



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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

Lydia Pui

Call to Worship

Dn Michael Lee/Kong Vui Yip

\*Hymn

**HOP 2** To God Be the Glory

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalms 105:26-36

Hymn

**HOP 21** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 7:25-40

Hymn

**HOP 405** I Am Resolved

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 Difference Between Being Single and Married

\*Hymn

**HOP 408** Give Me Thy Heart

\*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

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My dear readers,

*(Excerpts from Building Firm Foundations, Dr SH Tow).*

## 1. Before you plunge in!

Whether Christian or not, marriage is for keeps, for the Maker knows best. He made us that way, to function best on a one-to-one partnership on a life-long basis. So we repeat, for best results refer to the Maker! Marriage is not simply physical, not just for the satisfaction of the flesh and its biological urge. It is far more, and our Maker has clear guidelines for us to follow. Believers would do well to ponder carefully the spiritual meaning of marriage before they “take the plunge.” This will save many a future breakup – so often foreseeable and avoidable.

The modern outlook focuses mainly on the physical and biological elements of marriage. In the words of Samson, “*Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well*” (Judges 14:3). He saw, he was attracted and he proposed. But, alas, the physical component of sex is shallow, fickle and fleeting. Beauty and excitement quickly wear thin and demand for a change. To cope with this sort of expectation in America, some marriages are legal contracts with built-in conditions for separation. The stage is set for divorce even before marriage has begun!

To the Christian believer, the marriage bond is permanent. The two become one flesh, a life-long fusion. Marriage is a picture of the relationship between Christ and His Church, which is loving, sacrificial and permanent. “*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; ... So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself*” (Eph 5:25, 28). The church is the complement of Christ, like the bride is to the bridegroom. It is a beautiful, almost mystical, relationship of love, in which the Lord Himself has a part. It is aptly expressed thus: Each for the other, both for the Lord.

When two believers in love understand these basic elements of the marriage bond, and together commit their lives to the Lord, then there need be no place for polygamy, adultery, extramarital adventures or divorce.

Courting couples should therefore carefully weigh all the factors before plunging into the matrimonial sea.

Lord, strengthen me for a life-long partnership to glorify Thy name.

## **2. Abortion and contraception**

In the west the doctrine of “free love” and permissive sex (now spreading rapidly to the East) has caused an epidemic of illegitimate pregnancies. In some communities the number of unwed mothers is catching up with married ones, and abortions outnumber live births. Abortion on demand being freely available has emboldened sex-crazy youths to lust like the inhabitants of ancient Sodom.

We shall briefly consider the place of abortion and contraception in the light of Biblical teaching. Abortion or the termination of foetal life before viability (maturity) has been legalised in most western countries, so-called “abortion on demand” to get rid of unwanted pregnancies. This practice is permitted mainly for socioeconomic reasons. The Bible clearly forbids it. *“Thou shalt not kill.”* Abortion is killing.

Contraception or birth control to regulate the arrival of babies by married people needs no debate. To forbid it on religious grounds is without Scriptural support, although it may be enforced in the name of the Church or some human authority. In the medically-advanced West birth control clinics have mushroomed in many communities to stem the rising tide of teenage pregnancies. Any young person can obtain advice, knowledge, pills and appliances for birth control, without parental consent or knowledge.

While this may reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies, it has bred a new generation of youngsters who regard sex as a physiological need (like eating and sleeping) or some sort of recreational activity. This phenomenon is spreading throughout the world as an ominous sign that the *“days of Noah”* are with us, or a re-run of Sodom and Gomorrah. The writing is on the wall: our Lord’s return is near, even at the doors, for the Judgment Day is at hand. Read Matthew 24:37-39.

Parents, warn your children! Young people be holy and undefiled, looking for our Blessed Hope! Behold, He comes!

Are you living a pure and holy life for God?

But fornication and all uncleanness, let it not be once named among God's people.

### **3. Walk circumspectly (Eph 5:15)**

*(Daily Remembrancer 14 January)*

“BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT WALKETH NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE UNGODLY.” We walk in enemy territory, surrounded by temptations. Our hearts are deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. To honour Jesus in our spirit, communications, and every action, should be our constant aim. We are to live unto the Lord, for Him who died for us and rose again. To this end, provision was laid up in the everlasting covenant; for this purpose the precious promises were made, and with this design the Holy Spirit is given, that we may serve Him in righteousness and holiness all the days of our life. This world is not our home; Satan's family are not to be our associates; riches, honours, or pleasure, are not to be our objects; we are to *walk* as in the midst of snares, ever watchful, prayerful, depending upon Jesus, and cultivating fellowship with Him. O reader, keep your eyes on Jesus as your example; *walk* by His word as your rule; be not venturesome or presumptuous and avoid the very appearance of evil. Never leave the Lord's ways or ordinances to join the world's parties or to please a carnal fancy. Keep close to Jesus and follow on to know the Lord. *Walk* as a loving child going home to his Father's house.

