



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship — 29 March 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	73 - <i>May Jesus Christ Be Praised</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 104
Hymn	Insert - <i>My Soul, Bless the LORD!</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Mark 11:11-22
Hymn	360 - <i>Speak, Lord, in the Stillness</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"All That Believe is Not Faith"
*Closing Hymn	366 - <i>Give Me Thy Heart</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*

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## **Dear Parents, Pray for Your Children's Salvation and Welfare...**

Although praying for our children's salvation is a duty, it is often neglected. Sometimes it's because we don't believe that they can be converted early in life. The early conversion of Church children should be desired and prayed for.

We should expect their conversion, because they hear the Word. The gospel is as understandable to them as to us.

Jesus' will is for children to come to him at an early age. Matthew 19:14 - "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me."

Often, children are not converted because we leave this work to others. No parent can be released from the obligation to bring up our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

Why should we pray for their salvation?

*Their Souls Are Precious*

We should pray for them because salvation is so great that it deserves the agony of prayer. Their souls are precious beyond anything.

*If We Don't Pray, Who Will?*

Furthermore, no one else will pray for them as we would. Only we have parental love and tenderness for them; we know their make-up, their needs and problems. Even evil parents know how to give good gifts to their children.

*God Takes Note of Our Obedience*

It will be dangerous for them and us if we don't pray for their salvation. God takes note of our attempts as parents. God shows mercy to those who remember to keep his commandments (Psa 103:17-18).

*They Need Our Prayers*

Our children are surrounded by evil influences - they are fallen creatures. If we don't pray for them, how will they be protected by God and from God? How will they be inwardly restrained, enlightened, and guided by the Holy Spirit?

*Our Job Will Be Easier*

We will find it easier to perform our other duties if our children are saved. This was said of Abraham in Genesis 18:19 - "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."

If Abraham's children kept the way of the Lord, they would be righteous and just. If only our children are saved, they would be much more obedient!

*If We Don't Pray, We Can Teach/Preach All We Want...*

When we pray, God works. All the other things we do - bringing them to church, bringing them to Sunday School, bringing them to Junior Fellowship - while good, will be useless unless the Spirit works to change their hearts.

*Their Salvation Glorifies Christ*

Our motive to pray is their salvation, but it's also our Savior's glory. When they are saved, it shows Christ to be merciful. All the more then, should we pray.

We should also pray for their welfare. Why? It is obvious we pray for their welfare because we are their parents and we love them. But here are some other important reasons.

*To Protect Them from Us*

When we pray for them, God will counteract the evil we have done to them. Even the best parent will mess up and harm our children. Sometimes it is due to harsh discipline, injustice, being too lenient, and not being conscientious.

If we truly desire their welfare, it is not merely our actions, but our prayers for them that will bring God's blessings on them.

*To Help Them Succeed*

There will be critical times in their lives, and without our prayers, they may act

rashly and unwisely. While we do want to help them, we won't always be around for them.

#### *To Understand Them Better*

When we pray for them, we also watch. And when we watch closely, we understand them more. We know what most easily influences them, what temptations they are prone to, what sorrows overcome them, etc. If we are praying for them, then we will note these things.

#### *To Increase Our Holy Desires for Them*

We can't pray for strangers without learning to love them. And when we pray for our children, we will love them more. And when we pray for them, our desires for them will focus on the more important things in life. Music is good, sporting is good, good grades are good; but character, holiness, and spiritual maturity are better.

#### *Prayer Leads to Spiritual Talk*

Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh. If we are not concerned about spiritual matters, then we won't

talk to our children about them. So nothing is better at removing such barriers than prayer.

#### *They Will Learn to Rely on God*

There will come a time when we can't protect them anymore. Hopefully, as parents we learn to let go.

Nothing is more disappointing than a parent who can't let go because a child has not learned to mature.

Disappointments, sickness, losses, cares; adversity in various forms, will overtake them sooner or later, and it would be well with them if we have by our prayers, prayed that God would mature them.

Then they will be able to face their trials with the help of God and go through their difficulties with victory and moral courage.

When we understand God's desire to bless our children, we will pray for them.

