



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

November 27th, 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

Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 23 How Great Thou Art!

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalms 119:25-32

Hymn

HOP 284 All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

John 4:4-30

Hymn

HOP 173 Fill My Cup Lord

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng

Message

Pr Joshua Yong/Yew Jinn Chieng

Never Thirst Again!

*Hymn

HOP 53 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

*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,

As God brings more people into BPCWA, there are more areas for us to look into, review, and see how we can be more effective for our Lord and His sheep. As a Pastor, my main focus is on prayer and the ministry of the word. It is always my desire to ensure that this church continues to teach sound doctrinal teaching and provide green pastures for God's sheep.

At the same time, God's calling for a Pastor also includes the rule (Heb 13:17) and oversight of the church (Acts 20:28). God is a God of order, and the Apostle Paul gives instructions to the New Testament church in 1Cor 14:40, *"Let all things be done decently and in order."* Even in the exercise of spiritual gifts, the church had to ensure that it was done appropriately, decently, and with an arranged and proper sequence. Failing to do so resulted in the Apostle's rebuke on their disorderliness in the Corinthian church. Instead of being a blessing and edification, people did not benefit from God's spiritual gifts. Later on in 1Cor 16:1-5, Paul again instructs the church on matters of administration, this time on the manner of collection and giving. Hence, today, every church must continue to ensure that all things are done in an orderly fashion in God's church, a reflection of the God we serve. This includes how things are arranged and planned. The ultimate aim is to provide the appropriate environment and programs to aid the worship of God, learning of His Word, and service to Him.

So as God grows the church, it is my responsibility, working together with the Session, to continue to anticipate needs and think of ways to improve. And as more people step up to serve, which we are thankful to God for, it can also change the routine of our areas of service. Then there is the addition of families and babies, which have different requirements. At the same time, we must also remember the needs of the seniors in our midst.

There is much that goes on behind the scenes for the above to happen. Many people are involved. For instance, for all these to occur smoothly, there is a need to see how best rostering can be done, improve how people inform the church that they are away and unable to do their duties, and know if we have enough resources. These are examples that we are looking at, for a start. Getting deeply involved in the resourcing, rostering, and information flow has enabled me as Pastor to be intimately aware of the overall running of the church. This is crucial as it helps me to know the operations in order to pray and plan for it, and to help the ministries. More importantly it helps me to make godly informed choices. Ultimately, it is all for a smooth operation of the church in the long run.

When you are unable to be rostered. For example, we now have a web-link, "www.bpcwa.org.au/away" which allows you to simply enter your away dates, areas of service impacted, any replacements, and the rest is taken care of by the church regarding your duty roster. There is no need to wonder who to inform. You

can even input the information months ahead if you wish to. But we understand some do not use the internet. In such cases, please inform me, and I will update the team. The church also has a centralised view of all those who serve and their availability. This helps in resourcing and praying for needs. Please do start trying it out now. It also makes rostering a lot easier.

Announcements. We also now have a web-link to which announcements from fellowship groups and ministries can now be sent to a single email, announcements@bpcwa.org.au, and it will be taken care of. Again, there is no need to wonder who to send the information to.

Co-operation needed. But as the number of people rostered increases, it will mean that you will need to check the roster every month for when you are scheduled. Another area we seek your cooperation in is parking. As families with babies and senior's age increase, the need to give priority to them for parking is needed. So, it would be appreciated if you could leave the **parking space in front of the church** as priorities given to these ones. Finally, do **start using the web-link for 2017.**

We thank God for the many who have and continue to step up to serve in these needed ministries. Truly, it is a testimony of the body of Christ – that every part fitly joined works to the building up of the church. It is only when we have proven that we are diligent with what we have now, then would the Lord bless BPCWA to the next level. Let us be not be weary in well doing in His Kingdom's work!

Yours in our Lord's service

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Young Adults Summer Camp:** BPCWA warmly welcomes those who have travelled from outside of Perth to join us for the camp. All campers should load their bags into the cars by 12:50 pm and all drivers will leave by 1 pm. Campers should arrive at the campsite between 3-3:30 pm to ensure you have enough time to unpack and settle in to the accommodation before camp briefing at 4:30 pm. Please join us in prayer for our camp, remembering the campers and camp speakers over the next 5 days. The camp messages will be available to download during the week at www.bpcwa.org.au/yasc2016message.
- 2. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting (27/11):** will be held tonight at the home of Elder James and sister Choon Fang Wong. Address: 22 Stuart Court, Bateman. Elder James will share on the last message of the series, 'Jesus Said, "I am..."' taken from the gospel of John. Dinner will start at 6 pm with the meeting commencing at 7 pm. Please bring a dish to share. We warmly welcome everyone and their friends to join, learn and be encouraged by God's Word and the fellowship.
- 3. Lunch Fellowship:** All worshippers and visitors are welcome to join the lunch fellowship after Worship Service today. Do take the opportunity to get to know some of the visitors who are here for the Young Adults Camp.
- 4. Combined Church Fellowship:** Preacher Joshua Yong will be preaching at a Combined Church Fellowship session this Friday, 7:30 pm. All worshippers are welcome to attend. Translation is available.
- 5. Holy Communion:** Will be observed next Sunday. Please prepare your hearts to partake in the Sacrament.
- 6. Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship** will be meeting next Sunday in Church starting with dinner at 6 pm with the men meeting upstairs with Pastor Joseph at 7 pm for the message and the ladies downstairs with Sister Sharon. Come and learn how Christian men and Christian women can excel in their spiritual walk, effectively fulfilling God's purpose for men and women.
- 7. City Evangelism:** The street evangelism outreach will be held in two weeks, on 11th December. It will start in Church at 2 pm. If you have registered for the previous outreach, you will be registered automatically. For those who would like to join this outreach or learn more about it, please register in the foyer or speak to Deacon Adrian.
- 8. Christmas Gospel Meeting & Carolling:** With Christmas approaching, please pray for our Church's Christmas programs. This year, invite your friends and family to the Friday 23rd December special gospel outreach. Pastor Joseph will speak on the topic "The Promise at Christmas". We plan to have carolling before the program in the front of the Church. More details will be available soon.
- 9. Car Park:** Where possible, worshipers are requested to park their cars in the main car parks. This will enable the elderly and families with infants to park at the more accessible car park lots directly in front of church.

