



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

March 13th, 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

Dn Michael Lee/Sonny Lim

*Hymn

HOP 10 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 98

Hymn

HOP 409 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 4:15-21

Hymn

HOP 243 I Would Be True

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

Spiritual Parenting

*Hymn

HOP 331 Rise Up, O Men of God!

*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 delinquent Father

“When a young person falls foul of the law look for a delinquent father.” This axiom is not always true but it must cause all fathers to think. Think of Eli the High Priest holding the top position as Judge among the people. Yet in his own house there was a breakdown of parental discipline. His two sons Hophni and Phinehas were profligates (immersed in vice and immorality) of the worst type. They committed gross immorality in the course of their religious duties. Such action betrayed their total depravity and defiance of parents, society, and God. They had lost all common decency. Their conscience was dead.

Now our chief interest is in Eli’s response to his sons’ sins. As any ordinary father he should have taken swift and drastic disciplinary action. As High Priest and Judge, such action should have been taken doubly quick and even more decisive. For the name of the Lord and His honour were at stake. When the son of an ordinary church member offends he injures the good name of Jesus Christ, but with the son of a pastor the damage will be doubly magnified. What did Eli do when he came to learn of his sons’ sins?

Sadly, he did almost nothing. Read his weak and almost apologetic protest in 1 Samuel 2:23-25. Reading between the lines it is evident that here was a father who was afraid of offending his sons, probably an established relationship of many years. Eli was more concerned with pleasing his evil sons than pleasing God. The material gains of the priesthood (from the people’s offerings) and the physical comforts over the years had lulled Eli into a spiritual stupor and dulled his perception. He had fallen into self-deception.

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” (Gal 6:7). Sooner or later, retribution from God will

come. Eli honoured his sons above God. He had failed in his parental duty. In one day all three met their deaths: the sons slain by the Philistines and Eli, on hearing the news, fell back and broke his neck.

A stick in time saves nine. Discipline when young will save many heartaches in later years. Parents, know your responsibilities. Know God's Word. Apply the truth and discipline in love, but start young. The sooner the better.

Above all, be good examples to your children. May the Lord grant us wisdom to know the right and the courage to do it.

2. Bouquets for godly mothers

The role of godly mothers in shaping their children's character and future careers cannot be overestimated. Timothy could look back and thank God for a faithful mother and grandmother. President Ronald Reagan says this of his mother: "Nelle Reagan, my mother, God rest her soul, had an unshakable faith in God's goodness, and while I may not have realised it in my youth, I know now that she planted that faith very deeply in me. She made the most difficult Christian message seem very easy."

Here are a few other testimonies to encourage our mothers:

Abraham Lincoln: All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.

D.L. Moody: All that I have ever accomplished in life, I owe to my mother.

Napoleon Bonaparte: Let France have good mothers and she will have good sons.

Susanna Wesley had seventeen children. One would think that she would have little time left for prayer. Yet she spent an hour each day shut up with God alone in her room, praying for her children. Her two sons, John and Charles, under God, brought revival to England and laid the foundation of the Methodist Church.

The prophet Ezekiel said, "As is the mother, so is the daughter." Like father like son, like mother like daughter. We cannot escape this inviolable law. Inevitably our children will grow up to reflect us like a mirror; good, bad, warts and all. Having experienced many decades of married life, I realise as never before that children's upbringing is a challenge that takes all the manhood and womanhood there is in us, but God's grace enables!

To bring an immortal being into this perilous world, neglect it, allow it to drift without direction, to go where it will, do what it chooses, and one day to see it reap an awesome harvest of delinquency and crime is surely something no one in his right mind will want to do.

And yet thousands in our progressive, permissive society are doing just that.

Godly mothers, godly fathers, may you do your duties well!

Lord, bless all mothers in our church. Make them good and godly.