~ Pastor

*adapted from "An Appeal to Parents to Pray Continually for the Welfare and Salvation of their Children" by William Scribner, 1873.*



## **Westminster Confession of Faith XXIV - Of Marriage and Divorce**

1. Marriage is to be between one man and one woman: neither is it lawful for any man to have more than one wife, nor for any woman to have more than one husband, at the same time.<sup>1</sup>
2. Marriage was ordained for the mutual help of husband and wife;<sup>2</sup> for the increase of mankind with a legitimate issue, and of the Church with an holy seed;<sup>3</sup> and for preventing of uncleanness.<sup>4</sup>
3. It is lawful for all sorts of people to marry who are able with judgment to give their consent:<sup>5</sup> yet is it the duty of Christians to marry only in the Lord.<sup>6</sup> And therefore such as profess the true reformed religion should not marry with infidels, papists, or other idolaters: neither should such as are godly be unequally yoked, by marrying with such as are notoriously wicked in their life, or maintain damnable heresies.<sup>7</sup>

1. Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Proverbs 2:17.

2. Genesis 2:18.

3. Malachi 2:15.

4. 1 Corinthians 7:2, 9.

5. Hebrews 13:4; 1 Timothy 4:3; 1 Corinthians 7:36-38; Genesis 24:57-58

6. 1 Corinthians 7:39.

7. Genesis 34:14; Exodus 34:16; Deuteronomy 7:3-4; 1 Kings 11:4; Nehemiah 13:25-27; Malachi 2:11-12; 2 Corinthians 6:14.

# Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (29.3.15)</i>	<i>Next Week (5.4.15)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Conrad Mbewe
Worship Leader	Chris Budiman	Mark Chen
Pianist	Edward Lim	Valerie Ong
Welcomers	Danny & Susie Tan	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	Philip Orchard, David Lim	Ken Hong, Ian Read
Usher	Joyce Ng	Jerome Ng
Kitchen Duties	Florence Orchard*, Vincent Chiu, Jemima Ng	Mary-Anne Chan*, Adeline Ng, Aliza Chiu, Jesslyn Leow
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>1 April 2015</i>	<i>8 April 2015</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	No Prayer Meeting
Chairperson	Johnson Lim	
Pianist	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. The messenger for next Lord's Day is Dr Conrad Mbewe, of Kabwata Baptist Church, Zambia. He will also take the Adult Bible Class.
3. We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next Lord's Day. Please bring a dish to share.
4. Dr Conrad Mbewe will also conduct a series of talks entitled "The Meaning of Easter" 3-5 April 2015 at Rehoboth Christian College (Kenwick). For more details, visit [http://www.cbc-rossmoyne.org.au/index.php?p=1\\_11](http://www.cbc-rossmoyne.org.au/index.php?p=1_11).
5. Good Friday Service on 3 April 2015. 9:30 am. Speaker: Glen Lock. Chairperson: Mark Chen. Pianist: Evelyn Lee. Welcomers: Danny & Susie Tan. Usher: August Ng. (JF, Parents's Group, and YPG are in recess).
6. Sunday School teachers for the month of April are Aliza Chiu, Lisa Lim, Sandy Chua, Eileen Tay, Stephanie Lim, Jenni Budiman; Esther Ong, Dorcas Pang, Evelyn Lee; Jerome Ng; Mary-Anne Chan; David Lim; and Jacob & Merylyn Woo. Singspiration Leader: David Ong, Pianist: Valerie Ong.
7. Church Anniversary Dinner. Please register with Raymond & Peggy Woo by today.
8. Shepherding a Child's Heart Parenting Conference. Speaker: Dr Tedd Tripp. Dates: Monday, 13 - Wednesday, 15 April 2015. Time: 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Venue: Westminster Presbyterian Church (Bull Creek).
9. Extraordinary Congregational Meeting. Today at 4:30 pm after the service.

### Appointments for the Week

TUE	10:30am	Retirees' Bible Study
WED	7:45 pm	Prayer Meeting - Psalm 105
FRI	9:30 am	Good Friday Service
SUN	2:00 pm	Adult Bible Class
	3:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School

### Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

*General Fund* - \$3,053.35. *Missions Fund* - \$340.00. *Building Fund* - \$50.00 (#206 - \$50.00). *Total Tithes & Offering* - \$3,443.35. *Attendance* - 125.

Elders: **Mark Chen (Pastor)** 0415 932 373. **Jimmy Orchard** 0413 274 407.

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