



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 19 July 2015

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

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| Prelude | <i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i> |
| Call to Worship | |
| *Opening Hymn | 63 - <i>Take the Name of Jesus with You</i> |
| *Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i> | |
| Responsive Reading | Psalm 118 |
| Hymn | TP 118:1-4, 15-16, 24-29 |
| Tithes & Offering | |
| *† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer | |
| Scripture Reading | Hebrews 5:11-6:3 |
| Hymn | 177 - <i>Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart</i> |
| Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer | |
| Sermon | "Why We Do Not Grow Spiritually" |
| *Closing Hymn | 317 - <i>A Charge to Keep I Have</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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Purchase of the Church Building - Moving Ahead

The Funds Are Coming In

As the weeks have passed, you would've noticed that our building fund has inched up steadily. As a congregation, we have given and pledged quite substantially.

We are a small congregation and we have, to date, raised almost \$460,000 with approximately \$100,000 remaining in pledges to be given.

That is no mean feat. We thank God for moving us to give in this manner.

As I have mentioned over the past few Sundays, our sister churches have been generous to us.

We are thankful for Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, who has given us an interest free loan of \$300,000 to be repaid in 10 years.

We are also thankful for Zion Serangoon Bible-Presbyterian Church who has given us a gift of SGD30,000.

Some other churches are still deliberating our situation. We pray that the Lord would move them, as well as our own people, to give generously.

The Purchase of the Church Building

Looking at the building fund, we would have sufficient to purchase the church building from Attadale Baptist Church in September.

However, it is likely that we will not be able to purchase the church manse by September, as we had initially hoped.

While this may be considered a missed opportunity by some, yet we must realize that God's providence is always perfect.

That this door seems to be closed to us is in God's plan. But we never know - things may change in the next few weeks!

Pray for a Meeting of Minds and Hearts

God-willing, we will be meeting with the church board of Attadale Baptist Church in early August to discuss the details of the sale and purchase of the building.

When we first met, we discussed the proposed purchase price of both church building and church manse.

Unless things change significantly in the next few weeks, we are likely to discuss the purchase of only the church building.

We will also be discussing the timing of the purchase and the handing over of the property to us.

The members of ABC have been praying for this for a long time and so have their officers.

We have been told that they would like it to take place at their 60th anniversary in September.

Please be in fervent prayer for this meeting, that there would be a meeting of minds and hearts - that Christ would be exalted above all.

What Happens in September

God-willing, the purchase will be completed in September. You may ask what happens then.

What is very likely is that we will move to the morning for our worship service.

I'm really sorry to those of you who have slept in on Sunday mornings for the past 6 years.

There are several reasons why we have chosen to worship in the morning.

Firstly, we would want to begin the Lord's Day with the Lord's people in the Lord's house.

Secondly, the mind is fresher in the morning to worship the Lord. In summer, we won't have to battle the afternoon heat.

And we won't have to battle postprandial somnolence, aka after lunch sleepiness.

And as a preacher, I definitely prefer the morning. Nothing is more discouraging to me than seeing the congregation struggling to remain awake.

Thirdly, there will be some folks from Attadale Baptist Church that will continue to worship in the building and would want to worship with us.

We have had many combined meetings in the past; we have built up friendships with many of them.

And it just wouldn't be feasible to hold 2 services with 2 Sunday School sessions.

There may also be more people as well, and because of that, there will be more cars.

Due to all of these things, there will be more administration.

We all need to do our parts when September comes. We need to wake up early and we need to get used to a morning service.

It is also needful that we learn to be patient with one another, especially with the parking. And we need to make new friends and reach out to others.

Things are still in flux. But this is just to share with you what's been on our minds. Be in prayer! ~ *Pastor*



Westminster Confession of Faith XXXI - Of Synods and Councils

1. For the better government and further edification of the Church, there ought to be such assemblies as are commonly called Synods or Councils:¹ and it belongeth to the overseers and other rulers of the particular Churches, by virtue of their office, and the power which Christ hath given them for edification and not for destruction, to appoint such assemblies;² and to convene together in them, as often as they shall judge it expedient for the good of the Church.³
2. It belongs to synods and councils, ministerially to determine controversies of faith, and cases of conscience; to set down rules and directions for the better ordering of the public worship of God, and government of his Church; to receive complaints in cases of maladministration, and authoritatively to determine the same; which decrees and determinations, if consonant to the Word of God, are to be received with reverence and submission; not only for their agreement with the Word, but also for the power whereby they are made, as being an ordinance of God appointed thereunto in His Word.⁴

1. Acts 15:2, 4, 6.

2. Acts 15.

3. Acts 15:22-23, 25.

4. Acts 15:15, 19, 24, 27-31; 16:4; Matthew 18:17-20.

Worship Service Roster

| Service | This Week (19.7.15) | Next Week (26.7.15) |
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| Speaker | Mark Chen | Mark Chen |
| Worship Leader | Raymond Woo | Chris Budiman |
| Pianist | Evelyn Lee | Edward Lim |
| Welcomers | Danny & Susie Tan | Micah & Hannah Chiang |
| Offering Stewards | Rex Sriharan, LH Chua | Jansen Ng, Vincent Chiu |
| Usher | Jerome Ng | Marilyn Woo |
| Kitchen Duties | Sandy Chua*, Sally Tan, Eileen Tay | Florence Orchard*, Eva Chiu, Carmel Sriharan |
| <i>Prayer Meeting</i> | <i>24 July 2015</i> | <i>31 July 2015</i> |
| Speaker | Mark Chen | Mark Chen |
| Chairperson | Terence Lee | Raymond Woo |
| Pianist | Jerome Ng | 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: "Apostasy" (Hebrews 6:4-12).
3. JF commences next week. We encourage all parents and other church worshippers to join us at the Friday prayer meeting held concurrently.
4. Daily Manna & Daily Manna Junior (July-September) are available in the foyer.

Appointments for the Week

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| FRI | 7:45 pm | Prayer Meeting & JF |
| SAT | 7:30 pm | Ladies' Bible Study |
| SUN | 2:00 pm | Adult Bible Class/Catechism |
| | 3:00 pm | Worship & Sunday School |

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$2,958.80. *Missions Fund* - \$330.00. *Building Fund* - \$1,180.00
 (#259 - \$700.00, #260 - \$80.00, #261 - \$400.00). *Total Tithes & Offering* -
 \$4,468.80. *Attendance* - 120.

Building Fund to Date

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| Starting Fund | \$54,185.68 | Building Fund Account: |
| Pledges Collected | \$258,365.00 | Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church |
| Non-Pledged Gifts | \$145,689.82 | (Westpac Bank, Applecross) |
| <i>Subtotal Building Fund</i> | <i>\$458,240.50</i> | BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969 |
| <i>Outstanding Pledges</i> | <i>\$113,355.00</i> | SWIFT: WPACAU2S |
| <i>Grand Total</i> | <i>\$571,595.50</i> | |

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.