



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

June 26th, 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 Joel Wong/Sonny Lim

*Hymn

HOP 360 We Praise Thee, O God

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalms 106:1-15

Hymn

HOP 231 Under His Wings

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 9:1-18

Hymn

HOP 254 Nearer, Still Nearer

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng

Rights and Rewards

*Hymn

HOP 115 When Jesus Comes to Reward His Servants

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 3

*Congregation Standing

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.



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 AIDS plague

The world is in a dreadful mess, particularly in the area of sexual relationships. Those who are involved try it by giving new names to old desperately to justify sins. Extramarital sex or adultery is euphemistically called an "affair", fornication is "free love" and sodomy is "gay lifestyle". Cover-ups do not improve matters, but only make the problem worse.

An AIDS epidemic is sweeping across America. Thousands of homosexuals have died from this modern plague, a grim reminder of God's judgment on Israel for her fornication, when in one day 24,000 perished from a deadly plague (Numbers 25:1-9). God stayed the plague when Phinehas, in righteous indignation, executed a couple who openly committed fornication in the sight of the congregation.

Is there now a voice of protest from the Church of Jesus Christ against this open and shameless sexual perversion? Far from it, but rather a group of prominent high churchmen, Catholic and Protestant, publicly declared that AIDS is not punishment sent from God. These men, in the name of the Church, have gone out of their way to condone and encourage a filthy immoral practice.

What is the cause of these sexual perversions? Basically it is a rejection of God. Romans Chapter one makes the diagnosis very clear. Verses 19-21 say that men willfully refuse the knowledge of God in the face of adequate evidence. Man without the knowledge of God, and the restraint of His holy law, fall into gross darkness and vile practices according to their own filthy lusts and abnormal affections. As a result women lust after women, and men after men (verses 26, 27).

God judged the Israelites for their fornication (premarital and extramarital sex) with a plague. He judged Sodom and Gomorrah for their homosexual and other perverse acts with an overthrow: fire and brimstone from heaven buried the cities of the plain (in the Dead Sea area). The AIDS epidemic is clearly God's hand. The worst is yet to come.

Believing fathers and mothers, moral confusion will come if we refuse God's Word and God's authority. The only safeguard for you and your home is God's salvation. Love His Word, honour His holy law, obey His righteous commandments.

"This is the way: walk ye in it" (Isa 30:21b) Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah.

2. Keep moral confusion out

The Apostle Peter has strong words to say about false prophets bringing in 'damnable heresies' to pervert the pure teaching of God's Word and cause confusion in the people's minds. *"And many shall follow their pernicious ways"* (2 Pet 2: 1, 2). Be on your guard, therefore!

Confusion prevails in the area of sexual morality. People are confused: God's Word says, it's sinful. Church leaders say, it's all right. The confused person is not sure. He struggles with right versus wrong. He tries to justify what he is doing, which somehow doesn't seem right. He says that it is good, but he really doesn't feel good or look good or act well. There is confusion.

Charles Krauthammer in a July 9, 1984, TIME essay makes this observation: "Perhaps the deepest cause of moral confusion is the state of language itself, language that has been bleached of its moral distinctions, turned neutral, value free, "nonjudgmental". When that happens, discourse becomes difficult, moral distinctions impossible, and moral debate incomprehensible. If abortion is simply "termination of pregnancy", the moral equivalent of, say, removing a tumour, how do you account for a movement of people dedicated to its abolition? If homosexuality is merely "sexual preference" - if a lover's sex is as much a matter of taste as, say, hair colour ... then why the to-do over two men dancing in Disneyland? But there is a fuss because there is a difference. One can understand neither, with language that refuses to make distinctions."

What is the answer? There is just one solution: return to the Word of God. When God's Word shines in, we see light and truth. Like a two-edged sword it cuts and divides error from truth. Nothing is able to clear confusion as the Word of God - quick, powerful, sharp.

The question is: how well do you know God's Word? Some Christians keep their Bibles in bookcases for show, and carry them to church like rusty swords - unused, untouched, unopened.

Dear reader, get to know God's Word real well. It will be to you not a rusty sword, but a trusty sword. That is the best way to keep moral confusion out of your home. God's Word cleanses and protects.

Lord, defend our homes, especially the young people, from moral confusion.

3. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart" (Ps 119:11)

(Daily Remembrancer January 29)

"O HOW LOVE I THY LAW! IT IS MY MEDITATION ALL THE DAY." The tables of the old covenant were laid up in the ark, within the holy place; the treasures of the new covenant should be hidden in the believer's heart. By daily prayerful meditation, we should seek to understand, enjoy, and profit from God's holy word. It is manna for the soul, light upon the road to God, and the rule by which we do His work. Let us lay up the gracious doctrines, which are the ground of our confidence; the exceeding great and precious promises, which are inexhaustible sources of strength and comfort; and the kind and holy precepts, which are our unerring guides. Hidden in the heart, no one can rob us of this priceless gift; nor do we have far to seek when we want it to enjoy. But in order to do this, we must diligently search its pages, ponder it in our minds, and feed upon it as our daily food. Except we hide it in our hearts, we shall not be sanctified by it, nor will it be written and read in our lives. May it be our daily prayer, that God would put His laws into our minds, and write them upon our hearts.

Its promises rejoice the heart,
Its doctrines are forever true;
Knowledge and pleasure they impart
They comfort and instruct us too.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,

Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Lunch Fellowship:** after the worship service today. Do stay behind and join us for the monthly lunch fellowship. Everyone is welcome.
- 2. Holy Communion:** will be conducted next Lord's Day. Please prepare your hearts to partake in this holy sacrament.
- 3. Church Family Camp (3-7 July):** begins next Sunday. Please plan to arrive at Orchard Glory Farm Resort by 3.30 pm. Transport arrangement for those who have requested is now available on the notice board in the foyer. If you have any questions regarding your transport arrangement, please see Brother Allan Ang. For any other questions regarding Family Camp, please see Brother Kenny Tan.
- 4. Family Seminar:** Are you interested and want to know what the Bible says about Family? We warmly invite and encourage worshippers and friends to come and learn from Rev Koshy on the subjects relating to families and parenting from the perspective of the Bible. We pray that you will take this opportunity to come and learn together.

DATE	TIME
8 th July (Friday)	10 am – 12 pm 1 pm – 4 pm
10 th July (Sunday)	3.30 pm – 5.30 pm

- 5. Children's Holiday Bible Program (11-13 July):** is for children from the 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. Today is the last day of registration. Please register your children at the foyer after the worship service. Please see Brother Yew Jinn should you have any enquiries.
- 6. Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses:** For those who want to sign up for these courses, please hand in your forms as soon as possible to Brother Mark Heath to be registered.

7. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for a blessed Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship last Sunday.
- Thank God for guiding all the students through their examinations in the last few weeks. Continue to pray for those who are returning to their home countries during the semester break that they may be able to spend their time wisely.
- Pray for the Federal Election this Saturday. May God's will be accomplished during the election. Pray that the Lord would put in authority members of Parliament that would allow us to have freedom of worship and evangelism.
- Continue to uphold the July camp, the speakers, the campers, Family Seminars, Session Retreat and the Children's Holiday Program in prayer.
- Continue to pray for the design, translation and compilation of the 30th year thanksgiving magazine.
- Pray for the church maintenance work that is currently being completed. This includes the extension of the rear car park towards Jeremiah House and the replacement of near-collapsing fences with colour-bond fences and a retaining wall at the south-side of Jeremiah House.
- Pray for God's will and leading in restarting the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service once a month.
- Pray for those who are suffering from physical infirmities and those who may be struggling spiritually.
- Continue to pray for the brethren who are searching for 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	26/6 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship	3/7 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng	Rev Prabhudas Koshy/Yew Jinn Chieng
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Joel Wong/Sonny Lim	Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Jason Tey	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Sharon Poon	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Mark Heath
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng Jason Tey, Yi Choong Liew Dn Stephen Chia, Dn Adrian Cheng	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu Kenny Chia, Yan Wei Mark Heath, Kenny Tan
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Shie Tian Wong	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ruth Wong
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Mew Yung Tsing Julia Sun, Illhoa Ramachandran
Toddler Class Assistant	Lee Lian Yong/Ka Yii Yip	Yi Mey Tan/Victoria Lew
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)	Recess due to Church Family Camp
South Perth	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Yew Jinn Chieng	
Berrington	Mark Heath	

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	28/6	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Mark Heath, Yung Tsing Mew
Wednesday	29/6	7:30 pm	FEBC Inter Semester Course Screening: Leviticus
Friday	1/7	7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	3/7	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
		12:15 pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth (Recess) Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco (Recess)
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont (Recess)

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (19/6)

Attendance: 202 (Combined-171; JSS-31); Prayer Meeting: 71

Offerings in Total: \$8898.15; General Fund: \$8898.15

(#4052-Library-\$40; #4053-\$1000; #4054-\$175.20; #4055-\$41.30; #4056-\$20; #4057-\$587.50)

SHORTER CATECHISM: How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet? Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word (Luke 4:18-19, 21; Acts 1:1-2; Hebrews 2:3) and Spirit (John 15:26-27; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 1:11), the will of God for our salvation (John 4:41-42; John 20:30-31).