



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

May 15th, 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

Kenny Tan

Prelude

Karen Ee

Call to Worship

Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 4 Holy, Holy, Holy

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalms 104:10-23

Hymn

HOP 378 My Saviour's Love

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 7:10-16

Hymn

HOP 210 Trust and Obey

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.

The Christian and Divorce

*Hymn

HOP 429 Happy the Home When God Is There

*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 day to remember

The faithful observance of the Lord's Day by Christians as a day for worship and witness is a most powerful safeguard against the decay of Christianity. Each week while the world indulges in Sunday sports and pleasure, God's people assembling together signifies that the Church of Jesus Christ lives on. Neglect and desecration of this Holy Day is always followed by the withdrawal of God's blessing.

Let us take a look into history. When Israel forgot her Sabbath, the Lord brought upon the nation the Babylonian invaders who carried the people into exile under Nebuchadnezzar. When France forgot her Sabbath, and replaced it with another day of worship, the nation went under the iron heel of Napoleon. When England forgot her Sabbath, the nation suffered severe chastisement and a time of blood, sweat and tears.

Some years ago, an alarming increase in juvenile crimes prompted the Federal Bureau of Investigation to call upon the churches of America to use the Sabbath Day for the saving of the country's youth. Said J. Edgar Hoover, "As a law enforcement officer, I am certain that unless children are given the opportunity of participating in the activities which have God as their fundamental objective, we cannot hope to materially reduce crime in our country."

Is the Lord's Day a delight to you? God's Word has promised: *"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor*

finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, ...” (Is 58:13, 14).

How then should Christians spend their Lord’s Day? On this Holy Day, let all believers honour the Lord by worship (at morning and evening services), by witness, by acts of mercy, and works which bring glory to the Saviour’s name. All selfish amusement, pleasure and worldly activities should be avoided. Secular work, business deals, etc, should never intrude into the sanctity of the Lord’s Day.

“This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it” (Ps 118:24).

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Ex 20:8).

The Lord’s Day is holy of the Lord. May the Lord help us keep to His Day for blessing.

2. The blessed Lord’s Day

The Lord’s Day (sometimes called the Christian Sabbath) is the name given to the first day of the week by the Apostle John when the Lord Jesus appeared to him on the Isle of Patmos (Rev 1:10). It is the day of worship observed by the Christian church from the first century, marking a shift from the seventh day or Jewish Sabbath (a day still observed by Jews and Seventh Day Adventists).

Christians observe the first day of the week because on this day our Lord rose from the dead and appeared to the disciples. On this day also the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost. Therefore the day is doubly precious to Christians. On this day early Christians gathered for worship (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:2) and for the breaking of bread.

The Lord's Day should be observed by Christians as "holy unto the Lord." Observed in the right spirit, the day is a blessing and not a burden. Our attitude towards the Lord's Day is a measure of our love for Him. If our heart and mind are filled with thoughts of the Lord we shall approach each Lord's Day with joyous expectancy, like Mary Magdalene.

Mary loved the Lord her Saviour. Her devotion is recorded for our example by John the apostle. "*The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark...*" (Jn 20: 1) looking for Jesus at the sepulchre. Every believer who truly loves the Lord will have the same spirit, the same longing and expectancy of meeting with Him and His people in the House of Prayer, *on His Day*.

Children often are more excited about the Lord's Day than grown-ups. Little Michael, aged seven, loved to assemble his "Sunday best", clothes and shoes, by Saturday night. "Tomorrow is Sunday School. Mummy, please give me my offering money." My own practice is to have an early night on Saturday, and not to accept social appointments, so that one's whole attention and energies may be focused on the Lord's Day's worship and service.

May we love the Lord's Day as a day of thanks to the Lord for our redemption and as a foretaste of our eternal rest in Him.

Day of all the week the best;
Emblem of eternal rest!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Seniors' Fellowship:** on the 21st May (Saturday) at 10.30 am at Sister Yung's house (*Address: 5 Dangerfield Grove, Canning Vale*). Maps to the venue will be provided on the foyer table. Transport to the venue from church is available upon request. Rev Joseph will be speaking, followed by lunch fellowship after the meeting. Please kindly bring a dish to share. All are warmly welcome.
- 2. 10 am Junior Singspiration:** normally held upstairs will no longer be held from June onwards. Children will join the main worship service with their parents to worship together before their Sunday School classes each Sunday.
- 3. City Evangelism:** please prepare your heart to serve in the City Evangelism on Sunday 29th May 2016. We will be going to the Perth city malls to share the Gospel. If you would like to learn more about how to evangelise and join this outreach, please see Dn Adrian or one of the Evangelism committee members.
- 4. 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 today in the Fellowship Hall. More details are available at the Registration Desk. Register early to avoid disappointment.
- 5. Far Eastern Bible College online 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.

6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for another week in the running of various ministries and service for the Lord.
- Thank God for the freedom to worship Him freely.
- Thank God for physical and spiritual protection He gives us each day.
- Pray for the church leaders to serve God faithfully as good stewards.
- Pray for our own personal spiritual walk with the Lord.
- Pray for Rev Joseph and Sister Sharon Poon as they prepare to go to Myanmar.
- Pray for the students who are preparing for their forthcoming examinations.
- Pray for the planning committee with the preparation of the July camp. Also 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 restarting the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service once a month.
- Pray for the redevelopment of the Nehemiah House project.
- Pray that God's great grace be upon those who are sick, struggling spiritually or suffering from persecution for the Lord.
- 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 to those who are travelling.
- Pray for safety in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	15/5 COMBINED	22/5 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Kenny Tan	Jason Tey
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Dn Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Lee Lian Yong	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Alex Luu, *Kenny Tan Eugene Leong, Edward Ee Claude Yiu, Dn Michael Lee	*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	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng Christine Chia, Ming Ming Th'ng Mable Soon	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee
JSS Singspiration	Yung Tsing Mew/Allan Ang	Karen Ee/Yi Mey Tan
Toddler Class Assistant	Mary Ling/Lydia Chong	Lee Lee Yong/Ka Yii Yip
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

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

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	17/5	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Dn Adrian Cheng, Sharon Poon
Wednesday	18/5	7:30 pm	FEBC Inter Semester Course Screening: Leviticus
Friday	20/5	10:00 am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	22/5	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
		12:15 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 (8/5)

Attendance: 215 (Combined-182; JSS-33); Prayer Meeting: 57
Offerings in Total: \$6311.60; General Fund: \$6311.60 (#4032-\$314.50)

SHORTER CATECHISM: Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell? The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin (Ro 5:12, 19), the want of original righteousness (Ro 3:10; Eph 4:24), and the corruption of his whole nature (Ps 51:5; John 3:6; Ro 3:18; 8:7-8; Eph 2:3), which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it (Gen 6:5; Ps 53:1-3; Matt 15:19; Ro 3:10-18, 23; Gal 5:19-21; James 1:14-15).