



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 26 February 2017

Theme for the Year: "What Would Jesus Say About Your Church?" (Rev 3:22)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	21 - <i>Fairest Lord Jesus!</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Romans 8:18-39
Hymn	TP 27:1-6
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Acts 5:33-42
Hymn	537 - <i>Not I, but Christ</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"If It Be of God, Ye Cannot Overthrow It"
*Closing Hymn	522 - <i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i>
*Benediction & <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	
Announcements	<i>*Congregation standing</i>

†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.

††Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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Teens Camp

The Teens Camp was held from 25 to 26 January at Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church.

There were full-time campers and part-time campers.

In all, about 10 teens attended with a few of their younger siblings. But there were plenty of other helpers and parents around.

For those who stayed over night, a large tent was erected inside the Junior Fellowship/Worship Sunday School room.

Since they were all girls, they crammed inside. Along with them, were other young adults.

In fact, the adults and young adults staying over that night outnumbered the teens themselves.

In fact, 2 young adult ladies were visiting that evening and were convinced by the teens to spend the night.

It was heart-warming seeing the young adults ministering to these teens and building up Christian fellowship.

We are thankful for the fellowship that we enjoyed that night and for the supper out to McDonalds. I drove the van filled with teenage girls late at night.

I had a spine-chilling epiphany - I only have 13 years to prepare.

We are thankful for the parents who participated - for those who brought food and for those who oversaw the breakfast preparation.

The teens cooked a breakfast of bacon, eggs, toast, and pancakes.

I spoke 2 messages. The first was on following Christ - as children who have been brought up in the faith, it is very easy to take Christ for granted. I urged

them to make sure of their salvation, to trust in Christ, and to make the faith their own.

The second was on the allures of the world. Lot was a believer who didn't end very well. Yet, he didn't set out to end badly. It was a warning not to love the world.

I believe those who came enjoyed themselves and had good fellowship. Many are already looking forward to the teens camp next year.

May the Lord be pleased to work in the hearts of our teens - that they would be better taught, more committed, and more desirous of the Lord Jesus Christ.

~ *Pastor*

The following are 2 testimonies from the teens camp.

Giggly and Wiggly Substances

Teens camp was an amazing experience and it allowed us to connect and talk to one another more.

During discussions we managed to learn more about each other's struggles and their day to day life at school.

We had many enjoyable memories at camp one of which is the late night Maccas run.

Later that night we had great conversations and great "activities" that we planned by ourselves that we had so much fun doing.

For example, giggly and wiggly substances & Xinyi's healthy chips. (*Editor's note - while we are unsure of the exact substance, there was nothing illicit.*)

The next morning we made a delicious breakfast followed by a message, a water bomb fight and ice cream.

It was so much fun and there wasn't a better way to end camp! ~ *Faith Chiu*

Hyena Screeches

On January the 25th, 2017, late in the evening, in a large building somewhere in the suburb of Attadale, there came sounds of indistinct chatter, then a giggle, followed by a laugh, before a torrent of hyena screeches were unleashed into the neighbourhood.

Teens camp had begun.

The idea and concept of teens camp was something new to me, having not experienced anything like this before I was keen and eager.

Teens camp was an interesting mix of lessons, discussions, games and food, not to mention a crazy Maccas run.

I learnt many things from teens camp - Firstly, that consuming a large amount of sugar before sleeping will result in a lack of sleep thereof.

Secondly, I learnt that Christ commands us to follow him, despite the difficulties that can and will result by loving him.

I learnt that loving the world is dangerous, because we do not realise when the world slowly consumes us and draws us away from God.

Thirdly, in our discussion groups, I learnt that others struggle with the same things as me.

Some examples being:

1. How to disagree with gay and lesbian friends without being offensive;
2. How to keep our words in check whilst others around us swear frequently; and
3. How to wear stylish, modern clothing whilst not becoming caught up in the latest trend of wearing as little fabric as possible.

The teens camp was a very good opportunity to bond and share with likeminded people, not only of my age but both older and younger, and to learn, discuss, and laugh together.

On January the 26th, in the heat of the afternoon, the last water bomb splashed onto the ground, the shouts and laughter died down, cries of "awww, already?" and "It should have been longer!" sounded as families left the building.

Sweaty, soaked children piled into hot cars. Teens camp had been a success.

~ *Xinyi Hong*



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 127. What is the honor that inferiors owe to their superiors?

A. The honor which inferiors owe to their superiors is, all due reverence in heart, word, and behavior; prayer and thanksgiving for them; imitation of their virtues and graces; willing obedience to their lawful commands and counsels; due submission to their corrections; fidelity to, defence, and maintenance of their persons and authority, according to their several ranks, and the nature of their places; bearing with their infirmities, and covering them in love, that so they may be an honor to them and to their government.

