



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

September 4th, 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

Lydia Pui

Call to Worship

Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 14 Come, Thou Almighty King

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 110:1-7

Holy Communion [Michael, Adrian, Stephen, Joel, Robert, Kong Vui]

Hymn

HOP 99 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HOP 185 According to Thy Gracious Word

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Hymn

HOP 125 Open My Eyes, That I May See

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

Are You Glorifying God?

*Hymn

HOP 406 Take My Life and Let It Be

*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,

(Excerpt from Building Firm Foundations, Dr SH Tow / Daily Remembrancer)

1. MIND YOUR MUSIC!

One of the most effective ways of polluting the mind is through music and our adversary uses it to maximum advantage. Last generation it was through swing and jazz. Now, it is pop and rock. With the media explosion, cyber space is bombarded round the clock with a torrent of filth and mental garbage, available to anybody anywhere at the click of a mouse.

Believing parents and children, we go to great lengths to safeguard our physical well-being with every sort of health protective, inoculations, immunizations. Pause a moment and think: What protective measures have we taken to safeguard our mental and spiritual well-being? The famous Latin proverb says “Mens sana in corpore sano” meaning, “A sound mind in a sound body.” This is so important for us to understand. An Olympic strong man or athlete can be reduced to a physical wreck by drug abuse in a matter of weeks. Similarly, sex abuse can destroy a morally healthy young person.

Music today has taken on sinister and subversive undertones. A multi-billion dollar industry is churning out red hot top tunes, charged with immoral, suggestive and seductive messages, souped-up with booming soul-stimulating decibels and big drum beats. The target: millions of unwary, pleasure-seeking young people ready for some excitement and kicks, drugs and sex. Exposed to the overwhelming barrage of sensuous sounds many a young person is hooked, and taken as lambs to the slaughter.

It is high time for Christian young people and parents to take stern action against the wiles of the devil. Let us employ the strictest censorship of all music to exclude doubtful or harmful materials. Those in our homes, personal libraries, and private collections should be destroyed, to put an end to Satanic mind-washing. Out with pop and rock! Let our homes be filled with God-honouring music and songs of the Heavenly Kingdom. A Christian’s music should bring glory to God’s name.

Sing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

2. “Songs in the night” (Job 35:10)

(Daily Remembrancer, September 1)

“THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION.” So testifies David, the man after God’s own heart, and all who love the Lord. The presence of God and the light of His countenance make the Christian’s day. His absence becomes our night, a figure often employed to describe our afflictions: losses, sickness, poverty, old age, death: these constitute a very gloomy night. They are dark, cold, and trying. But in the gloomiest night the Lord makes us happy; His very presence makes us sing. *“He giveth songs in the night.”* He cheers the heart by the light of His countenance. He excites our praise, causes us to sing to the wonder of many. So did Paul and Silas in the Philippian prison, and so did many martyrs in their dungeons. Many have sung for joy in poverty, in sickness, and in death. Christian, thy God can make thee joyful in the gloomiest of circumstances, and give thee songs to brighten the darkest night. Walk close to Him, sing to His praise; His presence will drive out every gloom, and usher in heavenly joy, peace, and good cheer. Our God loves to see His people happy and to hear them sing the songs of Zion. *Be a singing, not a sinning, Christian.*

Thou Giver of songs in the night,
Of joy to cheer the darkest day:
Cheer me with the joy of Thy light,
Thy smile along a dreary way.

3. “Be watchful” (Revelation 3:2)

(Daily Remembrancer, February 9)

CHRISTIANS IN TODAY’S WORLD NEED TO BE WATCHFUL. Careless slumber is perilous. Our adversary Satan is watching to ensnare us, the world is watching to exult over us. But God is watching to protect us. Jesus, our best Friend, says, *“Be watchful.”* Watch against the spirit of the world, against thy easily besetting sins, against seasons of temptation, and against Satan, the sworn enemy of thy soul. Watch for opportunities to do good, for answers to prayer, for the appearance of God as our God of providence. Unite in prayer to God, dependance on His holy word, and watchfulness together; pray to be kept from sin, from temptation, unspotted from the world; trust in God to answer, but

do not leave the throne; and then watch as though all depended upon thy diligence and efforts. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments spotless. *“Watch ye therefore, and pray always.”* Trust not in thy watchfulness, but while watching trust in God. He who keepeth thee will not slumber. He is with thee when on guard, as well as when thou art feasting on His word and rejoicing at His table. He withdraweth not His eyes from the righteous. *“The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.”* Watch ye therefore, and pray always.

O gracious God in whom I live,
My feeble efforts aid;
Help me to watch, and pray, and strive,
Though trembling and afraid.

