



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

June 19<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

Kenny Tan

Prelude

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Elder James Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng

\*Hymn

**HOP 23** How Great Thou Art!

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalms 105:37-45

Hymn

**HOP 219** 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation

**HOP 210** Trust and Obey

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Hymn

**HOP 265** Take Time to Be Holy

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 Eat Or Not To Eat?

\*Hymn

**HOP 260** A Charge to Keep I Have

\*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. Eyes of adultery**

David the shepherd king was a valiant fighter and conqueror on the battlefield. Against his own lustful eye, however, he had no defence. While his generals were in the frontline waging war, he remained in the palace, “taking it easy”. From his roof top he saw Bathsheba taking a bath. Immediately in his heart he committed adultery with her. “Sow a thought, reap an act.” His lustful eyes set off a train of events which plagued the last 20 years of his life, beginning with his stealing a man’s wife, murdering her husband and covering up his sins.

It was a great day when young John gained admission to University and a place in the hall of residence. After he had settled in, his godly Mother paid him a visit. She was taken aback when she entered his room to see the walls covered with pin-ups of film actresses, models and pop singers in various degrees of undress. No godly person could live in such a room, exposed to the unceasing temptation of the sensuous pictures. The mother kept her thoughts to herself.

On returning home, she sought God’s wisdom in prayer. Then she took her own portrait, beautifully mounted and framed, and sent it to her son, with this note, “My dearest John, I hope you like this portrait. Perhaps you will hang it in your room. Love. Mother.” The next time she visited him, all the lustful pictures were gone: only Mother’s portrait adorned the wall. “What happened to those pictures, John?” John replied, “You see, Mum, I could not have those pictures alongside yours. They would be out of place.” Mother’s prayer was answered.

God’s word says, *“That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart”* (Matt 5:28).

So the children's hymn says, "O be careful little eyes what you see!" The lustful eye was the downfall of David and Samson, and many a "strong man". An old pastor made it his life rule not to look at women directly in the face. He actively avoided the "lust of the eyes". Prevention is better than cure!

Yield not to temptation,  
For yielding is sin;  
Each vict'ry will help you  
Some other to win;  
Fight manfully onward,  
Dark passions subdue;  
Look ever to Jesus –  
He'll carry you through!

– *Horatio R. Palmer*

## **2. Extramarital adventurism**

"Everybody is doing it, nobody will know. Don't be chicken!" This sort of persuasion clothed with a double lie has caused many a downfall. Not even the great King David could resist it, and one sin led to another and another; a whole trail of disaster followed one act. The modern setting is familiar to most: husbands away on business; lonely wives at home. Both situations invite temptation and even the strongest-willed and the least adventurous have fallen. Cover-ups notwithstanding, there is the inevitable aftermath: guilty conscience, fearsome diseases, marital conflict, and God's wrath.

The temptation will come, sooner or later. But see that you do not fall into the snare. Be not surprised if many are travelling the broad way. Did not our Lord warn us that "*wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat*" (Matt 7:13). It is the spirit of the age – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life (1 Jn 2:16). All these belong to the perishing world.

Child of God, what have they to do with you? Rely not on secrecy, for one day all secrets will be revealed, and *“God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ ...”* (Rom 2:16).

Now my dear reader, are you being sorely tempted? Are friends encouraging you? These you can well do without! Your best Friend is He who saved you from sin. He is able to save you to the uttermost. Remember our Lord’s promise? *“Lo, I am with you alway”* (Matt 28:20). His promises are *“Yea and ... Amen”* (2 Cor 1:20). They are faithful and powerful. If He is with you, walk as in His presence! He says to you, *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me”* (Jn 10:27). Hear Him! Follow Him! Be loyal! Do nothing that will let Him down.

Learn a lesson from Joseph. No one was tempted like Joseph. The situation was absolutely ideal. The enticement came daily and with increasing fervency. Excitement, pleasure, enjoyment – on a golden platter, served in style. But the Lord was with Joseph. Loyalty to Christ came first. He stood his ground and resisted with these words: *“How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?”* (Gen 39:9)

Finally, God has given you a will. Let your will be bound to His, and yield to Him in humble submission. Have a prior commitment. Say No to sin before temptation comes knocking. God has given your legs. Flee youthful lusts therefore! Shun the lusts of the flesh like deadly poison!

Lord, I want to be like Joseph, so help me.