God bless all readers.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Church 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner:** We warmly invite everyone to join in the thanksgiving dinner to celebrate the church's 30 year milestone. Please register with Sister Victoria Lew or Sister Mary Ling at the fellowship hall. Registration for the dinner closes next Sunday.

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

Date: Sunday 27th March 2016 at 6 pm.

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

Menu: Can be viewed at the registration table.

2. **Seniors' Fellowship:** On the 19th March (Saturday) at 10:30am at Rev Joseph's house (Address: 1/70 Glenelg Street, Mt Pleasant). Rev Joseph will be speaking. There will be lunch fellowship after the meeting. Please kindly bring a dish to share. All are warmly welcome.
3. **Rededication Sunday:** Next Sunday, we will have a special time at the worship service to rededicate our service vow to God. Everyone who is involved in any of the church ministries are encouraged to fill in the form inserted in today's weekly, and participate in the rededication during the service. The completed forms will be collected after the service next week.
4. **City Evangelism:** Next Sunday (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. 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 using the registration form in the foyer.
5. **Mandarin Church Family Camp (28th – 31st March):** Full time and part time campers please note that there will be a camp briefing in the sanctuary immediately after the worship service next Sunday. Payment for camp fees or meals (part timers) are now due and can be paid by cash, cheque or by electronic transfer to the church account BSB:016-268, Account No. 478438319. If you are still interested in coming, please see Brother Adrian Ng or Sister Yi Min at the desk today.
6. **Please pray and come and join us in the Good Friday, Easter and Church Anniversary programs.**

DATE & TIME		PROGRAM
25/3 Friday	7:30pm	Good Friday Worship Service (Holy Communion)
27/3 Sunday	7:30am	Easter Sunrise Service at City Melville Outdoor Amphitheatre. Breakfast in church after the service.
	10:00am	Easter Sunday & 30 th Anniversary Thanksgiving Worship Service
	6:00pm	Church 30 th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner

7. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the beach games outreach and for the new comers yesterday.
- Thank God for the brethren who have organised the university outreaches in the past few weeks.
- Pray for those non-believers who have heard the gospel and for those who are searching for a spiritual home to worship God may settle in our church to learn about God.
- Pray for the Seniors' Fellowship and city evangelism.
- Pray for the Good Friday, Sunrise and Easter Sunday Thanksgiving Worship Service.
- Pray for the Mandarin Camp, spiritual and physical preparation of the speaker Rev James Sun, and the campers.
- Pray for the preparation of the church's 30th Anniversary program 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.
- Continue to pray for Brother Kim Cheo to have a speedy recovery on his feet, and for those who are sick and weak or may be struggling spiritually.
- Pray for safety in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	13/3 COMBINED	20/3 COMBINED - Re-dedication Sunday
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Michael Lee/Sonny Lim	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Lydia Pui
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Dn Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Adrian Ng Kenny Tan, Terry Chong, Dn Adrian Cheng	*Alex Luu, *Allan Ang, Eugene Leong Edward Ee, Yan Wei, Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Adrian Ng, Lilian Cheo, Ruth Wong	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Albert Ho
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 Singspiration	Yung Tsing/Allan	Karen Ee/Terry Chong
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Mey/Mary	Ka Yui/Lilian
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

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

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	15/3	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Allan Ang, Yi Mey Tan
Wednesday	16/3	7:30pm	FEBC Online Course Screening: Revelation
Friday	18/3	10:00am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	19/3	10:30am	Seniors' Fellowship – 1/70 Glenelg Street, Mt Pleasant
Sunday	20/3	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
		1:45pm	City Evangelism
		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 (6/3)

Attendance: 213 (Combined-176; JSS-37); Prayer Meeting: 64

Offerings in Total: \$8111.40; General Fund: \$8111.40 (#4003-Library-\$117.00; #4004-Camp Fees-\$1986.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is the work of creation? The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power (Gen 1:1; Ps 33:6, 9; Heb 11:3), in the space of six days, and all very good (Gen 1:31).