



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

May 22nd, 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

Sharon Poon

Call to Worship

Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 8 Now Thank We All Our God

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 104:24-35

Hymn

HOP 355 Jesus Is All the World to Me

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 7:12-16

Hymn

HOP 28 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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.

The Christian In The Marriage

*Hymn

HOP 247 Make Me a Channel of Blessing

*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. The world's first institution

The marriage partnership is the oldest institution in the world, instituted of God. Together with it He also laid down instructions for its proper usage. However, men in rebellion have ignored His instructions and by their own devices have made marriage the most abused institution in the world.

“For maximum safety and satisfaction, follow manufacturer’s directions.” What applies to products and appliances applies equally to marriage. Our Divine maker intends for all users to know the rules governing marriage.

1. Marriage is a divine institution. Men did not invent it. God did. Therefore marriage is a sacred institution not to be entered into “unadvisedly, lightly or wantonly, but reverently, discreetly, soberly, and in the fear of God.”
2. In marriage, man is the head, because man was made first and woman was made from man. Nevertheless, the two are complementary to each other.
3. Marriage is a one-to-one partnership i.e. monogamy. Polygamy is a violation of the institution.
4. Marriage is a union between a man and a woman. Any other partnership is abnormal.
5. Marriage is for life. Two individuals in marriage become “one flesh,” a basic unit of society. *“What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder”* (Matt 19:6).

6. Marriage alone allows the legitimate expression of sexuality. Outside of marriage all sex activity is contrary to God's law.

Modern man has distorted the whole concept of sex as something purely physical (e.g. hunger and thirst) to be satisfied as and when he chooses without regard to God's law. Thus he sees himself no different from an animal as far as the sex drive is concerned. Believing this to be true, he sees nothing wrong in any form of sexual activity. Out of this philosophy has arisen all sorts of abnormal practices and movements (which are basically violations of the marriage institution and antiGod).

Born again believers who acknowledge the Creator God and submit to His righteous law clearly recognise the foul and abominable nature of premarital and extramarital sex, homosexuality, bestiality (sex with animals), polygamy (having more than one wife, promiscuity (loose and multiple sex partners), pornography (visual sex, commercialised).

"Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Ex 20:14).

2. No magic in marriage

In that most intimate, loving and lasting bond, marriage, is embodied a profound spiritual truth. Two persons have become one flesh.

This bond may be severed by only two things: death and sin. In either case there is deep and agonising pain. For the believing couple, it is their fulfilment and greatest joy to "live together according to God's holy ordinance, till death us do part." But beyond death is the glorious hope of the resurrection.

Sin in its varied forms may threaten to disrupt the marriage bond. When believing couples, because of sin, neglect their "love-submission"

relationship the bond will be strained. Our Lord puts His finger on the pulse and gives us the diagnosis: men divorce their wives because of the “hardness of their hearts.” Their evil eye has strayed and their heart is sold to another. Conveniently they forget their former ardour and solemn vows. Excuses and pretexts confuse the issue. They blame it on Siamese black magic, Malay bomoh’s charms, and occult forces.

But our Lord says: it is the hard stony unfeeling heart, now turned against their first love.

Why? They consider only their own lust and pleasure, without regard to their wives’ feelings. The result is a rising tide of divorce threatening the marriage institution. Modern lifestyle with commercialisation of flesh and sex, hardens the heart, and fans the flames of adultery, burying every fourth marriage in America in the ash-heap of divorce.

A most alarming trend is the casualty rate among professing Christians and pastors. Truly the end time disease of Sodom and the days of Noah have returned. But the plague can be halted. Men and women must return to the Lord. Read 1 Peter 3 again. We need godly wives, adorned not like Hollywood stars but with a meek and quiet homely spirit of purity, subjecting themselves to their husbands. Not by dizzy merriment but by faithful devotion to the things of God can wives receive due honour.

Husbands, recall your first love and your marriage vows which you exchanged with the one who gave up her all to follow you. To her, render honour and grateful devotion as due to the weaker vessel (who depends so much on you). Above all else, think of this: Can I let my Lord down? He depends on me to uphold the honour of His name. I must!

