



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 3 May 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	23 - <i>Come, We that Love the Lord</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 107:1-22
The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	TP 107:1-16
Hymn	389 - <i>I Am Resolved</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 2:1-4
Hymn	396 - <i>I'll Live for Him</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"If We Neglect So Great Salvation"
*Closing Hymn	397 - <i>I Have Decided to Follow 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
at 47 Davis Road, Attadale, Western Australia
Website: www.covenantbpc.org.au
Email: pastor@covenantbpc.org.au

My Sharing on the Bible Conference and Parenting Seminar

A Blessed Two Weeks

What an amazing and blessed two weeks we've all had under the ministry of Dr Tedd and Mrs Margy Tripp!

Dr and Mrs Tripp ministered at the Bible Conference (7-10 April 2015), the Saturday evening ad hoc men's and ladies' fellowship (11 April 2015), our Lord's Day service (12 April 2015), followed by three intensive evenings at the Parenting Seminar (13-15 April 2015).

Those who attended all the events would have received 9 straight days of solid spiritual feeding, comprising up to 14 messages, plus a couple of Q&A sessions!

Challenged to Get Rid of Heart Idolatry

We were not only taught the importance of getting our hearts right with the Lord, but we were really being challenged to get rid of the idols in our hearts.

These idols in our hearts and in the hearts of our children prevent us from receiving the full extent of the Lord's blessings on our lives.

Admittedly, this task is not at all easy; especially for parents with school-going children - we have high hopes for our children - academically, in music, sports and in other 'life' pursuits!

But the hopelessness of many of these pursuits has already been laid bare for us to see; yet we pursue

them incessantly and disproportionately against eternity's values.

I believe this was the point Pastor Tripp made in regards to 'polishing of idols' that effectively takes the place of God (reference is made here to Exodus 20:3 where the first commandment is denoted).

The verse that keeps coming to mind is "*Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues [or wellspring] of life*" (Proverbs 4:23). Pastor Tedd drew on that in many of his messages.

This verse would be very familiar for many of us who have read and studied the *Shepherding the Child's Heart* and *Instructing the Child's Heart* series over the past few years.

The logic is very simple: if our hearts are fixated on anything other than our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we miss the plot and will not reap spiritual rewards or success.

Yet we struggle big time - and I certainly do, virtually daily, in so many areas - to adhere to God's clear direction and to guard my own heart.

My Impression of the Tripps

I shared at the Bible Conference that meeting Dr Tedd and Mrs Margy Tripp was somewhat surreal initially because they seemed larger than life in the flesh!

After all, we've spent a good number of hours watching him preach on DVD and have given some painstaking

thought as to how the Lord wants us to bring up our children.

But after some fellowship with them, it struck me that they are not spiritual 'Luddites' living in isolation from the rest of society, nor are they speaking from a bygone era which no longer applies to our modern times.

My Reflection

There is something enduring about speaking about the 'heart', the core theme of the Tripps' Shepherding the Heart Ministry.

Such topics always carries a strong appeal even though I may have heard some of the messages before.

Pastor Tedd's messages reminded me that I am above all a Christian who needs to be in sync with what the Lord's will is for me – only then can I make the right calls for my family in every aspect of life, and also be of one mind with fellow brethren.

We would be arrogant and deluded if we think that we are immune from heart-piercing pressures, however well we think we know the Bible.

I thank God again for bringing the Tripps to our midst, and pray that all of us will take every opportunity to embrace such moments of spiritual inculcation, rekindling and challenge.

May the Lord draw us out of ourselves and into the Saviour! ~ Terence Lee



Westminster Confession of Faith XXVII - Of the Sacraments

1. Sacraments are holy signs and seals of the covenant of grace,¹ immediately instituted by God,² to represent Christ and His benefits; and to confirm our interest in Him:³ as also, to put a visible difference between those that belong unto the Church and the rest of the world;⁴ and solemnly to engage them to the service of God in Christ, according to His Word.⁵
2. There is, in every sacrament, a spiritual relation, or sacramental union, between the sign and the thing signified: whence it comes to pass, that the names and effects of the one are attributed to the other.⁶
3. The grace which is exhibited in or by the sacraments rightly used, is not conferred by any power in them; neither does the efficacy of a sacrament depend upon the piety or intention of him that does administer it:⁷ but upon the work of the Spirit,⁸ and the word of institution, which contains, together with a precept authorizing the use thereof, a promise of benefit to worthy receivers.⁹

1. Romans 4:11; Genesis 17:7, 10.

2. Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 11:23.

3. 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:25–26; Galatians 3:27; 17.

4. Romans 15:8; Exodus 12:48; Genesis 34:14.

5. Romans 6:3–4; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 21.

6. Genesis 17:10; Matthew 26:27–28; Titus 3:5.

7. Romans 2:28–29; 1 Peter 3:21.

8. Matthew 3:11; 1 Corinthians 12:13.

9. Matthew 26:27–28; 28:19–20.

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (3.5.15)</i>	<i>Next Week (10.5.15)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Terence Lee
Pianist	Evelyn Lee	Merilyn Woo
Welcomers	Micah & Hannah Chiang	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	David Ong, David Lim	Yen Fye Yap, David Pang
Usher	Angela Yap	Joyce Ng
Kitchen Duties	Sarah Siew*, Jackie Hong, August Ng, Julian Poon	Jenni Budiman*, Sandy Chua, Victor Poon
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>6 May 2015</i>	<i>13 May 2015</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Chairperson	Johnson Lim	Jacob Woo
Pianist	Nancy Lim	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: "The Son of God Became the Son of Man" (Hebrews 2:5-9).
3. Please submit your pledges to the building fund in the offering bag in the coming weeks.
4. Tunes for the Trinity Psalter are available online at <http://psalter.org/tunes/trinity> and <http://www.lifebpc.com/index.php/resources/trinity-psalter>. Worship leaders may retain a copy of the words edition and pianists may loan the music editions.
5. Sunday School teachers for the month of May are Stephanie Lim, Jenni Budiman, Aliza Chiu, Lisa Lim, Sandy Chua, Eileen Tay; Dorcas Pang, Evelyn Lee, Carmel Sriharan; Chris Budiman; Christine Butler; Eugene Lim; May Poon, Paul Butler, Ken Chong. Singspiration Leader: Jansen Ng, Pianist: Evelyn Lee.
6. The Orchard family would like to thank everyone for the many expressions of kindness, prayer, support and love you have shown during this period of bereavement for our family on the home-going of Philip Orchard. We are comforted to know that while he is absent from the body, he is present with the Lord. Thanks to be to God for his grace, mercy and strength to enable us to go through this period of loss.

Appointments for the Week

WED	7:45 pm	Prayer Meeting - Psalm 108
FRI	7:45 pm	JF, YPG, Parents' Group
SAT	8:00 pm	Men's Bible Study
SUN	2:00 pm	Adult Bible Class
	3:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$2,457.25. *Missions Fund* - \$280.00. *Building Fund* - \$1,650.00 (#213 - \$500.00, #214 - \$150.00, #215 - \$1,000.00). *Total Tithes & Offering* - \$4,387.25. Attendance - 140.

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.