So let our lips and lives express  
The holy Gospel we profess;  
So let our works and virtues shine,  
To prove the doctrine all divine.

God bless all readers.

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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- 1. Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship:** will be held next Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, starting with dinner at church at 6 pm. Messages start at 7:15 pm with the ladies meeting downstairs. Sister Sharon will be speaking on "A Valuable Lesson On Loving Christ" (Luke 7:36-50). The men will be upstairs with Rev Joseph speaking on "David: Man Dealing With Vengeance". Mandarin interpretation will be available. All are welcome.
- 2. Church Family Camp (3-7 July):** Camp briefing will be held next Sunday after worship service (19<sup>th</sup> June). All campers are requested to attend. For further details, please see Brother Kenny Tan.
- 3. Children's Holiday Bible Program (11-13 July):** is for children from ages 3-12. The theme for this year will be on "Christian Courage and Companionship". Registration begins today until 26<sup>th</sup> June at the fellowship hall. Flyers are now available on the the foyer table for children to invite their school friends.
- 4. Car Park:** As we have an increased number of worshippers and children around the church, please take care and drive slowly when leaving the car parks. If your car is parked and blocking other cars from leaving please repark your car after the worship service. A car park register in the foyer has been set up to help identify car owners where necessary. Please kindly add your car by going to <http://bpcwa.org.au/carpark>
- 5. Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses:** for next semester are Daniel, Gospel of John and Systematic Theology 1, Theism. Pamphlets are available at the foyer table. If you would like to take any of these courses please fill out the form and hand it to Mark Heath with the course fees (\$80 per course).
- 6. Family Seminar:** Rev Dr Koshy will be conducting a Family Seminar during his upcoming visit to BPCWA. This seminar focuses on Biblical parenting to meet the challenges of Christian parenting in our age. The seminar will be conducted over 2 days: 1) A full day session on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2) Afternoon session on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a program for the children during these sessions. All worshipers and friends are welcome to attend these meetings. More details will follow in future weeks.

## **7. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for a blessed Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting last Sunday evening.
- Thank God for seeing all the ministries through last week and granting all the strength to serve Him faithfully.
- Thank God for the completion of the PA upgrade.
- Pray for the Australian Federal Election in July that God will put the right party and candidates in government.
- Continue to pray for the preparation of the July camp and children holiday program.
- Continue to pray for the design, translation and compilation of the 30<sup>th</sup> year thanksgiving magazine.
- Pray for the students who are having examinations.
- Continue to uphold Uncle Seethor Weng, Brother Stephen Cheng and Mrs Irralee Arnott in prayer. Also pray for those who are sick or struggling spiritually.
- 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 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	12/6 COMBINED	19/6 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Michael Lee/Kong Vui Yip	Elder James Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng
Prep Hymns	Allan Ang	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Lydia Pui	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Albert Ho	Dn Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Lily Liow
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Claude Yiu, *Albert Ho, Adrian Ng Allan Ang, Dn Stephen Chia, Dn Joel Wong	*Alex Luu, *Kenny Tan, Eugene Leong Edward Ee, Yan Wei, Dn Michael Lee
Ushers	Adrian Ng, Lilian Cheo, Ruth Wong	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan
P.A. System	Caleb Cheng	Albert Ho
Kitchen Duties	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow Shuin Ning Jong
Toddler Class Assistant	Mary Ling/Victoria Lew	Ellainne Cheng/Lee Lee Yong
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

### Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Yew Jinn Chieng (Ruth Wong)	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)
South Perth	Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Kenny Tan	Hall A: Caleb Cheng Hall B: Jason Tey
Berrington	Yew Jinn Chieng	Edward Ee

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	14/6	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Elder James Wong, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	15/6	7:30 pm	FEBC Inter Semester Course Screening: Leviticus
Friday	17/6	10:00 am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	19/6	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: Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont
		6:00 pm	Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (5/6)

Attendance: 231 (Combined-194; JSS-37); Prayer Meeting: 62

Offerings in Total: \$9285.10; General Fund: \$9285.10

(#4045-\$51; #4046-\$201; #4047-\$150; #4048-Family Camp-\$3037; #4049-Family Camp-\$761)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?** Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul (Phil 2:7; Heb 2:14,17), being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her (Luke 1:27,31,35), yet without sin (2 Cor 5:21; Heb 4:15; 7:26; 1 John 3:5).