



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 27 December 2015

Theme for the Year: "Out of Myself and into the Savior" (Ezekiel 14:4-6)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	18 - <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 111
Hymn	295 - <i>He Leadeth Me</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 13:1-19
Hymn	366 - <i>Give Me Thy Heart</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	Life Under the New Covenant II: Love the Brethren
*Closing Hymn	187 - <i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</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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Our 2015 Mission Trip to Myanmar

Our Team

On 14 December 2015, the team of 10 left Perth for Myanmar via Singapore, where we stopped over for 1 day.

They were the Woo family - Raymond and Peggy; the Hong family - Ken, Jackie, Xin Yi, and Ray Hao; and the Chen family - Mark, Hui Min, Nathan, and Corban.

What We Brought

Our luggages were chock full of items we needed to bring to Myanmar. Children from the Junior Fellowship packed care packs for the children in the Myanmar Sunday School - 37 packs of clothes, toiletries, stationery, gifts, etc.

Gifts for the orphanage helpers, Sunday School teachers, and pastor's family were also packed in our luggages. We also packed supplies for the orphanage, as well as stationeries and materials needed for the children's activities.

In addition, medicines and 40 musical recorders were donated by families in church. A sister also secured some toothbrushes and toothpaste donated by a dental clinic, which was very much appreciated.

We scarcely had room for our own things!

The Recorders - God's Providence

On 31st of October, we ordered 40 recorders from China. They cost \$2.70 each. A very good deal! However, they did not arrive at the expected time. In fact, they were inordinately late.

When early December came around, we had to make alternative arrangements in case our original order didn't arrive from China.

Calling Singapore, we were able to secure 40 recorders from a bookstore, who had to order them from their supplier

On the morning we were due to leave, the package arrived from China. We opened it with great anticipation only to be greatly disappointed!

The recorders from China didn't have the 8 holes of a normal recorder. They only had 6 holes and the mouthpieces were misshapen!

Thankfully, because they were purchased off eBay, and because they were falsely advertised, we were able to get a full refund.

And the Singapore recorders only cost \$3.50 each. They were far superior and came in bright colors.

If the shipment hadn't arrived inordinately late, we wouldn't have made prior arrangements to order the recorders from the supplier in Singapore.

Had we not stopped in Singapore for a day, we wouldn't have had been able to purchase those recorders.

God's providence is perfect.

What We Did in Myanmar

We taught the adults and the children over 4 days. I taught the adults (comprised of church members, Bible students, church workers, and invited pastors) on practical topics related to the church.

The topics and content were mainly culled from "Life in the Father's House", the book the Men's Bible Study had been studying this year. Some of the topics were also taught by Ken and Raymond.

1. The Importance of the Local Church
2. Committing Ourselves to Church Membership
3. Choosing a Good Church
4. Relating to Church Leadership
5. Participating in Worship Services
6. Using Our Spiritual Gifts
7. Confronting One Another in Love
8. Preserving Unity in the Body

I also spoke on other topics of interest that were requested by the participants from a list of possible topics I gave them - "Forgiving and Forgetting," "The Holy Spirit, Satan, Demons and the Christian," "Tithes and Offerings," and "Christian Modesty."

All of these topics were prepared and delivered in my ministry at Covenant Church.

I also spoke at the worship service on the coming of Christ and at the Young People's meeting on knowing God's will. I also conducted some vocal training for their choir.

Jackie conducted bookkeeping lessons for the adults as well as hands on lessons for the church treasurers. This was very much appreciated as they didn't have as comprehensive a system for their accounts.

The team also taught at the children's program. They led in song and taught the children lessons from Gabriel's Announcement to Mary, lessons from Joseph and Mary's Journey to Bethlehem, lessons from the Magis' gifts, and a missionary story on Amy Carmichael.

The team also conducted games and crafts with object lessons - painting cloth towels (to teach durability in Christ's service), blowing soap bubbles (to teach the vanity of earthly treasures), and paper plane competition (to illustrate the sufficiency of Christ).

Xin Yi taught origami to the Sunday School students. They lapped up the lessons and requested her to teach them other origami designs.

Xin Yi and Hui conducted a cookie decorating session. Many of the children refused to eat their cookies as they wanted to bring them back for their friends at the orphanage who were not at the children's program.

Raymond taught the children how to build miniature machines powered by

solar power. They found it very interesting.

Ray Hao and Mark taught them how to play the recorder. Many of them were hopeless (not everyone is musical). But many of them were beyond amazing! They learned to play "Joy to the World" in under 3 lessons! And these were children who had never touched a recorder in their lives!

Visitation

We had a wonderful time visiting their people. We attended the Ladies' Fellowship on the night we arrived. Our folks had the opportunity to ride at the back of a truck. The kids were very excited.