Q. 128. What are the sins of inferiors against their superiors?

A. The sins of inferiors against their superiors are, all neglect of the duties required toward them; envying at, contempt of, and rebellion against, their persons and places, in their lawful counsels, commands, and corrections; cursing, mocking, and all such refractory and scandalous carriage, as proves a shame and dishonor to them and their government.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (26.2.17)	Next Week (5.3.17)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Jacob Woo	Mark Chen
Pianist	Merilyn Woo	Evelyn Lee
Welcomers	Josephine Austin & Wendy Gong	Jansen & Eva Ng
Offering Stewards	Kim Leow*, Paul Butler* Ken Hong, John E Tan	Steven Lim*, Chris Budiman* Ian Read, David Pang
Ushers	Jesslyn Leow, Joyce Ng	August Ng, Josephine Austin
Kitchen Duties	Peggy Woo*, Sarah Siew Lisa Lim	Eileen Tay*, Helen Wong Jenni Budiman, Vincent Chiu
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>3 March 2017</i>	<i>10 March 2017</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Ian Tay	Nancy Lim

Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshippers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. Next week's message: "How Deacons Intensify Gospel Work" (Acts 6:1-7).
3. Next week's Junior Worship message: "Real Repentance Needs the Word" (Jonah 3:1-4). Speaker: John E Tan.
4. Retirees' Bible Study. Tuesday, 28 February 2017, 10am. Message by Pastor Glen Lock: "The Christians and the Borderland of the Doubtful". Fellowship lunch after meeting - bring a dish to share.
5. Sunday School Promotion next Sunday, 5 March 2017. Please refer to notice board for new classes and venues.
6. Maranatha B-P Church is organising a 14D Reformation Tour of Scotland & England (17-30 May 2017). Please contact Angie Sin (angiesinchua@gmail.com) for more details.
7. Presentation by Creation Ministries International on 17 March 2017, Friday at 7.30pm. Dr Mark Harwood will speak on "The Heavens Declare - Astronomy and the Bible".
8. Men's & Ladies' Seminar. 22 April 2017, Saturday, 4.30pm. Speakers: Dr Bob Jones and Mrs Beneth Jones.

Appointments for the Week

TUE	10:00 am	Retirees' Bible Study
WED	10:00 am	Craft Group
FRI	7:45 pm	CBI & Prayer Meeting
SAT	4:30 pm	JF & TF
SUN	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$4,768.70 (#672 - \$12.00, #671 - \$1,500.00). *Missions Fund* - \$310.00 (#670 - \$50.00). *Building Fund* - \$600.00 (#516 - \$600.00).
Total Tithes & Offering - \$5,678.70.
Attendance - 155.

Building Fund to Date

Available Building Fund	\$81,833.93	Building Fund Account:
Last Week's Collection	\$600.00	Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church
Total	\$82,433.93	(Westpac Bank, Applecross)
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	- \$416,000.00	BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	\$333,566.07	SWIFT: WPACAU2S

Elders: **Mark Chen (Pastor)** 6114 4242, 0415 932 373. **Jimmy Orchard** 0413 274 407. Deacons: **Ken Chong** 0402 553 313. **LH Chua** 0435 601 373. **Johnson Lim** 0402 145 682. **Jacob Woo** 0421 212 206.

If It Be of God, Ye Cannot Overthrow It
Acts 5.33-42

There can often be a disconnect between our theology and practice. But the Bible is clear - we don't actually understand the doctrine until we surrender ourselves to obey it (Jas 1:22). True knowledge of a doctrine comes by way of experience.

1. It Doesn't Take Faith to Understand Right Theology
 - a. Angry and insane men
 - b. A calm man
 - c. A wise man
2. An Unbelieving Response to Right Theology
 - a. Satisfy sinful impulses
 - b. Ignored divine counsel
3. A Believing Response to Right Theology
 - a. Rejoicing in the midst of suffering
 - b. Continued obedience out of love

The apostles believed the gospel. They lived the gospel in surrender to Christ whom they loved. That is why they were able to preach the gospel. What is required of us is a submission of ourselves to the theology we know - that is love to God.

Questions for Reflection:

1. If belief and obedience go hand in hand, then explain how belief and disobedience can co-exist in the believer's life. If disobedience persists, do you think belief will wane? And if disobedience reduces, will faith increase?
2. How does love for Christ and surrender to him trump a cold obedience? But is love for Christ and surrender to him also obedience? How?