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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- 1. Church Family Camp (3-7 July):** Camp briefing will be held immediately after the worship service to prepare campers with the necessary information. All full-time and part-time campers are requested to attend. Day-trippers are welcome and are requested to do your best to inform us by next week in order to help the kitchen to cater for your meals. For further details, please see Brother Kenny Tan.
- 2. Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship:** is on tonight with dinner starting at 6 pm and the message at 7:15 pm. Ladies will be 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: A Man Dealing with Vengeance." Mandarin interpretation will be available. All are welcome.
- 3. Lunch Fellowship:** will be held next Sunday after the worship service. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome.
- 4. Children's Holiday Bible Program (11-13 July):** is for children from ages 3 to 12. Standing firm for our faith in life is a real challenge. This year the children will learn about "Christian Courage and Companionship" from the book of Daniel. Registration is at the foyer after the worship service. Closing date is 26<sup>th</sup> of June.
- 5. Car Park:** Worshippers are reminded to please take care and drive slowly when leaving the car parks. If your car is blocking other cars from leaving please repark your car after the worship service. A car park register has been set up in the foyer to help identify car owners where necessary. You can also register your car by going to <http://bpcwa.org.au/carpark>
- 6. Family Seminar:** focuses on Biblical parenting to meet the challenges of Christian parenting in our age. A children's program will be running concurrently during these sessions. All worshipers and friends are welcome to attend these meetings.

| DATE                           | TIME              | Program                                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> July (Friday)  | 10 am – 12 pm     | Family Seminars                           |
|                                | 1 pm – 4 pm       | Conducted by Rev Koshy                    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> July (Sunday) | 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm | Family Seminars<br>Conducted by Rev Koshy |

**7. 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 Brother Mark Heath with the course fees (\$80 per course).

**8. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the smooth running of all ministries last week.
- Thank God for wisdom, grace and strength to serve Him.
- Pray for the 2 projects currently undergoing on the extension of the rear car park towards Jeremiah House and replacing the near collapsing fences with color-bond fences and retained-wall at the south-side of Jeremiah House.
- Pray for good spiritual and physical health to serve God during these busy months.
- Pray for the Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship tonight.
- Continue to uphold the preparation of the July camp, Family Seminars and the Children Holiday Program in prayer.
- 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 and those who will be returning to their home countries during the semester break.
- 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                                 |      | 19/6 COMBINED  | 26/6 COMBINED -<br>Lunch Fellowship   |
|--|------|--|---|
| Speaker/Interpreter                          |      | Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip   | Rev Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng   |
| Worship Leader/Interpreter                   |      | Elder James Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng   | Dn Joel Wong/Sonny Lim  |
| Prep Hymns                                   |      | Kenny Tan  | Jason Tey   |
| Musician(s)                                  |      | Winnie Lim   | Sharon Poon   |
| Welcomers                                    |      | Dn Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Lily Liow                                       | Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun   |
| Offering Stewards<br>*To Help Count Offering |      | *Alex Luu, *Kenny Tan<br>Eugene Leong Edward Ee<br>Yan Wei, Dn Michael Lee | *Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng<br>Jason Tey, Yi Choong Liew<br>Dn Stephen Chia, Dn Adrian Cheng           |
| Ushers                                       |      | Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan                                       | Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng<br>Shie Tian Wong   |
| P.A. System                                  |      | Albert Ho  | Adrian Ng   |
| Kitchen Duties                               |      | Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow<br>Shuin Ning Jong                 | Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng<br>Valerie Wan, Edward Ee                                       |
| Toddler Class Assistant                      |      | Ellainne Cheng/Lee Lee Yong  | Lee Lian Yong/Ka Yii Yip  |
| 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: Caleb Cheng<br>Hall B: Jason Tey                                   | Hall A: Allan Ang<br>Hall B: Yew Jinn Chieng  |
| Berrington                                   |      | Edward Ee  | Mark Heath  |
| APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK                     |      |  |   |
| Tuesday                                      | 21/6 | 7:30 pm  | Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Dn Adrian Cheng, Ruth Wong                              |
| Wednesday                                    | 22/6 | 7:30 pm  | FEBC Inter Semester Course Screening: Leviticus   |
| Friday                                       | 24/6 | 7:30 pm  | Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG  |
| Sunday                                       | 26/6 | 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<br>Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco |
|  |      | 3:30 pm  | Nursing Home: Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont  |

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (12/6)

Attendance: 221 (Combined-189; JSS-32); Prayer Meeting: 68

Offerings in Total: \$5748.15; General Fund: \$5748.15 (#4050-Family Camp-\$36; #4051-\$292.20)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?** Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet (Deut 18:18; Acts 2:33; Acts 3:22-23; Heb 1:1-2), of a priest (Heb 4:14-15; Heb 5:5-6), and of a king (Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:32-33; John 18:37; 1 Cor 15:25), both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.