



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

March 27<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.

### 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

Jason Tey

Prelude

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong

\*Hymn

**HOP 23** How Great Thou Art!

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalms 100

Baptism, Reaffirmation and Transfer of Membership

Hymn

**HOP 111** Low in the Grave He Lay

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation

Hallelujah, He Is Risen!

Scripture Reading

Romans 5:12; John 5:24; 1 John 3:14

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev James Sun/Sonny Lim

## From Life To Death and From Death To Life

\*Hymn

**HOP 160** Hallelujah for 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

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My dear readers,

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

## **1. Are your children saved?**

Whose business is it to see that your children are saved: the pastor's or the parents'? The answer is both are responsible but the role of parents comes first! At home, parents, you are in the place of pastors to your children. How soon should parents begin to impart the knowledge of God and salvation to their children? What do you think?

My answer to that is: begin as soon as you begin to communicate with them about other things. Which mother or father has come to consult a doctor, asking, "How old should my child be for us to talk to him?" Is it not a fact that we speak to our newborn babies, as though they understood? Of course they did not at first, but gradually they began to take it in, bit by bit. Did any parent say, "Oh, don't speak too much too soon. The child will be confused!"

Now do you see the point? Just as you coax the child to take her food, to go to sleep, to smile – so you speak to her about praying to Jesus, loving Jesus, etc. Which mother ever ran to the pastor to say, "Please come and sing a lullaby to my child?"

Every mother does it naturally, happily and readily. Then, the next time you do, sing hymns and gospel choruses.

Pray for your child. Sing songs of salvation. The earliest songs that I can remember are the hymns my mother used to sing me to sleep. Even to this day I can recall this one:

## **God Is Always Near Me**

*PP Bliss*

God is always near me,  
Hearing what I say;  
Knowing all my thoughts and deeds,  
All my work and play.

God is always near me  
In the darkest night;  
He can see me just the same  
As by midday light.

God is always near me  
Though so young and small;  
Not a look or word or thought,  
But God knows it all!

Mothers and fathers can play a crucial role in their children's salvation. Start today. Tell them of Jesus' love. Tell them Bible stories. Tell them simply every day, and with fervent prayer. What a blessed ministry you can have, just where you are, in your home.

One day your children will call you blessed!

### **2. Cheating you child**

What father or mother will ever dream of cheating their own child? And yet many well-meaning parents are doing just that. Some parent who is reading these words must wonder what I am driving at. That parents ought to give their children the best in life none will dispute. What is in question is, what is the best?

Many well-intentioned parents believe (and sincerely too) that the best way to love children is to give them whatever they demand and to give in to their every whim and fancy. Nothing is further from the truth. This

sort of parental indulgence is the surest way of producing self-willed, self-centred and self-conceited offspring, who will grow up into social misfits and a disgrace to the parents.

This story comes from China. Loo Ting was being sent to the gallows for armed robbery and murder. For years he had been terrorising the countryside by his crimes and assaults on helpless people, old women and children. Finally the law caught up with him. As the judge passed sentence he asked Loo Ting if he had a request. "Let me speak to my mother." Mother came with tears in her eyes. As she approached, he said, "Mother, what I have to say is only between you and me. Let me whisper it in your ears." Loo Ting then held her close and before she realised what he was doing, he had bitten off part of her ear.

Then to the startled judge and audience in the courthouse, Loo Ting made his last speech. "I am what I am because of my mother. She brought me up to be a thief and robber, to steal and to hurt others. When I was a child she allowed me to do as I pleased. She never corrected or beat me. Whatever I wanted she gave. When I grew up it was too late. Mother did not give me the necessary discipline when I most needed it. I have been cheated."

Parents, indulgence is not love. It is cheating your child. "*He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes*" (Prov 13:24). Let every chastening be just, fair and timely, and tempered with love.

God bless all readers.

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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- 1. Welcome:** We would like to warmly welcome Reverend James Sun, the Pastor of Bethany Christian Church New York, into our midst this morning. Thank God for his safe arrival last Thursday. Rev Sun is our special guest invited to celebrate the church's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He is also the Mandarin Camp speaker.
- 2. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Tea Fellowship:** Today after the worship service. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is warmly invited to celebrate this joyous occasion.
- 3. Thanksgiving Dinner:** Commences 6pm tonight at North Lake BBQ restaurant. Address: 406 North Lake Road, Bibra Lake.
- 4. Mandarin Church Family Camp (28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March):** Camp will start tomorrow at 9:30am. Address: Mandurah Quay Resort, Marina Quay Drive, Erskine WA 6210. Please note that the journey from church to camp site is approximately 45 mins.
- 5. Church Combined Fellowship Meeting:** Will be held this Friday (1/4) at 7:30pm. Rev James Sun will be sharing. Please continue to invite families and friends to listen to God's Word.
- 6. Holy Communion:** Will be conducted next Lord's Day. Please prepare your heart to partake in this holy sacrament.
- 7. Mission to Myanmar:** As a continuing part of BPCWA's missions support for our selected missions work, we will be co-labouring with Bethel BPC at the Myanmar BPC churches once again this year. Do come along on this mission trip to get to know the churches and ministries there. This is a great opportunity to experience personally how we can support and encourage them. The dates are 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> of May 2016. Please see Rev Joseph for further details.

