



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

May 1st, 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

Jason Tey

Prelude

Lydia Pui

Call to Worship

Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 2 To God Be the Glory

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 103:15-22

Holy Communion [James, Michael, Adrian, Joel, Stephen, Robert]

Hymn

HOP 91 Rock of Ages

HOP 96 Lead Me to Calvary

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Hymn

HOP 253 I Am Thine, O Lord

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

Christian Liberty

*Hymn

HOP 264 More Holiness Give Me

*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 Family altar in every home

A conspicuous feature of heathen Chinese culture is the prominent family altar. In their superstitious darkness these idol worshippers are mindful not to neglect or displease their deities. While we feel sorry for their ignorance we cannot help but admire their zeal.

Surveying the homes of Christians, conspicuous in most is the absence of a family altar. By this I do not mean a physical structure or a mounted crucifix, but the absence of regular daily Family Worship. The zeal of idol worshippers puts us to shame. Let every Christian home set up its family altar. Let there be Family Worship (FW) every day! Let me give you ten good reasons:

1. FW calls the family together daily to seek the Lord, “for them that honour me, I will honour ...” says the Lord. (1 Sam 2:30) What blessedness and what honour!
2. FW builds firm foundations upon Jesus Christ the Rock of our salvation and our eternal security, so that we shall never fall.
3. FW strengthens bonds and sweetens family ties as nothing else can do.
4. FW is the best means of removing frictions and dissolving misunderstandings within the family.
5. FW equips children spiritually for the day when they leave the parental shelter to face the world on their own.

6. FW sheds abroad the love of God to guests visiting with the family.
7. FW complements the Pastor's ministry and reinforces what has been learnt in Church.
8. FW in one home will encourage other Christians to also make a start in their home and come into a position of blessing. Let us provoke unto love and good works.
9. FW equips us for the tasks of each day and the problems of life which come our way.
10. FW gives spiritual strength to cope with life's disappointments and discouragements, and ensures victory over circumstances.

At Pentecost the new converts had FW daily, *"from house to house ... with gladness and singleness of heart"* (Acts 2:46). King David said, *"As for me, I will call upon God ... Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice"* (Ps 55:16, 17).

God waits to bless your home at Family Worship.

Start today! Don't delay!

2. If the foundations be destroyed

The family is under attack. In many "progressive" communities, the battle is all but lost. Traditional values of marriage and home are assailed from every quarter by Satan's devices disguised as "women's lib", unisex philosophy, homosexual lifestyle, the doingwhat-comes-naturally mentality of our present permissive age. The pressure against Christian homes mounts by the day.

Family fragmentation has assumed more than epidemic proportions. In America men change wives like cars – once every four years. Married

couples hold together only as long as circumstances compel. Marriage is increasingly seen as an outdated and somewhat inconvenient licence for man and woman to live together respectably. Marriage or no marriage, many live together anyway.

In all this social revolution, the media have been more than ready to glamorise the trend while the establishment tacitly connives. Some decades ago it was co-ed cohabitation. This decade - homosexuality. Who is there to voice a protest? Governments and social agencies sense the decay but temporise with stop-gap measures. The established Church (having lost its way) offers only pious platitudes. High Churchmen encourage homosexuals by declaring that AIDs is not a God-sent punishment.

The very foundations of civilisation are being destroyed. Of society at large what can we say or do? The world had long ago killed God's prophets and crucified His Son. To the world we offer no new solution but the Gospel. Our present concern is not with the world, but with the believing Church of Jesus Christ. Believers are under pressure to conform and go with the crowd. The pressures are subtle and unremitting. They are well-nigh irresistible. The believer's home is under siege. What is the answer?

The situation is serious but not hopeless. The night is darkest before the dawn. The current moral corruption is symptomatic of the end times, before our Lord's return. We know that He is in control, and He bids us *"Occupy till I come."* The forces of evil in the world may be overwhelming, but we arise to meet the challenge undaunted, because *"Ye are of God ... and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world"* (1 Jn 4:4).

