



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

November 13th, 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

Claude Yiu

Prelude

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 44 Fairest Lord Jesus!

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalms 119:1-11

Infant Baptism

Arielle Hui Xin Tey, Jamie Hui En Tey

Sophie Jiā-èn Ee

Hymn

HOP 40 And Can It Be that I Should Gain?

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:5

Hymn

HOP 391 The Love of God

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

Unloving Reactions

*Hymn

HOP 409 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

*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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PASTORAL LETTER

Dear BPCWAians, We saw last week why the Covenantal membership is a meaningful commitment. It provides mutual care and accountability for and to each other as God's people in the visible local church. What do such responsibilities look like?

Membership responsibilities. Taking membership is not simply a "ticket" to serve in more areas in church. Some mistakenly think that that is why one joins a local church. It is only when we fully appreciate the meaning of church membership that we live and behave as God desires.

What does God desire for the local church and its members?

Hebrews 10:23-25 Let us hold fast the profession of [our] faith without wavering; (for he [is] faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

As a church, we must have a common profession of faith according to the Bible and to practice it without wavering. This is documented in our Constitution and taught thoroughly in our Basic Bible Knowledge classes. That is why it is important that not only the church leaders, but each incoming member must publicly confess that they believe and will promote the same convictions. That is why they also vow not to introduce contrary doctrines that will cause disharmony. Without this unity of mind, heart and purpose, other mutual responsibilities fall apart. There will be no common agreement on what are considered

good works, what assembling together means, and the content of the exhortation. A church is held together because of our common faith, according to the Word of God.

Having understood this, what does God say about our responsibilities to each other?

We see **firstly**, we must *consider* one another. This is because we are responsible for each other. *Consider* means we are aware of and watch out for the spiritual welfare of others. **Secondly**, we are to provoke i.e. stir up and excite others to good works. We live a life that is obedient to Christ's commands, which will in turn inspire others to do so too. Being mutually accountable to each other, we do not stumble others by our choices in life and way we live. We set an example by our obedience instead of the opposite. We will be even more careful not to sin because we do not want young and less mature believers to follow in our footsteps. **Thirdly**, we must not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. We have the responsibility to be found in church. How can we consider one another without the assembling of ourselves together? How can we be aware of others and their struggles when we are hardly in church? So we must be at Worship, fellowships, prayer meetings, and serve together in church. We should not disappear after church, or ignore prayer meetings and fellowships, but encourage each other to be present. We do not keep to ourselves, or be self centered, but instead we come to church in order to consider others. **Fourthly**, we provoke each other unto love and to good works. Provoke means to stir up, excite, and inspire. Our lives, our choices, and our behaviour must challenge others to love God, love one another, and to serve Him. When we obey God at all

costs, whatever we face in life, it stirs them to do so too. When we serve God selflessly, when we do not change in our commitments after graduation, after marriage, and after retirement, all these will provoke others. This is our covenantal responsibility to each other. It is a privilege to be a godly example for the Lord to stir others in the local church. **Fifthly**, we exhort one another. This means to come alongside the person to encourage and even correct if needed. This is a promise we made to one another when we become members. And we, in turn, must respond when helped, instead of rejecting them. We do all this as members because we must have a genuine care and concern for others since we are now family members in Christ.

As members, we stand to welcome new members. This is a very meaningful and significant gesture. It is not only to welcome them. But it is to let them know that now, we are mutually responsible for and accountable to each other. We stand to declare our commitment to each other. Understanding the significance of membership must now make us live differently in the local church and before God who is the Head of the Church. May God help us to do so!

Yours in our Lord's Service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Young Adults' Summer Camp:** All campers, please remain behind in the sanctuary following the Worship Service today for a short camp briefing. For those who plan to visit the camp for a daytrip, today will also be your last opportunity to have your meals catered. If you would like your lunch or dinner catered, please speak to bro Caleb.

- 2. Mandarin Bible Study:** Will be conducted on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th November at 10 am in church.

- 3. Basic Bible Knowledge:** For those who are interested in attending Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge, a new series of classes will begin next Sunday, 20th November at 9 am in the library. This is required for those who desire to be baptized or to have their memberships transferred to BPCWA. Those who are interested or have questions about this class can speak with Pastor.

- 4. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** Will be held on Sunday the 27th of November at 6 pm. More details will be provided next week.

- 5. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for the infant baptisms conducted today. Pray that as the parents claim God's covenantal promises, they will also be faithful to their vows to bring up their children in the ways of the Lord as His people.

- Thank God for a blessed time of learning God's Word and mutual fellowship at the Seniors' Fellowship yesterday.
- Thank God for seeing Brother Yew Jinn through his FEBC exams. Pray for a fruitful ministry in our midst as he serves at BPCWA during his FEBC holidays.
- Thank God for helping the FEBC Online students at BPCWA through the last semester's studies. May they grow spiritually in the knowledge of His truth and in Christ-likeness.
- Thank God for the completion of the removal and replacement of the asbestos fence at Jeremiah.
- Pray that the Lord will grant the messages to Pr Joshua and Pastor for the YA Camp. Pray for the camp committee, the preparation of hearts, and also the building up of spiritual bonds in Christ between campers.
- Pray for God's guidance in the planning and preparation for the year end Christmas and Watchnight services.
- Pray for the editorial and design team of BPCWA's 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving magazine as they compile it for publication.
- Pray for those seeking employment and the spiritually discouraged to find direction, grace and joy in our Lord and His Word.
- Pray for the students preparing for their examinations to lean on God and not neglect their walk at this time.
- Pray for the unity of the church and faithfulness to our Lord in the pulpit ministry and fellowship groups.
- Pray that the Lord will lead more souls to Himself in the Nursing homes, encourage the believers there, and keep the doors open for this outreach.

SERVICE DUTY	13/11 COMBINED	20/11 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip	Dn Michael Lee/Yew Jinn Chieng
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Lydia Pui
Welcomers (Foyer)	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Yi San Chieng	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Terry Chong, *Yi Choong Liew Mark Heath, Dn Joel Wong, Dn Michael Lee Dn Stephen Chia	*Alex Luu, *Kenny Tan, Mark Heath Pei Shion Chai, Allan Ang Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers (Sanctuary)	Yi Choong Liew, Ellainne Cheng, Ruth Wong	Edward Ee, Yi Jye Chieng, Yi Mey Tan
P.A. System	Albert Ho	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow Shuin Ning Jong	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia, Ming Ming Th'ng Mable Soon
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Allan Ang (Benjamin Kan)	Edward Ee (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Caleb Cheng	Hall A: Yew Jinn Chieng Hall B: Kenny Tan
Berrington	Allan Ang	Edward Ee
Bull Creek	Mark Heath	Yew Jinn Chieng

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	15/11	10:00 am	Mandarin Bible Study
		7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Dn Adrian Cheng, Mew Yung Tsing
Friday	18/11	10:00 am	Mother's Fellowship: Genesis
		7:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	20/11	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English & Mandarin 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 Bull Creek – RAAFA Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek WA 6149

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (6/11)

Attendance: 206 (Combined-175; JSS-31); Prayer Meeting: 72
 Offerings in Total: \$7583.70; General Fund: \$7583.70
 (#4133-Library-\$60.00; #4134-\$39.30; #4135-Youth Camp Fees-\$448.00; #4136-\$695.00; #4137-\$171.25)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us? The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, that because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments. (Luke 1:74-75; 1 Peter 1:14-19)