



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

April 17th, 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

Kenny Tan

Prelude

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Dn Michael Lee/Sonny Lim

*Hymn

HOP 11 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 102:12-28

Hymn

HOP 135 Standing on the Promises

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 6:1-8

Hymn

HOP 363 Constantly Abiding

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

Christians and Lawsuits

*Hymn

HOP 127 Search Me, O 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 / Daily Remembrancer)

1. Honour thy father and thy mother

Coming from a traditional upbringing, I have observed with amusement (and amazement) some Western young people addressing their parents by their first names. Words like “Daddy” and “Mummy” seem to have been removed from their vocabulary. This sort of practice, I am told, is encouraged by progressive and liberal minded parents. Whatever the truth of the matter, such behaviour to conservative Easterners is disrespectful if not outrageous. Culture aside, it is contrary to Biblical teaching.

At the heart of the Ten Commandments is the Fifth: *“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee”* (Ex 20:12). Honour implies respect to one who rightfully deserves it. Parents deserve respect from children for all that they mean to them. From parents children receive life, loving care and nurture, education and a whole host of good things. Next to God, parents stand in the place of authority – in the place of God – and therefore deserve the highest honour and esteem from their children.

How can children honour their parents? *“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right”* (Eph 6:1). Respect and esteem them highly (even if they are not as well educated as you!) Love them, for they first loved you! Do all these, while parents are alive. Show kindness and love before they are gone, or too old to be able to enjoy your kindness. Give them some of the comforts of life which they lavished on you before.

This story comes from China. In the cold northern winter, houses had no heating. Ming was only seven years old. He lived with his widowed Mother. How he longed to repay Mother for her hard work and tender care in looking after him. An idea came to his little head. “There is not much that I can do

for Mother, but I can warm her bed for her. Then when she comes to bed it will be nice and warm.” So little Ming crept into Mother’s bed between the bed clothes and with his little body he made the bed comfortable and warm. Imagine the lovely reception which Mother got at bedtime! Such a meaningful act warmed not only Mother’s bed but more. It warmed her heart to know that her boy was grateful and appreciative of her love.

Young reader, there are ways of expressing your love for your parents. Doing them honour carries a promise of blessing. Will you act on it?

2. Caring for parents

How should we treat aged parents? In Jesus’ day there were those religious hypocrites who evaded their filial duty by pretending that their money was committed to God’s work and thus they coolly neglected their aged parents. The truly converted Christian would do otherwise, considering the debt he owes to his parents which can never be adequately repaid.

A Chinese proverb says, “When you drink water think of the source.” We owe our success to our parents. We who are well established in life, with good jobs and careers, can look back almost without exception to an earlier day when our parents made us what we are today. Some will recall how fathers sweated and mothers sacrificed in order to send us to school. Think of their unstinting devotion, lavish affection and unceasing concern when we were totally helpless, useless, dependent creatures, more a nuisance than anything else. Yet they showered us with love and kisses, attention and kindness, day after day, year after year, until we left the family nest.

But now they are of no more use to us, more an inconvenience than a source of goodness. Now they are burdensome, troublesome, old and decrepit castoffs, fit to be dumped at some old folks’ home. Is this how we regard aged parents? God forbid! We see Joseph the model filial son. He had been separated from his family for almost 20 years. He had risen to become the Prime Minister of a great country. He had his own family and was comfortably settled. He could well have said, Out of sight out of mind!

Not Joseph! He remained the same loving son. His father had arrived after a long trip. He greeted him with tears and kisses. The same treatment was accorded to his wicked brothers. *“And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father’s household, with bread, according to their families”* (Gen 47:12). Let our sons resolve and aspire to be like Joseph. Surely in this day of return to Biblical Christianity, filial love and piety will also see a revival.

A young graduate in his first year gave half his monthly pay packet to his retired parents. In his second year he presented them with a car. These were merely token repayments of their love. God sees and God repays!

Lord, implant the seed of filial love in my heart.

