



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 19 April 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	61 - <i>O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 66
Hymn	TP 66:5-7,16-17
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 1:1-3
Hymn	154 - <i>For God So Loved the World</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Jesus Christ Is God's Revelation"
*Closing Hymn	47 - <i>All Glory to Jesus</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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Reflections from the Bible Conference and Parenting Seminar

Bible Conference

The Bible Conference was held at Bayview Geographe Resort in Busselton from 7 to 10 April. There were about 100 people who attended the Bible Conference.

They came from 5 different churches - our church, Attadale Baptist Church, Covenant Baptist Church, Carmel B-P Church, and Providence B-P Church.

It was a sweet time of fellowship and learning. We heard the Word from Dr Tedd Tripp, who gave the thematic messages, and Pastors Ed and David, and myself, who gave the morning devotions.

The morning devotions were based on the Book of Hebrews. The main messages were based on the theme - "Out of Myself and into the Savior."

Dr Tripp spoke about idols of the heart - how they are the root of all our problems - that they are the sins beneath the sins.

All the problems we experience - all our sins - are the result of our heart condition. In fact, inward idols are deadlier than outward idols.

We all have heart idols - the desire to be loved, respected, taken seriously; the desire to have ease and comfort, perform well, have power and influence, control, etc.

The only way to have victory over the idols of the heart is through the gospel. Christ is the one who rescues us from sin and conquers sin for us.

And only when we find our identity in Christ, and not in all of these idols, do we gain victory over sin and find freedom.

We don't always realise what we are mastered by because we give ourselves

over to our sinful desires. But when our desires for Christ are fanned and when we find our happiness in Christ, do these desires for sin wane.

Our relationship with Christ should not be one of duty alone. It needs to be accompanied with delight. God is honoured when he is our pursuit of pleasure.

One question that I kept getting at the conference was why I chose this theme.

My natural self would like to say that after much prayer and consideration, I felt that the Lord led me to this topic.

While that is partly true, the whole truth is far more believable. I had heard Dr Tripp speak on a similar topic, and my heart was greatly pricked and my ministry perspective changed.

It made me realise how much I had invented and worshiped false gods in my life.

Likewise, I have realised in my ministry, that many Christians have elevated certain things in their lives - money, success, self, accomplished children, etc.

No matter how much we have, we are still jealous. No matter how successful we are, we still get angry.

This is because every problem in our life is an issue of worship. Anger, pride, anxiety, fear, and jealousy are issues of worship.

It is my prayer that we all learn to navigate through our deceitful hearts and to be brutally honest with ourselves.

It is my prayer that we also love Christ above all - that we would identify these idols, to root them out, and to destroy the idolatrous tendencies of our hearts

so that we are more able to fully enjoy our Saviour.

Parenting Seminar

The parenting seminar was held from 13 to 15 April. There were over 450 people at the Parenting Seminar each night. They came from many different churches.

It was very gratifying for me that Covenant could be involved in helping the greater church body in Perth. Such gems from the Word must not be hidden or kept to ourselves, but revealed and shared.

Listening to the Word, I must admit that I felt much chagrin as I realised my sins as a father - there is a lot I must repent of and a lot I must apply.

One educator I spoke to said that the main take away was the teaching on obedience and the circle of blessing. If children obey, they will be blessed. But likewise, if parents also obey, they and their children will be blessed!

The most profitable thing for Covenant Church is the fact that families came to

attend the talk - it was not only the parents.

Parents can't simply take certain things and neglect certain things. Because they came as a family, both children and parents heard the principles.

Children would realise that parents aren't the best role models. Parents would realise that they have not been the best parents and have polished their own and their children's idols. Both can't hide anymore.

This is very powerful - how they would love and live from hereon after; whether parents would be able to come before their kids to repent and whether kids would come before their parents to repent would be determined by the convictions they have been gripped by.

This is especially the case with our parents with older and adult children who could understand. Parents and kids need to be open with one another.

May the Lord continue to work in us, that we might respond with surrender and obedience to his revealed will.

~ Pastor



Westminster Confession of Faith XXV - Of the Church

4. This catholic or universal Church has been sometimes more, sometimes less visible.¹ And particular Churches, which are members thereof, are more or less pure, according as the doctrine of the Gospel is taught and embraced, ordinances administered, and public worship performed more or less purely in them.²
5. The purest Churches under heaven are subject both to mixture and error;³ and some have so degenerated, as to become no Churches of Christ, but synagogues of Satan.⁴ Nevertheless, there shall be always a Church on earth to worship God according to His will.⁵
6. There is no other head of the church but the Lord Jesus Christ.⁶ And the claim of any man to be the vicar of Christ and the head of the Church, is unscriptural, without warrant in fact, and is a usurpation dishonoring to the Lord Jesus Christ.⁷

1. Romans 11:3-4; Revelation 12:6, 14.

2. Revelation 2; 3; 1 Corinthians 5:6-7.

3. 1 Corinthians 13:12; Revelation 2; 3; Matthew 13:24-30, 47.

4. Revelation 18:2; Romans 11:18-22.

5. Matthew 16:18; Psalm 72:17; 102:28; Matthew 28:19-20.

6. Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22.

7. Matthew 23:8-10; 1 Peter 5:2-4.

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (19.4.15)</i>	<i>Next Week (26.4.15)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Johnson Lim	Ken Chong
Pianist	Nancy Lim	Ian Tay
Welcomers	Jacob & Merylyn Woo	Yen Fye & Angela Yap
Offering Stewards	Paul Butler, Jansen Ng	Kim Leow, LH Chua
Usher	Jesslyn Leow	Joyce Ng
Kitchen Duties	Peggy Woo*, Lisa Lim, Grace Wang	Merylyn Woo*, Angela Yap, Putri Harapan
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>22 April 2015</i>	<i>29 April 2015</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Chairperson	Raymond Woo	SK Loh
Pianist	Merylyn Woo	Jerome Ng

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: "Jesus Christ Is Better" (Hebrews 1:4-14).
3. Covenant Picnic Lunch on ANZAC Day. Monday, 27 April 2015, at 11:30 am. Venue: Point Walter Reserve, Honour Avenue, Bicton. Please bring a dish. Please inform Jacob (0421 212 206) or Merylyn (0411 219 250) of your attendance.
4. Testimonies from the Bible Conference and Parenting Seminar. If the Lord has ministered to you and you would like to share, please submit your testimonies to Pastor for publishing in the bulletin.
5. Our heartfelt condolences to the Orchard Family on the home-going of Philip Orchard, their beloved son, brother, and uncle on 18 April 2015.

Appointments for the Week

WED	7:45 pm	Prayer Meeting - Psalm 106
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 - \$3,014.10 (#462 - \$100.00). *Missions Fund* - \$340.00. *Building Fund* - \$100.00 (#211 - \$100.00). *Total Tithes & Offering* - \$3,454.10.
Attendance - 153.

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.