



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

May 8th, 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

Allan Ang

Prelude

Ruth Wong

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Sonny Lim

*Hymn

HOP 5 The God of Abraham Praise

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 104:1-9

Hymn

HOP 279 What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation

HOP 393 All for Jesus

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

Hymn

HOP 284 All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

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.

To Marry Or Not To Marry?

*Hymn

HOP 409 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

*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. Study to teach

Dear parents, as pastors to your families, you must know certain basic doctrines of our historic Christian faith which was once delivered to the saints. Some parent might then say:

“But I am not a theologian. That is the job of the pastor.” Quite right, and yet as a godly parent you will find it stimulating, challenging and edifying to know the basic Christian doctrines. Then you will not be misled or deceived by the false doctrines flooding the world today. It will also equip you to be a better teacher to your family.

Many sincere and loyal Christians in liberal churches are being held captive by false teachings preached by false teachers. This would not have happened if they had known the Word of God well. To such believers our message is John 8:31-32. The loyal disciple must continue in the teaching of our Lord. *“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* (John 8:32). Every believing parent who is well grounded in the truth will not be shackled by erroneous doctrines and practices. Know the truth and the truth shall make you free!

What are the doctrines that parents ought to know? We suggest here a minimum list to which your pastor may wish to add:

DOCTRINES OF GOD, MAN, THE BIBLE, SIN, HEAVEN AND HELL, JESUS CHRIST, HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION, SALVATION, THE NEW BIRTH, THE HOLY SPIRIT, PRAYER, STEWARDSHIP, THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT, APOSTASY IN THE CHURCH, RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST.

Various useful books on these topics are available such as the Westminster Confession of Faith and Shorter Catechism, Theology for Every Christian by Timothy Tow and Jeffrey Khoo. For further advice your pastor should be consulted.

These are perilous days. Every believer must be equipped to face the threats and dangers ahead. The Church of Jesus Christ generally has been subverted. The remaining faithful believers must return to the Word in a new and meaningful way. Study to show thyself approved unto God. Teach yourself to teach others. DO IT YOURSELF!

Your best Teacher is the Holy Spirit.

2. We need godly homes in a godless age

In every age God has His chosen few to stand against the tide. At no time has God been left without faithful witnesses on earth.

In Noah's day, God spared not the old world, but saved Noah and his family. Noah walked with God. By faith he moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith (Heb 11:7).

The days of Noah are upon us. *"For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be"* (Matt 24:38,39).

The spirit of the age is a "replay" of the pre-flood situation; men and women are concerned principally with pandering to one another's physical and carnal appetites. Moreover, we see from Genesis 6 that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every

imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually and the earth was filled with violence. That is so today.

For us believers we have Noah as our example and warning. God has saved us as He had saved Noah and his house. God purchased our salvation at great price, and while we have received it freely – “*by grace ye are saved*” – yet we are not free to live as we please. Our Youth Fellowship’s motto “Saved to Serve” well expresses the role we are called to play.

In the present godless age, every saved person has a vital part to fulfil, as a witness to the faith of the Gospel. Every home where the name of Jesus Christ is named must set up a clear and convincing witness for the Lord. Young couples (and older ones too) are mindful of setting up adequate homes, catering to the physical, material and social needs of its members. Building on the Rock, Jesus Christ, is usually left to the last as an after-thought, or altogether conveniently forgotten.

This sort of neglect is fraught with the gravest peril. “*Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it ...*” (Ps 127:1). Building apart from the Lord and apart from His Word is building on sand – which means “DISASTER AHEAD!” The Church of Jesus Christ must arise. Every believer must resolve and build! The answer to the perils of this present godless age is: EVERY HOME A GODLY HOME!

How godly is your home? What are you doing about it?

God bless all readers.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Mother's Day:** We would like to wish all mothers who are worshipping with us a blessed Mother's Day and thank God for them. "A gracious woman retaineth honour" Proverbs 11:16a. After the worship service, please do stay behind for a special tea fellowship in appreciation of the mothers in our midst.
- 2. Seniors' Fellowship:** is started with the purpose to minister to the spiritual needs and fellowship among the seniors in our midst. It has been our prayer that this fellowship will aid to strengthen the faith of believers and their bond in Christ in their golden years through the preaching and teaching of God's Word. Do come for the upcoming seniors' fellowship meeting on the 21st May (Saturday) at 10.30 am. We also welcome friends and visitors to join us. More details to follow next week.
- 3. Church Family Camp:** The Church Family Camp will take place on the first week of school holidays 3rd to 7th July (Sunday to Thursday) at Orchard Glory Farm Resort. Rev Prabhudas Koshy from Gethsemane BP Church in Singapore will be speaking on the church theme "Sanctified, and Meet for the Master's Use" (2 Timothy 2:21). Registration for Full-time Campers will commence next week (15th May). Apply your leave now to avoid disappointment.
- 4. Far Eastern Bible College online 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.

5. Church Maintenance Updates: Thank God for enabling the following tasks to be carried out last week.

- PA System: Upgrade of the whole church PA system.
- Jarrah balustrade: Has been erected and fixed on both sides of the pulpit stairs.

6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for a blessed Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting held yesterday morning.
- Thank God for the maintenance work that was carried out in the church building last week.
- Pray for the students who are preparing for their forthcoming examinations.
- Pray for Rev Joseph and Sister Sharon Poon with their preparation to Myanmar.
- Pray for the committee members and the preparation of the family camp in July. Pray for the camp speaker Rev Koshy.
- Pray for the design, translation and compilation of the 30th year thanksgiving magazine.
- Pray for God's will and leading in re-starting the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service once a month.
- Pray for the re-development of the Nehemiah House project.
- Pray that God will heal those who are sick, sustain those who are in affliction and struggling spiritually with His grace and strength.
- Pray that God will grant employment to those who are searching for a job. May God protect the brethren who are working away from home and those who are travelling.
- Pray for safety in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	8/5 COMBINED	15/5 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Sonny Lim	Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Ruth Wong	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho	Dn Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Angeline Yong
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Adrian Ng, Allan Ang, Dn Stephen Chia, Dn Joel Wong	*Alex Luu, *Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong, Edward Ee, Claude Yiu, Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Adrian Ng, Lilian Cheo, Ellainne Cheng	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Albert Ho
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	Esther Yiu/Yi Jye Chieng	Yung Tsing Mew/Allan Ang
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Jye Chieng/Lee Chin Yong	Mary Ling/Lydia Chong
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Rev Joseph Poon Hall B: Kenny Tan	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Jason Tey
Bayswater	-	-
Berrington	Mark Heath	Mark Heath

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	10/5	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Elder James Wong, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	11/5	7:30 pm	FEBC Inter Semester Course Screening
Friday	13/5	10:30 am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	15/5	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:00 pm	Mandarin Choir
		12:30 pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Ben Ritcher Lodge – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater (Recess) Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (1/5)

Attendance: 210 (Combined-174; JSS-36); Prayer Meeting: 64

Offerings in Total: \$5885.15; General Fund: \$5885.15 (#4030-\$40-Library; #4031-\$30-Library)

SHORTER CATECHISM: Into what estate did the fall bring mankind? The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery (Genesis 3:16-19, 23; Romans 3:16; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:1).