



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

March 6th, 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.

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.

Preparatory Hymn

Claude Yiu

Prelude

Ruth Wong

Call to Worship

Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 14 Come, Thou Almighty King

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 97

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

Hymn

HOP 92 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

HOP 185 According to Thy Gracious Word

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 4:8-14

Hymn

HOP 123 Hover O'er Me, Holy Spirit

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

What Do You Give To Someone Who Has it All?

*Hymn

HOP 304 Am I a Soldier of the Cross?

*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. A job called Father

The father of a believing household has a task not given to other fathers. He is God's appointed head over that particular community and on him rests the authority and responsibility to see that the family be nurtured, instructed, guided and led in the ways of God. We have not forgotten the role of the pastor, but the man on the spot to administer the rule of God from day to day is the father.

The family is a God-ordained unit of society and belongs to a theocracy of believers. Over this unit is our Lord God Creator who has vested His authority in the father. How can the believing father live up to the expectation assigned to him? Naturally, he must have the necessary knowledge to perform the many roles thrust on him:

- a) *Father is pastor.* He must be equipped with sufficient elementary knowledge of Basic Bible Doctrines. As John the Apostle puts it: you have known Him that is from the beginning. He must be able to impart such knowledge simply to his family. He must assume responsibility for the spiritual well-being of its members, and lead them in worship both in the home as well as in Church.
- b) *Father is example.* He must be what he aspires to see in his children. He will fail miserably if he adopts the attitude of "Do as I say but don't do as I do." *Like father like child* is a law which he cannot ignore. His best assurance of success is to strive his uttermost to be like the Master: just, impartial, kind, compassionate, pure, honest, loving, wise, self-sacrificial, forgiving, merciful.

- c) *Father is provider.* Count the cost and make wise provision for the family's needs. Naturally, this calls for diligence and honest hard work.
- d) *Father is protector.* He is responsible for the safety of the family: safety from physical harm and threats from outside, as well as safety from spiritual attacks and subversion by false Christian sects, from apostate movements, etc.

Only a Spirit-filled, Spirit-controlled, Spirit-led man can successfully undertake the job called father.

Lord, give us godly fathers so that we shall have godly children.

2. The world's hardest job

Many a young man plunges into the international sea on the crest of a romantic wave with hardly a care as to what fatherhood involves. With the arrival of babies he gradually awakes to the fact that he was never quite prepared for that sort of undertaking. If someone had given him the "job description" earlier, he could have been better prepared.

Here then is a sample job description for prospective fathers:

WANTED: Christian man to be father of a family.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be a truly born-again believer with knowledge of basic Bible doctrines, to be able to instruct future children. Must be a man of vision, moral strength and character, able to direct a training programme to produce effective future parents like himself. Must conduct his training at all age levels in cooperation with a co-director (female) of his choice, and together to give advice and counsel, and solve interpersonal disputes. Must cope with all problems within the organisation which may arise from time to time, including odd jobs around the house, and emergencies of a domestic nature. Must be available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

PROSPECTS: Good for the right man. In time may well rise to be a grandfather.

PAST EXPERIENCE: Not necessary. Good family background an advantage.

SALARY: Payment will be in terms of children's love, affection, and loyalty, gratitude, with liberal amounts of frustrations, domestic conflicts, childish rebellions and other periodic surprise upheavals.

Now that's some job description! Young men, ponder before you plunge! Surely no other calling is as demanding, as challenging and as heavy in responsibility. But the godly young man who seriously commits himself with his young lady need fear no ill. The prospects of glorious success in raising a wonderful godly family are assured, with God's help.

"[You] can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth [you]" (Phil 4:13).

God bless all readers.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Junior Sunday School:** The Sunday School Promotion and Award ceremony was held this morning at 9am. Thank God for the parents who have been diligently bringing their children to Sunday School and encouraging them in the studying of God's Word.
- 2. Congratulations:** To Dn Adrian and Hui Ling Cheng for the gift of a baby boy, Nathan, born on the 26th of February. Thank God both mother and baby are doing well.