- 8. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** Will be held next Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April at the home of Xiang Yu Wang and Lu Zhang. Address: 46 Parkside Avenue, Mount Pleasant. Rev James Sun will be sharing. Dinner begins at 6pm with meeting starting at 7pm. Please bring a dish to share. We warmly welcome brethren and friends who can understand Mandarin to join.
- 9. Church Photo Session:** There will be a whole church photo taking (in the front lawn of the church) immediately after the worship service next Sunday.

**10. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the safe arrival of Rev James Sun from New York.
- Thank God for the City Evangelism last Sunday.
- Thank God for Good Friday service last Friday, Sunrise, Easter and Thanksgiving Worship Service this morning.
- Continue to pray for those who reaffirmed their faith, transferred church memberships or were baptised this morning.
- Pray for the Mandarin Camp, spiritual and physical protection of the speaker, Rev James Sun, the campers, and journey mercy to and from the campsite.
- Pray for the church's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner tonight 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 health of all the brethren so that they may serve God. Keep in prayer those who are sick and weak or who may be struggling spiritually.
- Pray for safety in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	27/3 COMBINED - 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary / Tea Fellowship	3/4 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev James Sun/Sonny Lim	Rev James Sun/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Jason Tey	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Mark Heath
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng, Jason Tey Yi Choong Liew, Steven Sun, Mark Heath	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia Yan Wei, Alex Luu, Kenny Tan
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ruth Wong
P.A. System	Kenny Chia	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Mew Yung Tsing Julia Sun, Ilhoa Ramachandran	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee
JSS Singspiration	Esther Yiu/Yi Mey Tan	Holy Communion
Toddler Class Assistant	Lee Lee/Victoria	Yi Mey/Ellainne
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

### Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Rev James Sun Hall B: Mark Heath	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Kenny Tan
Bayswater	Mark Heath	-
Berrington	Rev Joseph Poon	Mark Heath

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	29/3	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Mark Heath, Dn Adrian Cheng, Angelina Yong
Wednesday	30/3	7:30pm	FEBC Online Course Screening: Revelation
Friday	1/4	10:00am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm	Church Combined Fellowship Meeting. Speaker: Rev James Sun
Sunday	3/4	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 (Recess) Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont		
6:00pm	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting. Address: 46 Parkside Avenue, Mount Pleasant		

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (20/3)

Attendance: 203 (Combined-170; JSS-33); Prayer Meeting: 55; Good Friday: 171 (Offerings in Total: \$4421.35)

Offerings in Total: \$6901.01; General Fund: \$6901.01

(#4011-\$178.00; #4012-\$129.50; #4013-\$150.00; #4014-\$133.50; #4015-Anniversary Dinner-\$835.00)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What are God's works of providence?** God's works of providence are, his most holy (Ps 145:17), wise (Ps 104:24), and powerful (Heb 1:3) preserving (Neh 9:6) and governing (Eph 1:19-22) all his creatures, and all their actions (Ps 36:6; Pro 16:33).

# CHOIR - HALLELUJAH, HE IS RISEN!

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**1.** Hallelujah, He is risen!

Jesus is gone up on high!  
Burst the bard of death asunder;  
Angels shout, and men reply:  
He is risen, He is risen,  
Living now, no more to die.  
He is risen, He is risen,  
Living now no more to die.

**3.** Hallelujah, He is risen!

Death for aye has lost his sting;  
Christ Himself the Resurrection,  
From the grave "His own" will bring;  
He is risen, He is risen,  
Living Lord and coming King.  
He is risen, He is risen,  
Living Lord and coming King.

**2.** Hallelujah, He is risen!

Our exalted Head to be;  
Sends the witness of the Spirit,  
That out Advocate is He:  
He is risen, He is risen,  
Justified in Him are we.  
He is risen, He is risen,  
Justified in Him are we.

## NOTES

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