We also had a wonderful time with the orphans at their orphanage. We sat around listening to their testimonies and stories - if they hadn't come to the orphanage they would never have heard the Gospel; and they told stories that brought tears to our eyes of their childhood and their sad family life prior to the orphanage.

We also visited the new orphanage building. It is virtually completed. They will move into the building in March 2017. Indeed, God is so good to them in providing this building. We felt gratified that we could help them - in the end, we only did what the Lord required of us in helping our brethren.

Everyone was glad to be in the Mission Trip. I pray that when there are future opportunities to return, that many Covenanters will consider joining the team.

~ Pastor



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 32. How is the grace of God manifested in the second covenant?

A. The grace of God is manifested in the second covenant, in that he freely provideth and offereth to sinners a Mediator, and life and salvation by him; and requiring faith as the condition to interest them in him, promiseth and giveth his Holy Spirit to all his elect, to work in them that faith, with all other saving graces; and to enable them unto all holy obedience, as the evidence of the truth of their faith and thankfulness to God, and as the way which he hath appointed them to salvation.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (27.12.15)	Next Week (3.1.16)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Johnson Lim	Mark Chen
Pianist	Nancy Lim	Evelyn Lee
Welcomers	Danny & Susie Tan	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	David Pang*, David Lim*	Yen Fye Yap*, Jansen Ng*
Usher	Angela Yap	Jerome Ng
Kitchen Duties	Angela Yap*, Merilyn Woo, Eva Chiu	Aliza Chiu*, Nancy Lim, Sarah Siew, Helen Wong, Cheryl Nannup
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>1 January 2016</i>	<i>8 January 2016</i>
Speaker	No Prayer Meeting	Mark Chen
Chairperson		Micah Chiang
Pianist		Eugene 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: "Life Under the New Covenant III" (Hebrews 13:1-19).
3. We will be celebrating Lord's Supper next Lord's Day. Please bring a dish to share at the fellowship lunch.
4. Sunday School teachers for the month of January are: Stephanie Lim, Jenni Budiman, Aliza Chiu, Lisa Lim, Sandy Chua, Eileen Tay; Dorcas Pang, Evelyn Lee; Joyce Ng; Mary-Anne Chan; Eugene Lim; Ken Chong. Singspiration Leader: Joyce and Jemima Ng. Pianist: Jerome Ng.
5. Bible Conference. Speaker: Mathews Abraham. Venue: Bayview Geographe Resort, Busselton. Date: 19-22 April 2016. Register with Rex & Carmel Sriharan.
6. Watch Night Service and Potluck Dinner. Thursday, 31 December 2015, 6:30 pm (dinner) and 8-9 pm (praise and testimony). Please come prepared to give your testimony in word and song.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
THU 6:30 pm Watch Night Service and Potluck Dinner	<i>General Fund - \$2,537.15 (#516 - \$400.00). Missions Fund - \$290.00. Building Fund - \$265.00 (#318 - \$115.00, #319 - \$50.00, #320 - \$100.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$3,092.15. Attendance - 130.</i>
SUN 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School	

Building Fund to Date	
Available Building Fund	\$52,141.03
Outstanding Pledges	\$28,275.00
Last Week's Collection	\$230.00
Total	\$80,646.03
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	<i>-\$430,000.00</i>
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	<i>\$349,353.97</i>
Building Fund Account:	
Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church (Westpac Bank, Applecross)	
BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969	
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. **Terence Lee** 0418 845 617. **Johnson Lim** 0402 145 682. **Jacob Woo** 0421 212 206.

Life Under the New Covenant II - Love the Brethren
Hebrews 13:1-19

We are Christians and belong to the New Covenant church. One of the marks of a mature church is peace and unity. Therefore, life under the New Covenant must be characterized by brotherly love. The mature church of the New Covenant will have members who will demonstrate:

1. Brotherly Love (v 1).
 - a. The recipients of brotherly love
 - b. The supernatural ability to love
 - c. The manner we ought to love
 - d. The kind of love
2. Hospitality (v 2).
 - a. Examples from the Bible
 - b. The blessings for showing hospitality
 - c. The characteristics of hospitality
3. Mercy to the Persecuted (v 3).
 - a. Many had lost their freedom because of their faith in Christ
 - b. The duty to empathize with them
 - c. The duty to identify with them

Before we were saved, we were selfish. But as God's people, we are delivered from self to Christ.

Questions for Reflection:

1. Do you truly have hospitality? How do you feel when others seem to take advantage of your hospitality?
2. What would the Bible say to those who are always at odds with someone in the church?
3. Why is it important to empathize and identify with those who are persecuted now?