God bless all readers.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** Will be held this Saturday (7th May) at the home of Brother Kenny and Sister 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.
- 2. Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class:** Will be held at 3:00pm in church today. All who understand Mandarin and are interested in joining the class are welcome. A new series of BBK lessons has just started. If you like to know more about this class, please see Elder James.
- 3. Mother's Day:** Is next Sunday (8th May). We will have a tea fellowship to show our love and appreciation to the mothers in our midst. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. All are welcome.
- 4. Church Family Camp (3rd-7th July):** The camp theme is "Sanctified, and Meet for the Master's Use" which is taken from 2 Tim 2:21. This coincides with our church's theme for the year. The camp site will be at Orchard Glory Farm Resort. Registration will be starting soon, and more details will be available in the upcoming weeks.
- 5. Church Calendar for May:** Please pray and participate in the following program

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
7 th May Saturday	10:30am	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting Address: 11 McLernon Place, South Lake.
21 st May Saturday	10:30am	Seniors' Fellowship
25 th -29 th May Wednesday - Sunday		Myanmar Mission
29 th May Sunday	1:45 - 5pm	Street Evangelism

6. Far Eastern Bible College online courses: Thank God for those who have just completed this semester's courses. The courses for next semester are: Systematic Theology 1: Theism, Daniel and the Gospel of John. A pamphlet describing these courses can be picked up from the foyer table.

7. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the Combined Fellowship Meeting on church history - denominations last Friday.
- Pray for the Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting to be held this coming Saturday morning.
- Continue to pray for the Ee family that the Lord comfort and strengthen them during this time.
- Pray for the health of our elderly brethren that they will be able to worship with us regularly.
- Pray for the students who are preparing for their forthcoming examinations.
- Pray for the brethren who are going to Myanmar for the mission trip.
- Pray for the preparation of the church family camp in July.
- Pray for the design, translation and compilation of the 30th year thanksgiving magazine.
- Pray for those who are unwell in the body, grieving, in silent affliction and those who may be struggling spiritually, that they may be able to draw strength and comfort from God's Word.
- Pray for God's will and leading in re-starting the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service.
- Pray for the re-development of the Nehemiah House project.
- Pray that God will grant employment to those who are searching for a job. May God protect the brethren who are working away or who are travelling.
- Pray for safety in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	1/5 COMBINED - Holy Communion	8/5 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Adrian Cheng/Sonny Lim
Prep Hymns	Jason Tey	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Lydia Pui	Ruth Wong
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Mark Heath	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Jason Tey, Kenny Chia Yan Wei, Mark Heath, Kenny Tan	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Adrian Ng Allan Ang, Dn Stephen Chia, Dn Joel Wong
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Lee Lee Yong, Ruth Wong	Adrian Ng, Lilian Cheo, Ellainne Cheng
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Lee Lee Yong Lily Liow, Shuin Ning Jong	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Mew Yung Tsing Julia Sun, Ilhoa Ramachandran
JSS Singspiration	Holy Communion	Esther Yiu/Yi Jye Chieng
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Mey/An Ning	Yi Jye/Lee Chin
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: Allan Ang Hall B: Caleb Cheng	Hall A: Rev Joseph Poon Hall B: Kenny Tan
Bayswater	-	-
Berrington	Rev Joseph Poon	Rev Joseph Poon

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK			
Tuesday	3/5	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Allan Ang, Yi Mey Tan
Friday	6/5	10:00am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Saturday	7/5	10:30am	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting
Sunday	8/5	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 (24/4)

Attendance: 194 (Combined-163; JSS-31); Prayer Meeting: 67; Church Combined Fellowship: 103
Offerings in Total: \$6586.25; General Fund: \$6586.25

SHORTER CATECHISM: Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression? The covenant being made with Adam (Gen 2:16-17; James 2:10), not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression (Rom 5:12-21; 1 Cor 15:22).