



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 2 June 2019

Theme for the Year: "Strength in Weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	TP 46:1-11 2nd Version
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Romans 5:1-11
The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	479 - <i>I Am Not Skilled to Understand</i>
Hymn	278 - <i>How Can it Be?</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 7:2-16
Hymn	593 - <i>O for a Faith that Will Endure</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"A Heartfelt Regret and Desire to Be Restored"
*Closing Hymn	517 - <i>Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord</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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Bearing the Marks of Christ

by Cijy Sunny

Danjuma was 13 years old when his Christian village in Nigeria was attacked by the Islamic terrorist group, Boko Haram.

The radical Muslims burned homes, churches, and attacked the villagers.

Danjuma tried to run but was struck multiple times by a machete (long, sharp knife). He lost his right eye and bears a scar across his face.

His radiant smile drew me to this young man who I am honored to address my dear brother in Christ when I read his story in August 2015 issue of the Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) newsletter.

Danjuma, despite the pain he endured, robbed of his childhood, bears the marks of Christ through his scars with a beautiful smile, radiating a joy that surpasses all understanding.

He has forgiven his attackers as he says, *"I forgive them because they don't know what they are doing. If they had love, they wouldn't behave that way."*

The villagers thought Danjuma was dead after they found his almost lifeless body and dug his grave to bury him. However, that was not the day for Danjuma to go home to meet his Maker.

Danjuma like several other brothers and sisters of ours is a witness and testimony for me personally that it is worth everything even my life to suffer for Christ our Savior for the atonement He alone has paid as a ransom for my sin.

I became a volunteer for the Voice of the Martyrs in January of 2012 to be a blessing to my persecuted sisters and brothers in Christ.

I was so mistaken.

God has used and is using the persecuted church to be a blessing in my life and helping me understand what Christ meant when He said in His sermon on the mount, *"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 5:10.

The radiance in Danjuma's smile comes from the forgiveness he has displayed to his attackers because of our Savior .

Jesus has said, *"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."* Matt 5:44-45.

My dearest family at Covenant B-P Church, as I bid you farewell today, I come to you with a plea to pray for our persecuted sisters and brothers in Christ who are suffering for their faith in our Risen Savior and King Jesus Christ.

They do not ask for persecution to stop but they ask that their faith not be shaken in the midst of persecution. They will stay true to His calling until they go home to meet our King.

God has used our persecuted family in Christ to convict me of the comforts I so struggle to let go off for

Christ and to live a life completely surrendered to God no matter what the cost.

They are part of our family as we all are members of the body of Christ and we remember them like we do our immediate family or friends.

As Merv Knight the founder of Voice of the Martyrs Australia once said, "One day we will stand in heaven before our Maker. Standing next to us will be our persecuted sisters and brothers who we could have served but waited for an other opportune time" (paraphrased).

What will your response be? The time to serve them is now. Let us start by praying for them every day of our lives. Pray that they will -

- Sense God's presence (Heb 13:5)
- Know the greater body of Christ is praying for them (2 Tim. 1:3)
- Experience God's comfort when persecuted (2 Thess. 2:16-17)
- See God open doors to evangelism (Col. 4:3)
- Boldly share the gospel (Acts 4:29)
- Forgive and love their persecutors (Matt 5:44)
- Be granted wisdom in covert ministry work (Acts 9:23-25)



Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 101. What do we pray for in the first petition?

A. In the first petition, which is, Hallowed be thy name, we pray, that God would enable us, and others, to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known; and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.

- Remain joyful amid suffering (Acts 5:41)
- Mature in their faith (Col. 1:28-29)
- Be rooted in God's word (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

Thank you so much.

~ Cijy Sunny

On behalf of VOM (a ministry serving our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world).

Materials were taken from VOM America and Australia websites. For more resources on how you can stay connected and get prayer alerts, please go to www.persecution.com and vom.com.au.



Cijy Sunny as been worshipping at Covenant Church since October 2018. Her volunteer work with Voice of the Martyrs has taken her to many churches as she seeks to make known the plight of our persecuted brethren around the world.

She will be returning to India next week and we pray that the Lord would continue to lead and guide her to lead her to a Bible-believing church in her home town.

~ Pastor

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (2.6.19)</i>	<i>Next Week (9.6.19)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Ian Tay	Eugene Lim
Welcomers	John & Adeline Ng	Danny & Susie Tan
Offering Stewards	Yen Fye Yap, Micah Chiang Paul Butler, Ken Chong	David Lim, Chris Budiman Steven Lim, Jacob Woo
Ushers	Sharon Sriharan, Rebecca Lee	Heng Qi Ban, Wendy Gong
Kitchen Duties	Carmel Sriharan*, Helen Wong Grace Wang, Vincent Chiu	August Ng*, Rosemary Fitzpatrick Peggy Woo
PA Duty	Raymond Woo	Ian Tay
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>7 June 2019</i>	<i>14 June 2019</i>
Chairman	Micah Chiang	Johnson Lim
Pianist	Ian Tay	Nancy Lim

Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. Please spend some time in quiet meditation and self-examination to prepare yourself to partake of the elements in the Sacrament.
3. Next week's message: "A Heartfelt Plea for Generous Giving and Stewardship" (2 Corinthians 8:1-24).
4. Integrated Fellowship Retreat for people aged 15 to 35, organized by Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church. Topic: "The Opportunities and Perils of Youth" Speaker: Pastor William Yap. Dates: 4-7 October 2019. Venue: Glenhaven Park in Stockport, SA 5410. Camp fees: \$130 (working adults) and \$75 (students). Please see Wendy Gong for more information.
5. Church 9th anniversary dinner on Sunday 30 June 2019 at 6 pm at North Lake BBQ. Cost: \$20 (adults) and \$10 (children). Please register with Ken Hong or Micah Chiang.

Appointments for the Week

WED 10:00 am Craft Group
 FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting
 SUN 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship Service

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$2,276.95 (DD - \$210.00). Missions Fund - \$210.00 (DD - \$100.00). Building Fund - \$300.00 (DD - \$300.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$2,786.95. Attendance - 140.

*DD: direct deposit

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