3. Doing the will of God from the heart” (Eph 6:6)

(Daily Remembrancer August 5, Evening)

GOD’S WILL IS BEST AND PERFECT. To know and to do, is every man’s supreme duty and delight. The will of God concerning a sinner is, that he should believe Him, love Him, obey Him. His will concerning a believer is, that he should reverence His authority, receive His word and observe His precepts. God’s preceptive will revealed in the New Testament is plain, and that is to be the rule of our conduct. Here is a duty to be performed, to do the will of God: to do it, though it excite the opposition of our fellow men, though it cross our natural inclinations. We are to do the Father’s will, to perform the Master’s command, to keep our Sovereign’s laws, to obey our Saviour’s precepts. The manner in which that will is to be done is also pointed out: from the heart. As every evil proceeds from the heart depraved by sin, so every good thing proceeds from the heart *renewed by grace*. *“Doing the will of God from the heart,”* that is, not by constraint but willingly, from the heart, that is, from conviction, from love; we should do it heartily, throwing all our energies into it. Beloved, are you seeking to know the will of God? Are you willing to do it *from the heart*?

Be Christ my pattern and my guide,
His image may I bear;

O may I tread His sacred steps,
And His bright glories share!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Men's Fellowship & Ladies' Fellowship:** Will be held tonight starting with dinner at 6pm. Messages start at 7:15pm with the ladies meeting downstairs. Sister Sharon will be speaking on "Unnamed but not Unknown in Affliction" (Mark 1:29-31). The men will be meeting in the upstairs sanctuary. Rev Joseph will be speaking on "David: One Difference between Men and Women." Mandarin interpretation will be available. All are welcome.
- 2. Church Combined Fellowship:** Is held this Friday at 7.30pm and on the 29th of April. Topic will be "Church History - Denominations". How did denominations come about in the Christian church today? What are the differences? Are denominations divisive, as the Roman Catholic church often says of Protestants? Hence, are denominations bad? If you have ever wondered or have ever been asked such questions, come and learn more at the upcoming combined fellowship meetings. There will be Mandarin interpretation and these sessions are open both to the young and old alike. All are encouraged to attend. Anyone with questions on this topic can submit them to Rev Joseph.
- 3. Lunch Fellowship:** Next Sunday after the worship service we will have our monthly lunch fellowship. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share.
- 4. Mission to Myanmar (26-29 May):** If you would like to go on this short mission trip, please see Rev Joseph for further details. Please note that a visitor visa is required before entering Myanmar.

5. Church Family Camp (3-7 July): This year, the camp Theme is “Sanctified, and Meet for the Master’s Use” taken from 2 Tim 2:21. Venue: Orchard Glory Farm Resort. The camp speaker is Reverend Koshy, the Pastor of Gethsemane BPC in Singapore. All who can understand English, do pray and be prepared to register for the camp.

6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the brethren who have come together to serve at the church busy bee yesterday.
- Pray for God’s preservation and protection to His church and people especially in these end times.
- Pray for tonight’s Men’s Fellowship and Ladies’ Fellowship.
- Pray for Brother Edward Ee’s mother, Mrs Gael Ee to have the assurance of salvation, peace and comfort during this time. May God continue to be with her and the family.
- Pray for the design and compilation of the 30th year thanksgiving magazine. Also pray for the brethren who are writing articles and testimonies. May all honour and glory be unto God.
- Keep in prayer those who have physical infirmities or who may be struggling spiritually to cast all their worries unto God. Pray that through all these trials, they may grow stronger in their faith.
- Pray for the re-development of the Nehemiah House project.
- 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 safety in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	17/4 COMBINED	24/4 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Michael Lee/Sonny Lim	Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lily Liow	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Alex Luu, *Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong Edward Ee, Claude Yiu, Yan Wei	*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	Adrian Ng
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Yung Tsing Mew Julia Sun, Ilhoa Ramachandran	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon
JSS Singspiration	Yung Tsing/Yi Mey	Karen Ee/Kenny Chia
Toddler Class Assistant	Shirlyn/Lilian	Lydia/Ka Yii
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: Mark Heath Hall B: Caleb Cheng	Hall A: Kenny Tan Hall B: Allan Ang
Bayswater	-	-
Berrington	Mark Heath	Allan Ang

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	19/4	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Caleb Cheng, Ruth Wong
Wednesday	20/4	7:30pm	FEBC Online Course Screening: Revelation
Friday	22/4	7:30pm	Church Combined Fellowship: Church History - Denominations
Sunday	24/4	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

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (10/4)

Attendance: 224 (Combined-189; JSS-35); Prayer Meeting: 76

Offerings in Total: \$6012.00; General Fund: \$6012.00

(#4021-Anniversary Dinner-\$260.00; #4022-\$175.40; #4023-209.90; #4024-\$155.00; #4025-\$32.60)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is sin? Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God (Leviticus 5:17; James 4:17; 1 John 3:4).