



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

April 24th, 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

Claude Yiu

Prelude

Sharon Poon

Call to Worship

Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 7 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 103:1-14

Hymn

HOP 237 It Is Well with My Soul

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Hymn

HOP 259 Be Thou My Vision

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

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.

Your Past, Present, and Future

*Hymn

HOP 405 I Am Resolved

*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. Guard your eyes

“O be careful little eyes what you see!

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The Father up above looks down in tender love,

O be careful little eyes what you see!”

This children’s hymn beams an equally pertinent message to adults whose roving eyes (like King David’s) are still a pitfall. *“The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!”* (Matt 6: 22, 23). An evil eye lets the body into a host of trouble – all avoidable if the eye had been single i.e. of sound judgment and able to shut out that which is unwholesome.

In most modern cities, lewd and seductive advertisements, periodicals and commercials battering the eye gates are carried on moving vehicles, large billboards and shop windows. These are largely unavoidable sources of visual pollution. But there are others over which we can and must exercise control. Not to do so is to yield to the lust of the eyes, and one false sensuous look may lead the unwary one down the slippery slope of sin.

The Apostle John’s words apply. *“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in*

him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world” (1 Jn 2:15, 16).

What preventive measures do we have to keep our eyes “single” and pure? *“The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak” (Matt 26:41b).* Pray, therefore! After prayer, make a commitment to God. “Lord I want to be pure for Thy service. Keep my eyes from sinning. Help me to hate sin, and to treat it like a venomous snake.” Then search out all evil, pornographic, obscene books and other seductive materials, and burn them. Finally, beware the TV (or cinema). Let not any child of God invite evil and pollution right into the bedroom or living room. Choose your viewing carefully, and be strong to switch off when you sense the world creeping in.

Parents, children, check on your TV-time! Keep your TV viewing to NEWS, DOCUMENTARIES, EDUCATIONAL AND HISTORICAL FILMS.

Lord, take my eyes and let them be consecrated to Thee.

2. Singing in your heart to the Lord

Christianity is a singing religion, but atheism is songless. It has nothing to sing about. The funeral notices of Robert Ingersoll, the noted agnostic stated, “There will be no singing.” Quite rightly too, for what joy is there for a departed soul bound for hell fire? Without God, without Christ and without hope, infidels , skeptics and atheists truly have no cause for song.

For the Christian there is every reason to sing. The knowledge of sins forgiven and the assurance of a home in heaven must evoke in the believer joyous songs of everlasting praise. Songs of praise to God uplift the believer’s spirit and brighten his life. Men of the world foolishly seek solace in drink. The Apostle admonishes Christians: And be not drunk with wine,

wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord .

Our salvation joy should move us daily to praise God with our voices: in times of loneliness, depression and anxiety, nothing comforts the heart as hymns of heaven and our eternal hope in God. Every circumstance in the Christian's life is an occasion for praise and thanks to God. The believer ought to fill his day with spiritual songs.

Martin Luther said, "Music is a fair and lovely gift of God which has often wakened and moved me to the joy of preaching ...Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honour. My heart bubbles up and overflows in response to music, which has so often refreshed me and delivered me from dire plagues." A hymn a day will refresh us too, and deliver us from a despondent or sharp and sour spirit.

In days of yore, Christian martyrs went to their deaths in the Roman arenas, singing psalms for courage and strength. Thus they faced savage beasts with the full assurance that to be with Christ was far better (Phil 1:23). Such a spectacle alerted the Roman rulers to a new and supernatural force at work, so that even the blood-thirsty spectators were filled with awe.

Heaven is vibrant with the songs of saints and angels praising God for endless days. In heaven, "they sing the song of Moses ... and the song of the Lamb." We shall never stop singing His praises. If so, should we not begin now on earth to fill our hearts with joyous songs of praise?

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,

Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Lunch Fellowship:** Today after the worship service. All are welcome to join.
- 2. Holy Communion:** Will be conducted next Lord's Day. Please prepare your hearts to partake the holy sacrament.
- 3. Condolences:** We extend our deepest sympathy to Brother John and Edward Ee and their family on the passing of their mother, Mrs Gael Ee last Thursday (21 April). May God comfort the bereaved family during this difficult time.
- 4. Church Combined Fellowship:** Church History – Denominations (Part 2) final session continues this Friday at 7.30pm. Do denominations mean confusion in Christianity? Would there be more unity without denominations? Are there any benefits of denominations or should Christianity do away with them? There will be Mandarin interpretation and these sessions are open both to the young and old alike. All are encouraged to attend even if you missed the first session. Anyone with questions on this topic can submit them to Rev Joseph.
- 5. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** will be held next Saturday (7th May) at the home of Brother Kenny and Yi Mey Tan. Address: 11 McLernon Place, South Lake. Elder James will be sharing. The meeting will start at 10:30am followed by lunch fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. All are warmly welcome.

6. Church Family Camp (3-7 July): 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. Come and join the camp to study God’s Word and fellowship with one another. For those working, please apply for your leave early.

7. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the Combined Fellowship Meeting, Men’s Fellowship and Ladies’ Fellowship meeting last week.
- Pray for God’s grace and strength to Brother John, Edward Ee and their family during this difficult time.
- Pray for the students who are working on their assignments and preparation of their examinations in May/June period.
- Pray for the brethren who are going to the Myanmar Mission Trip at the end of May.
- Pray for the preparation of Church Family Camp in July.
- Pray for the design and compilation of the 30th year thanksgiving magazine. Pray for the brethren who are writing articles and testimonies to give honour and glory to God.
- Pray for those who are sick, in silent affliction and those who may be struggling spiritually so that they can be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.
- 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	24/4 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship	1/5 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Lydia Pui
Welcomers	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Mark Heath
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng, Claude Yiu Yi Choong Liew, Steven Sun, Dn Stephen Chia	*Jonathan Woo, *Jason Tey, Kenny Chia Yan Wei, Mark Heath, Kenny Tan
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Shie Tian Wong	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ruth Wong
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon	Yi Min Chieng, Lee Lee Yong Lily Liow, Shuin Ning Jong
JSS Singspiration	Karen Ee/Kenny Chia	Holy Communion
Toddler Class Assistant	Lydia/Ka Yii	Yi Mey/An Ning
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: Kenny Tan Hall B: Allan Ang	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Caleb Cheng
Bayswater	-	-
Berrington	Allan Ang	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	26/4	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Dn Adrian Cheng, Yung Tsing Mew
Friday	29/4	7:30pm	Church Combined Fellowship: Church History - Denominations (Part 2)
Sunday	1/5	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class/ Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class (3:00pm)
		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 (17/4)

Attendance: 204 (Combined-172; JSS-32); Prayer Meeting: 71; Church Combined Fellowship: 118

Offerings in Total: \$7424.40; General Fund: \$7424.40

(#4026-Mandarin Camp-\$85.00; #4027-\$290.80; #4028-\$30.00; #4029-\$122.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created? The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created was their eating the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3:6).