good testing ground, for *“love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us”* (Rom 5:5b) Loving one another in the home is not an option, but a command from our Lord. We are His children, and the home belongs to the Lord. We are under His jurisdiction and control.

Our Lord says, *“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another”* (Jn 13:34). Jesus loved us and gave Himself for us. The Good Shepherd laid down His life for the sheep. Our love within the family ought to be the same kind of sacrificial love. This applies to brothers and sisters in the physical family, as well as to brethren and sisters within the larger Church Family.

How shall we express our love for one another? Paul the Apostle gives us the spiritual guidelines in 1 Corinthians 12 and 13. Let us enumerate the main points:

1. *Appreciate one another.* No one must think himself superior and another inferior. Hands are not superior to feet. Both are equally needful for the perfect function of the whole body. The Chinese expression “hands-feet” means “brothers-sisters,” and aptly reflects what is being taught by the Apostle. If we are all “hands-feet” how affectionate and loving we must be!

2. *Honour one another.* This is one step further from mere appreciation. Within the family - whether physical or spiritual - there should be active expression in some way to show honour one to another, especially the “less honourable.” Cliques and exclusive groupings must be discouraged. Let us reach out and be open to everyone, rich or poor, high or low, regardless of education or other status.
3. *Sympathise with one another.* Words are important. Comforting and caring concern works wonders at the right time. A visit, a card, a prayer together, or a little useful gift. Our love and concern must go beyond mere words to positive action, the motive always being this: The Lord loved us all. He wants me to act for Him. Why not? For His sake, for His great love - I will go, I will do!

For we are members one of another!

God bless you and keep you.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION**

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1. **Lunch Fellowship:** Today after the worship service. All are welcome.
2. **Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** will be held tonight at the home of Sister Yisan Chieng. Address: 69 Lansdowne Entrance, Canning Vale. Dinner will begin at 6 pm with the meeting starting at 7pm. Please bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome.
3. **University Campus Outreach:** This Thursday, our Church will have a stall at Murdoch University Orientation Day to share the Gospel and welcome students to our Church. Please come down to help between 10am and 2pm.

4. **Welcome Dinner:** This Friday 6:30pm at church there will be a dinner to welcome new students. This will be followed by the program starting at 7:30pm in the downstairs sanctuary where a Gospel message will be preached. If you know students, colleagues, or friends that you would like to invite to a Gospel meeting, please extend the invitation to them.
5. **Junior Sunday School:** The Sunday School Promotion and Award ceremony will be held next Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in the Main Sanctuary. All are welcome to support and encourage the children in their studying of God's Word.

**Sunday School Superintendent:** Brother Mark Heath has stepped down as the Sunday school superintendent due to his ongoing health concerns. The Session has appointed Dn Adrian Cheng as the new Sunday School Superintendent. We would like to thank Brother Mark for the many years of service in this ministry.

6. **Mandarin Church Family Camp (28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March):** Registration closes next Sunday! There will be a children's program at the camp and we encourage parents to bring their young children along. Those who may require transportation to and from the camp site, please see Sister Yi Min. For catering and logistical purposes, day trippers or part timers please register with Sister Yi Min or Sister Ka Yui at the registration table today.

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

*The second is Hope. God's plan for the believer has three parts: Firstly, being saved by believing in the Lord Jesus. Secondly, living a victorious life by His Power. Thirdly, to wait upon the return of the Lord Jesus, by His Power, our vile body will be changed into glory and the Lord will receive us into His Glory. Man has received this great promise, and has this great hope. This joyful hope can transform our lives and realign our thoughts, emotions and wills, spurring us on and causing us not to fear the pain and tribulations on earth.*

**7. Church 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner:** Registration for dinner will commence next Sunday. More details to come next week.

**8. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the UWA outreach last Friday. Pray for the Murdoch (3/3) Orientation Day outreach. May God draw more people to our church to know Him.
- Pray for the care group meeting tonight.
- Pray for brethren to be able to participate in the programs planned for March.
- Pray for the new families who have come to visit the church in the recent weeks.
- Pray for the church, the Session Members and Rev Joseph.
- Continue to pray for Rev James Sun as he prepares to come to BPCWA in March to minister to us at the church's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and as the speaker of the Mandarin church camp.
- 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	28/2 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship	6/3 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Robert Wong/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Jason Tey	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Ruth Wong
Welcomers	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Lee Lee Yong
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng Jason Tey, Yi Choong Liew, Steven Sun Dn Stephen Chia	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia Yan Wei, Alex Luu, Edward Ee
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Shie Tian Wong	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ellainne Cheng
P.A. System	Kenny Chia	Adrian Ng
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow Shuin Ning Jong	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon
JSS Singspiration	Valerie Wan/Kenny Chia	Holy Communion
Toddler Class Assistant	Ellainne/Lydia	Victoria/An Ning
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

### Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth	Hall A: Kenny Tan    Hall B: Allan Ang	Hall A: Caleb Cheng    Hall B: Kenny Tan
Bayswater	Caleb Cheng	Caleb Cheng
Berrington	Edward Ee	Edward Ee

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	1/3	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Elder James Wong, Yung Tsing Mew
Wednesday	2/3	7:30pm	FEBC Online Course Screening: Revelation
Friday	4/3	10:00am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	6/3	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

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (21/2)

Attendance: 202 (Combined-160; JSS-42); Prayer Meeting: 51

Offerings in Total: \$7403.85; General Fund: \$7403.85 (#3996-\$222; #3997-\$31; #3998-325)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: How many persons are there in the godhead?** There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost (Matt 3:16-17; Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14; 1 Pete 1:2); and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory (Ps 45:6; John 1:1; John 17:5; Acts 5:3-4; Rom 9:5; Col 2:9; Jude 1:24-25).