Lord, give me a tender loving heart of flesh.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour’s Service,

Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Myanmar Mission:** Rev Joseph and Sister Sharon Poon will be away on a short mission trip to Myanmar from the 24th to 29th of May. May God grant them journey mercies and continue to pray for their ministry in Myanmar.
- 2. Lunch Fellowship:** next Sunday after the Worship Service we will be having our monthly lunch fellowship. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share.
- 3. 10 am Junior Sunday School Singspiration:** will no longer be held from June onwards. Children will join the main worship service with their parents before going to their Sunday School classes.
- 4. City Evangelism (29th May):** next Sunday we will be going to the Perth city malls to share the Gospel. Please prepare your heart to serve. We will meet at church at 1:45 pm for a short briefing before heading to the city. The outreach will conclude at 5pm in church with testimonies.
- 5. Church Family Camp Registration Closing:** please submit your registration forms and fees by next Sunday, 29th May 2016 to secure your spot for this year's camp. Part-time (including Day-trippers) registration forms are now available at the Registration Desk. Please note that all registration will be closing next Sunday as numbers need to be submitted to the campsite. More details are available at the Registration Desk.

6. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for a blessed Seniors' Fellowship yesterday.
- Thank God that we can serve Him with the gifts that God has given us.
- Pray for Rev Joseph and Sister Sharon Poon's ministry in Myanmar.
- Pray for wisdom for the Church Session as they serve the Lord.
- Pray for City Evangelism next Sunday.
- Pray that we will be kind and loving towards one another and show hospitality to the new comers in our midst.
- Pray for the camp 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 the students who are preparing for their forthcoming examinations.
- 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's grace be upon those who are sick, struggling spiritually or suffering from persecution for the Lord.
- Pray that God will provide for the brethren who are searching for a job. May God protect the brethren who are working away from home and those who are travelling.
- Pray for physical and spiritual safety in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	22/5 COMBINED	29/5 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Elder James Wong/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Michael Lee/Dn Joel Wong	Robert Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng
Prep Hymns	Jason Tey	Adrian Ng
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Angeline Yong
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng Jason Tey, Yi Choong Liew Steven Sun, Dn Stephen Chia	*Alex Luu, *Adrian Ng Yi Choong Liew, Eugene Leong Eddie Foo, Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Shie Tian Wong	Yi Choong Liew, Lee Lee Yong Li Xin Cheo
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Kenny Chia
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng Lily Liow, Shuin Ning Jong
JSS Singspiration	Karen Ee, Yi Mey Tan	Valerie Wan/Yi Jye Chieng
Toddler Class Assistant	Lee Lee Yong/Ka Yii Yip	Lee Lian Yong/Victoria Lew
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Mark Heath (Sharon Poon)	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)
South Perth	Hall A: Kenny Tan Hall B: Allan Ang	Hall A: Yew Jinn Chieng Hall B: Caleb Cheng
Bayswater	-	-
Berrington	Edward Ee	Yew Jinn Chieng

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	24/5	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Mark Heath/Dn Joel Wong, Kenny Tan, Ruth Wong
Wednesday	25/5	7:30 pm	FEBC Inter Semester Course Screening: Leviticus
Friday	27/5	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	29/5	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
		1:45 pm	City Evangelism
		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 (15/5)

Attendance: 211 (Combined-174; JSS-37); Prayer Meeting: 61

Offerings in Total: \$8169.75; General Fund: \$8169.75 (#4033-\$372.70; #4034-\$145.00; #4035-\$79.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell? All mankind by their fall lost communion with God (Gen 3:8; 24; John 8:34, 42, 44; Eph 2:12; 4:18), are under his wrath (John 3:36; Rom 1:18; Eph 2:3; 5:6) and curse (Gal 3:10; Rev 22:3), and so made liable to all miseries in this life (Gen 3:16-19; Job 5:7; Ecc 2:22-23; Rom 8:18-23), to death (Eze 18:4; Rom 5:12; 6:23) itself, and to the pains of hell forever (Matt 25:41, 46; 2 Thess 1:9; Rev 14:9-11).