



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 18 January 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	17 - <i>Come Thou Fount</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 94
Hymn	Insert - <i>God of Vengeance, O Jehovah</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Esther 4:1-17
Hymn	206 - <i>Wonderful Grace of Jesus</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"For Such a Time as This"
*Closing Hymn	20 - <i>We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer</i>
*Benediction & † <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>
Announcements	† <i>Inside cover of hymnal</i>

**Congregation standing*

Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church meets every Sunday at 3:00 pm
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Myanmar Orphanage and Missions

Missions

In our prayer meetings, we have been praying regularly for missions.

We encourage worshipers to be involved - to pray for missions and to go on trips.

At the end of this year, our church is planning a mission trip to Myanmar. It is also possible that we may visit another mission station.

Myanmar Orphanage

The reason why we will be going to Myanmar is to visit the mission station we support and to encourage them.

We are helping them with the building of the orphanage building. God-willing, it will be completed by the end of the year.

The children have been transient for a long time, depending on when the rental lease is up. Leases are only made for 6 months, and due to the rising costs in Myanmar, landlords are always eager to increase rent.

It was providential that Covenant Church, together with Grand Island Church in New York, could help the Myanmar Mission to purchase land and now, to erect an orphanage building.

At this moment we are deliberating on how much funds to remit. This depends on the quality of the reinforced concrete chosen for the construction. We also intend to help them to furnish the orphanage.

Pray with us that God would supply funds for this and also for safe construction, strong materials, and timely completion.

Other Missions

While our major funding commitment for Myanmar will be discharged once the construction and the furnishings are completed, there will be ongoing support.

The orphans will need food and clothing - this is something that we can continue to

help with until the national church becomes stronger. We can also support the Myanmar Missions by going and teaching.

Our giving and missions fund are healthy, by the grace of God. This means that we can pray about supporting other mission stations.

Indeed, the harvest is plenteous. There are laborers who are waiting to be trained and supported around the world. While the Lord does not need our help, he commands us to help.

Mike Stachura, a director of Operation Mobilization, has once said, "*The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity.*"

Go!

At year end, a mission trip is planned. For those who are able-bodied, it would be a good opportunity to see what the Lord is doing in the mission field.

Many will be visiting South East Asia then - Myanmar is situated there! This is a brilliant opportunity to combine your holiday with a mission trip.

This is exactly what two from our congregation have done. Eugene Lim and Dolphin Wai, being in that part of the world, took the opportunity to do God's work. Below is a brief report.

And while these are good opportunities, it is a pity that, while we are there, we do not visit Covenant Church's mission field. So please intend to visit - start praying and saving. And if you are working, save your leave. ~ *Pastor*

Ipoh Mission Trip (18 – 20 Dec 2014)

I would like to thank our Lord for the opportunity to go with Zion Bishan BP Church to reach out to Tamil-speaking families in Bercham, a suburb of Ipoh in Malaysia.

A group of 7 adults and 2 children including the Pastor, Elder, a Tamil family

from Zion, & two from Covenant, made their way there from Singapore.

It never fails to amaze me how God can use His people from different cultures, backgrounds and churches to labour for Him (Gal 3:27-29).

The purpose was to build relationships with these financially-poor families and share the good news of Christ's first-coming through preaching and singing of Christmas carols.

On top of this, we also distributed bags of basic food supplies, though we took care not to let the gifts detract from the main purpose of the outreach.

The travel to Bercham was smooth despite a team member experiencing some nausea, due to motion sickness. Thank God we arrived in good time and did not miss any freeway exits along the way.

Upon arrival in Bercham, we were blessed to have a local sister who recently accepted Christ, help us find our way around the place.

She was vital in helping us navigate through the intricate minor roads in

Bercham, which allowed us to travel relatively quickly from one house to another.

While we thank God for her labour of love, please pray for her husband, who has a problem with alcohol and refused to listen to our carols when we visited her home.

Overall, we managed to achieve the purpose of mission trip, by His Grace. We managed to visit and build relationships with a total of 12 local families.

This mission trip plays a significant part in paving the way for more regular, monthly Bible classes. Please pray for the Pastor (Ebi) and his wife (Priya), as they travel from Singapore to Bercham every month.

I thank God for the valuable opportunity to serve in the midst of a different culture during this mission trip.

I definitely enjoyed the challenging but rewarding experience learning Tamil carols on the guitar and the sweet fellowship while serving together as one body in Christ! ~ *Eugene Lim*



Westminster Confession of Faith XXI - Of Religious Worship, and the Sabbath Day

1. The light of nature shows that there is a God, who has lordship and sovereignty over all, is good, and does good unto all, and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served, with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might.¹ But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God is instituted by Himself, and so limited by His own revealed will, that He may not be worshipped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the holy Scripture.²
2. Religious worship is to be given to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and to Him alone;³ not to angels, saints, or any other creature:⁴ and, since the fall, not without a Mediator; nor in the mediation of any other but of Christ alone.⁵

1. Romans 1:20; Acts 17:24; Psalm 119:68; Jeremiah 10:7; Psalm 31:23; 18:3; Romans 10:12; Psalm 62:8; Joshua 24:14; Mark 12:33.

2. Deuteronomy 12:32; Matthew 15:9; Acts 17:25; Matthew 4:9-10; Deuteronomy 4:15-20; Exodus 20:4-6; Colossians 2:23.

3. Matthew 4:10; John 5:23; 2 Corinthians 13:14.

4. Colossians 2:18; Revelation 19:10; Romans 1:25.

5. John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5; Ephesians 2:18; Colossians 3:17.

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (18.1.15)</i>	<i>Next Week (25.1.15)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Terence Lee	Chris Budiman
Pianist	Merilyn Woo	Nancy Lim
Welcomers	John & Adeline Ng	Kim & Jesslyn Leow
Offering Stewards	Jansen Ng, Paul Butler	Ian Read, Kim Leow
Usher	Adeline Ng	Jesslyn Leow
Kitchen Duties	Nget Chu Pang*, Carmel Sriharan, Jemima Ng	Mary-Anne Chan*, Vincent Chiu, Mary Loh
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>21 January 2015</i>	<i>28 January 2015</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Chairperson	Johnson Lim	Jacob Woo
Pianist	Wendy Gong	Merilyn Woo

Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. Next week's message: "How to Make a Wise Appeal" (Esther 4:15-5:8).
3. Pastor is now a Commonwealth-registered marriage celebrant and is duly authorized by law to solemnize marriages according to Australian law and the rites of the Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church.
4. Session and Church Retreat. Monday, 26 January 2015. Please keep this day free as we come together to discuss matters pertaining to the church. The day retreat concludes with dinner and watching of the fireworks. Please indicate your attendance to Jacob and Merilyn Woo.
5. Bible Conference 2015. Theme: "Out of Myself and into the Savior" Speaker: Dr Tedd Tripp. Venue: Bayview Geographe Resort, Busselton. Dates: 7-10 April 2015. Registration forms are in the foyer. Please register with Ken and Jackie Hong.

Appointments for the Week

WED	7:45 pm	Prayer Meeting - Psalm 95
SAT	7:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
SUN	2.00 pm	Adult Bible Class
	3:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$1,766.55 (#452 - \$100.00). *Missions Fund* - \$200.00. *Total Tithes & Offering* - \$1,966.55. *Attendance* - 95.

Elders: **Mark Chen (Pastor)** 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. **SK Loh** 9386 1660.