



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

June 5th, 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.

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.

Preparatory Hymn

Claude Yiu

Prelude

Ruth Wong

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 17 All Creatures of Our God and King

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 105:11-25

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

Hymn

HOP 100 The Old Rugged Cross

HOP 99 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 7:17-27

Hymn

HOP 406 Take My Life and Let It Be

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng

Abide In Your Calling

*Hymn

HOP 393 All for Jesus

*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 unequal yolk

The essence of the marriage bond is a fusion or union of two individuals. “The two shall be one flesh.” The union is not only physical but psychological and spiritual as well. The mutual attachment and affection between husband and wife causes a convergence of likes and dislikes, of outlook and ambition, of ideological and spiritual persuasion. After a time the two think as one, speak as one and act as one.

One of the problems faced by some Christian young people is: May a believer date someone who is an unbeliever (or a Roman Catholic)? Simply going out in itself is harmless enough, but the questioner obviously has the ultimate objective of marriage in mind. God’s Word is positively against “mixed marriages” i.e. marriage between believers and unbelievers. God forbade the Israelites to marry outsiders *“For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: ...”* (Deut 7:4).

In a mixed marriage there is a conflict of loyalties, a contest of affection: it is either God or spouse. An unbelieving spouse has become a “god”, an object of affection. God says *“I the LORD thy God am a jealous God”* (Ex 20:5). He will not tolerate competition from any person or thing. Our love for Him must be exclusive and total. We must love Him with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. An unbelieving spouse makes this impossible.

Moses forbade the children to yoke an ox with an ass. The two are mutually incompatible in size, strength and temperament. To yoke

them together was simply creating an unhappy and impossible situation, and sooner or later the partnership must end. The Apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Corinth warning them against the unequal yoke in marriage. It is simply not right for a Christian to be yoked to a non-Christian in marriage. To do so is to ask for trouble.

Listen to someone who made such a mistake: “John accompanied me to Church regularly and showed keen spiritual interest. He promised to become a Christian after our marriage. Eight years have passed and he has not believed, neither has he attended Church. He has nothing but ridicule and bitterness toward the Gospel. Our children are torn between two loyalties. I never knew there would be such troubles. If only I had obeyed the Scriptures. Why didn’t someone warn me earlier?”

Believer, flee the unequal yoke!

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” (Amos 3:3)

This is written specially with our young unmarried believers in mind, in particular some who are dating unbelievers and Roman Catholics, or members of liberal, charismatic and new evangelical churches (who hold different and unscriptural doctrinal beliefs and persuasions). For you, the future is fraught with risks.

It may be that you are being almost helplessly attracted to someone. It might even have been “love at first sight” and you are almost convinced that you have found your ideal life partner, but for that little nagging difference of faith. You know that there isn’t the same persuasion, the same stand of separation from unbelief, the same commitment to God’s infallible word. But the thrill and eagerness of “first love” minimises the differences and obstacles. Perhaps the other person will come round to your beliefs. Perhaps!

A word of caution and advice. Make haste slowly! Count the cost before you take the plunge. Getting married is not like buying a car. Once “hitched” you cannot simply say “Take it back. It’s not what I want.” Remember Samson. He was guided by his carnal instinct. Delilah was beautiful, captivating and desirable. He got her, and fell into a snare from which there was no escape. He paid dearly – with his life.

Marriage is serious business. Your first “heart-throb” is not necessarily the one that God has in mind for you. If you realise that our Heavenly Father is deeply interested and concerned about whom you marry, then you will want to commit your way to the Lord. Once you have grasped this truth, all sense of anxiety and haste will be allayed. Then you may relax and say, “Lord, please take charge. Guide me, and lead me to the right person, the one of your choice.”

Read Psalm 37:4, 5 again. The promise of God’s word is most assuring. The Lord will give you the desires of your heart; He will bring it to pass. But you must first delight in the Lord and commit your way to Him. Resolve to glorify the Lord in your marriage. The Biblical portrayal of marriage is that of the church united with Christ. It is a most beautiful picture of the redeemed and the Redeemer, the purified believers and the Saviour united in a perfect bond, sealed and sanctified by His own precious blood.

Marriage is much more than physical!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** will be held tonight at the home of Edward and Joanne Teng. Address: 2 Stowe Gardens, Aubin Grove. Elder James will continue to share on the series (part 3) taken from Gospel of John, *'Jesus said, "I am..."'* Dinner starts at 6 pm with the meeting starting at 7 pm. Please bring a dish to share. We warmly welcome everyone to come and learn God's Word and have fellowship with one another.
- 2. Church Family Camp:** is less than a month away. Join us in praying for the camp speakers, camp committee and all campers. Please see Brother Pei Chai or Brother Kenny Tan, if you (Full-Time, Part-Time or Day Trip) are still interested in attending the camp.
- 3. Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship:** will be held on Sunday the 19th of June. Details to follow next Sunday.
- 4. Children's Holiday Bible Program:** will be held from Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th July from 9 am to 12 pm on the week after church camp. This will be for children ages 3 to 12. The theme for this year will be on "Christian Courage and Companionship". This will be a great time of feeding on God's Word and cultivating Christian friendships for your children. Flyers will be available next week for children to invite their school friends.
- 5. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for His protection during City Evangelism last Sunday. May God use the witnessing and handing out of gospel tracts to bring unbelievers to Christ.

- Thank God for preserving Uncle Seethor Weng and Brother Stephen Cheng. Please continue to pray for their health and that their faith in God will be deepened even when they are unwell.
- Thank God for bringing Rev Joseph and Sister Sharon safely back to Perth and continue to pray for the work in Myanmar.
- Pray for the Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting tonight.
- Pray for Australia Federal Election in July, that God will put the right party in government so that churches can continue to worship God and evangelise in this country freely.
- 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 having examinations.
- 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 those who are sick or struggling spiritually.
- Pray for the brethren who are still searching for a job. May God's protection and grace be with 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	5/6 COMBINED - Holy Communion	12/6 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong	Dn Michael Lee/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Ruth Wong	Lydia Pui
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Mark Heath	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia Yan Wei, Mark Heath, Kenny Tan	*Claude Yiu, *Albert Ho, Adrian Ng Allan Ang, Dn Stephen Chia, Dn Joel Wong
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ellainne Cheng	Adrian Ng, Lilian Cheo, Ruth Wong
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew Yung Tsing Mew, Julia Sun Illhoa Ramachandran	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Mey Tan/Shirlyn Lee	Mary Ling/Victoria Lew
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Yew Jinn Chieng (Karen Ee)	Yew Jinn Chieng (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Rev Joseph Poon Hall B: Allan Ang	Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Kenny Tan
Bayswater	-	-
Berrington	Mark Heath	Yew Jinn Chieng

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	7/6	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Dn Joel Wong, Yi Mey Tan
Wednesday	8/6	7:30 pm	FEBC Inter Semester Course Screening: Leviticus
Friday	10/6	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180*/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	12/6	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class/Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class (3:00 pm)
		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 (29/5)

Attendance: 214 (Combined-173; JSS-41); Prayer Meeting: 57

Offerings in Total: \$5628.35; General Fund: \$5628.35 (#4042-Library-\$40; #4043-\$279.25; #4044-\$317)

SHORTER CATECHISM: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect? The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim 2:5-6), who, being the eternal Son of God (Ps 2:7; Matt 3:17; Matt 17:5; John 1:18), became man (Isa 9:6; Matt 1:23; John 1:14; Gal 4:4), and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever (Acts 1:11; Heb 7:24-25).