4. “Serve the Lord with gladness” Ps 100:2

(Daily Remembrancer, November 8)

“COME BEFORE HIS PRESENCE WITH SINGING.” It is a joy to serve the Lord. Our God is infinitely happy, and He loves to see His creatures happy too. He provided every thing necessary to make them happy at first, but sin destroyed much of God’s fair creation. He would have us happy now, happy in His service. Therefore He has provided for our happiness in the everlasting gospel. He says, *“Believe and I will give you a free pardon; I will confer on you a perfect righteousness. I will purify your hearts, supply all your wants, admit you into my presence for holy fellowship, keep you by my power, give you grace while you live and glory when you die.”* Is not this enough to make you glad and to induce you to *“Serve the Lord with gladness?”* Brethren, in God’s service we should be cheerful; we must realize our adoption, and serve Him as dear children fully persuaded of the Father’s love. Let us serve Him out of love. Let us serve Him in the world, in our homes, and in the church; and let our gladness be clearly seen in our conduct, even a message which reads, *“I serve my Lord with gladness and I would not be otherwise employed.”*

Lord, disperse my sin and sadness,
Speak salvation to my heart ;
Then I’ll serve with joy and gladness,
Then I’ll show how good Thou art.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Father's Day:** We would like to wish all the fathers worshipping with us this morning a blessed Father's Day!
- 2. September 30in30:** Sign up to September 30in30 to reach out to 30 people in September. You can pick up a participant pack in the fellowship hall after service. Pray for the gospel opportunities for participants in the coming week.
- 3. Friday Combined Fellowship:** this Friday (9th Sept) at 7:30 pm. Come for the final combined session on "Our BP Faith". We will learn about the current state of the BP movement in the USA and Asia. What were the attacks and hence lessons to learn from issues that arose? How can BPCWA, the first BP Church in Australia, continue to be faithful for yet another 30 years or more if the Lord tarries so that He will use it mightily for His Glory and Kingdom? There will be Mandarin translation and we encourage all worshipers to come and learn in person.
- 4. Senior's Fellowship:** is held once every 2 months in order to build up the Christian faith of the seniors through God's Word and mutual encouragement in fellowship. The upcoming meeting is on the 10th Sept (Saturday) at 10:30 am at church. Rev Joseph will be speaking on "The Christian and Long Life", followed by lunch fellowship. Please kindly bring a dish to share. All are warmly welcome.
- 5. Mandarin Gospel Rally:** will be held on Friday the 23rd of September. We encourage you to invite your unsaved loved ones and friends as well as those whom you may meet during the September 30in30 outreach, to hear the gospel. Invitation leaflets will be made available at the foyer. We also ask for prayer for this gospel work.
- 6. 2016 Young Adults Summer Camp:** Our Young Adults Summer Camp will be held on from 27 November – 1 December 2016 at the Orchard Glory Farm Resort. The chosen camp theme, taken from Jeremiah 2:12-13, is **Forsaken Living Waters**. Preacher Joshua Yong, from Calvary Pandan BPC, will be our camp speaker. Registration opens Sunday 2nd October. Please book your leave as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

7. Programs planned for September. Please mark in your calendar, participate and remember each program in prayer:

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
1-30 September (Daily)	Any Time	September 30in30 Evangelism
9 September - Friday	7:30 pm	Church Combined Fellowship – Final series
10 September - Saturday	10:30 am	Seniors' Fellowship
18 September - Sunday	6:00 pm	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting
23 September - Friday	7:30 pm	Mandarin Gospel Rally
25 September - Sunday	1:45-5:00 pm	City Evangelism

8. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for good health, energy that we can serve Him in many areas of the church.
- Thank God for a good start to the September 30in30 evangelism. Please continue to pray for spiritual protection and for unbelievers to come and believe in the Lord Jesus.
- Thank God for the successful completion of some maintenance jobs around the church. Please continue to pray for the fencing and various other maintenance projects that need to be carried out.
- Pray for forthcoming Church Combined Fellowship Meeting and Seniors' Fellowship.
- Pray for the planning and preparation of the Mandarin Gospel Rally for September, the speaker Elder James, and the unbelievers that will be invited to attend.
- Pray for the Church Session and the church ministries.
- Pray for the 30th Anniversary Magazine committee members that they would have wisdom and time to complete the design, translation and compilation of the thanksgiving magazine.
- Pray for the writing, translation and compilation of the ACM reports.
- Pray for God's will and leading in re-starting the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service once a month.
- Pray for those who are sick and those who may be heavy hearted with discouragement or struggling spiritually.
- Pray for those who are still searching for a job, for God's protection and grace to be with the brethren who are working away from home and to those who are travelling.
- Pray for physical and spiritual safety in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	4/9 COMBINED - Holy Communion	11/9 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip	Dn Adrian Cheng/Sonny Lim
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Lydia Pui	Sharon Poon
Welcomers (Foyer)	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Mark Heath	Eddie Foo, Albert Ho, Lee Lee Yong
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu Kenny Chia, Yan Wei, Kenny Tan Mark Heath	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Allan Ang Yi Choong Liew, Dn Joel Wong Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ruth Wong	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Cheng, Lilian Cheo
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng Christine Chia, Ming Ming Th'ng Mable Soon
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Jye Chieng/Fiona Liew	Lee Lian Yong/Shirlyn Lee
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng)	Caleb Cheng (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Kenny Tan	Hall A: Rev Joseph Poon Hall B: Jason Tey
Berrington	Mark Heath	Caleb Cheng

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	6/9	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Kenny Tan, Ruth Wong
Wednesday	7/9	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Daniel (Recess)
Friday	9/9	7:30 pm	Combined Fellowship Meeting
Saturday	10/9	10:00 am	Senior's Fellowship
Sunday	11/9	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 Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (28/8)

Attendance: 229 (Combined-195; JSS-34); Prayer Meeting: 71
 Offerings in Total: \$8450.95; General Fund: \$7950.95; Mission Fund-\$500.00

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is adoption? Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God. (1 John 3:1)