- 3. Mandarin Church Family Camp (28th – 31st March):** Registration closes today. Pray that you do not miss this opportunity to study God's Word. Please register with sister Yi Min or Sister Ka Yii at the fellowship hall after the worship service today. Any queries, please see Brother Adrian Ng.

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

The third is Love. What is Love? It is the manifestation of God's character. God has showered love in our hearts. The vine branches, receiving nutrients from the vine, will naturally bear grapes. From God's love, believers will bear fruit - the fruit of loving God and loving others. Faith, Hope and Love are the three basic virtues in a believer's life, as well as the key prerequisite for a rich and exceeding life. Through learning may we truly understand faith, hope and love. By God's help, may these three virtues be manifested in our lives, in order that our lives will exceed the world, glorifying God and benefiting man.

- 4. Church 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner:** Registration starts today (for three Sundays) after the worship service. Please register with Sister Victoria Lew or Sister Mary Ling at the fellowship hall.

Venue: North Lake BBQ Restaurant, 406 N Lake Rd, Bibra Lake WA 6163

Date: Sunday 27th March 2016 at 6pm.

Cost: \$25 (Adult), \$10 for children under 10 years old.

Menu: Can be viewed at the registration table.

- 5. Seniors' Fellowship:** On the 19th March (Saturday) at 10:30am. Rev Joseph will be speaking. There will be lunch fellowship after the meeting. More details will follow. All are warmly welcome.

- 6. City Evangelism:** In two weeks time (20th of March), our Church will be going to the City to share the gospel. Outreach will begin at 1:45pm with a briefing at Church and conclude with testimonies at 5pm in Church. Please keep this in prayer. If you are interested in being involved but were not registered for the last outreach, please fill in your details on the registration form in the foyer.

7. Please pray and come and join us in the Good Friday, Easter and Church Anniversary programs.

DATE		TIME	PROGRAM
25/3	Fri	7:30pm	Good Friday Worship Service (Holy Communion)
27/3	Sun	7:30am	Easter Sunrise Service at Melville Amphitheatre
		10:00am	Church 30 th Anniversary Thanksgiving Worship Service
		6:00pm	Church 30 th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner

8. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the Sunday School promotion and award ceremony this morning.
- Thank God for the Murdoch University outreach, the welcome dinner and various outreach activities last week. Pray for those non-believers who have come through our church and those who are searching for a spiritual home to worship God. May God draw more people to our church to know Him.
- Pray for the Good Friday, Sunrise and Easter Worship Service at the end of March.
- Continue to 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.
- Continue to pray for camp preparation and brethren willing to join in the camp.
- Pray for the preparation of the church's 30th Anniversary, dinner and the compilation of the magazine.
- 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 grieving or struggling spiritually.
- Pray for spiritual and physical protection in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	6/3 COMBINED - Holy Communion	13/3 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Dn Michael Lee/Sonny Lim
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Ruth Wong	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo Lee Lee Yong	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu Kenny Chia, Yan Wei, Alex Luu Edward Ee	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Adrian Ng Kenny Tan, Terry Chong, Dn Adrian Cheng
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ellainne Cheng	Adrian Ng, Lilian Cheo, Ruth Wong
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	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	Holy Communion	Yung Tsing/Allan
Toddler Class Assistant	Victoria/An Ning	Yi Mey/Mary
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: Kenny Tan	Hall A: Dn Adrian Cheng Hall B: Allan Ang
Bayswater	Caleb Cheng	Allan Ang
Berrington	Edward Ee	Edward Ee

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	8/3	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Caleb Cheng, Karen Ee
Wednesday	9/3	7:30pm	FEBC Online Course Screening: Revelation
Friday	11/3	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	13/3	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 (28/2)

Attendance: 214 (Combined-173; JSS-41); Prayer Meeting: 57

Offerings in Total: \$6252.00; General Fund: \$6252.00 (#3999-\$132.60; #4000-\$70; #4001-\$251; #4002-\$1000)

SHORTER CATECHISM: How doth God execute his decrees? God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence (Ps 148:8; Isa 40:26; Dan 4:35; Acts 4:24-28; Rev 4:11).