10. Programs planned for December:

| DATE | | TIME | PROGRAM |
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| 2/12 | Friday | 7:30 pm | Combined Church Fellowship |
| 4/12 | Sunday | 6:00 pm | Men's and Ladies' Fellowship |
| 11/12 | Sunday | 2:00 pm | City Evangelism |
| 18/12 | Sunday | 6:00 pm | Mandarin Family Care Group |
| 23/12 | Friday | 7:30 pm | Christmas Gospel Meeting |
| 25/12 | Sunday | 10:00 am | Christmas Worship Service |
| 31/12 | Saturday | 7:30 pm | Watchnight Service |

11. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for helping the Committee in the preparations for the Young Adults Summer Camp and the safe arrival of visitors. Pray for safety as campers travel to and from the campsite, and good health so that they can concentrate on the messages. Pray for God's leading upon Preacher Joshua and Pastor as they prepare their messages and for all campers to have a spiritually refreshing time with the Lord.
- Thank God for bringing friends and visitors into our midst. May believers be strengthened with the preaching of God's Word at BPCWA, and unbelievers brought into the saving knowledge of God.
- Thank God for the transport ministry at BPCWA, and the many who voluntarily help out to enable many to come to learn more about God together with us.
- Pray for the Mandarin Family Care Group meeting to encourage and build up saints in the unity of the faith.
- Pray for the Men's and Ladies' Fellowship to encourage men and ladies in their respective roles and be used to foster greater fellowship and interaction between all ages among the English and Chinese worshippers.
- Pray for many to go out during the City Evangelism to bring in people to hear the gospel this Christmas season.
- Pray for God's guidance and wisdom for respective committees as they plan for the 2017 activities.
- Pray that the next generation will be built up to be spiritually strong Christians to continue to keep BPCWA faithful in their time.
- Pray for those returning to their home countries or travelling during the year end, that they will stay close to the Lord while they are away.

| SERVICE DUTY | 27/11 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship | 4/12 COMBINED - Holy Communion |
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| Speaker/Interpreter | Pr Joshua Yong/Yew Jinn Chieng | Pstr Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim |
| Worship Leader/Interpreter | Elder James Wong/Dn Joel Wong | Dn Adrian Cheng/Yew Jinn Chieng |
| Prep Hymns | Jason Tey | Allan Ang |
| Musician(s) | Sharon Poon | Winnie Lim |
| Welcomers (Foyer) | Dn Michael Lee, Irene Lee, Lily Liow | Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Yi Choong Liew |
| Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering | *Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Jason Tey Caleb Cheng, Kenny Tan, Dn Adrian Cheng | *Jonathan Woo, *Allan Ang, Kenny Chia Yan Wei, Jason Tey, Yi Choong Liew |
| Ushers (Sanctuary) | Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Shie Tian Wong | Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lee Lee Yong |
| P.A. System | Kenny Chia | Caleb Cheng |
| Kitchen Duties | Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee | Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Mew Yung Tsing Julia Chia, Ilhoa Ramachandran |
| Transport | Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709) | |

Old Folks' Home Ministry

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| Subiaco | Recess Due to YA Summer Camp | Yew Jinn Chieng (Hannah Th'ng) |
| South Perth | | Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Kenny Tan |
| Berrington | | Yew Jinn Chieng (Ben Kan) |
| Bull Creek | | Mark Heath |

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

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| Tuesday | 29/11 | 7:30 pm | Prayer Meeting: Yew Jinn Chieng/Dn Joel Wong, Elder James Wong, Yi Mey Tan |
| Friday | 2/12 | 10:00 am | Mother's Fellowship: Thanksgiving |
| | | 7:30 pm | Combined Church Fellowship |
| Sunday | 4/12 | 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 |
| | | 6:00 pm | Men's and Ladies' Fellowship |

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (20/11)

Attendance: 223 (Combined-188; JSS-35); Prayer Meeting: 61

Offerings in Total: \$7683.30; General Fund: \$7683.30 (#4143-\$335.45; #4144-\$57.05; #4145-\$159.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is required in the first commandment? The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the holy true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly. (1 Chronicles 28:9; Isaiah 45:20-25; Matthew 4:10)