



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 26 July 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	55 - <i>Come, Christians Join to Sing</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 119:17-40
Hymn	TP 119:17-19, 33-40
Tithes & Offering	
*† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 6:4-12
Hymn	261 - <i>Trust and Obey</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Apostasy"
*Closing Hymn	502 - <i>My Savior First of All</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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Charles Spurgeon on Repentance, Conversion, and Assurance

On Repentance And Faith

"Coming to Christ embraces in it repentance, self-abnegation, and faith in the Lord Jesus, and so sums within itself all those things which are the necessary attendants of those great steps of heart, such as the belief of the truth, earnest prayers to God, the submission of the soul to the precepts of His Gospel" (Sermon on John 6:44).

"To come to Christ signifies to turn from sin and to trust in Him. Coming to Christ is a leaving of all false confidences, a renouncing of all love to sin, and a looking to Jesus as the solitary pillar of our confidence and hope" (Sermon on John 6:37).

On The Power Of True Conversion

"Many people think that when we preach salvation, we mean salvation from going to Hell. We do mean that, but we mean a great deal more: we preach salvation from sin; we say that Christ is able to save a man; and by that we mean that He is able to save him from sin and to make him holy; to make him a new man."

"No person has any right to say, 'I am saved,' while he continues in sin as he did before. How can you be saved from sin while you are living in it? A man that is drowning cannot say he is saved from the water while he is sinking in it; a man that is frost-bitten cannot say, with any truth, that he is saved from the cold while he is stiffened in the wintry blast.

"No, man, Christ did not come to save thee in thy sins, but to save thee from thy sins; not to make the disease so that it should not kill thee, but to let it remain in itself mortal, and nevertheless, to remove it from be

thou clean." (commenting on Matthew 9:12)

On Assurance VS Presumption

"They say they are saved, and they stick to it; they simply are, and they think it wicked to doubt it; but yet they have no reason to warrant their confidence."

"There is a great difference between presumption and full assurance. Full assurance is reasonable: it is based on solid ground. Presumption takes for granted, and with brazen face pronounces that to be its own to which it has no right whatever."

"Beware, I pray thee, of presuming that thou art saved. If thy heart be renewed, if thou shalt hate the things that thou didst once love, and love the things that thou didst once hate; if thou hast really repented; if there be a thorough change of mind in thee; if thou be born again, then thou hast reason to rejoice but if there be no vital change, no inward godliness; if there be no love to God, no prayer, no work of the Holy Spirit, then thy saying 'I am saved' is but thine own assertion, and it may delude, but it will not deliver thee" (commenting on 1 Chronicles 4:10).

"Too many professors pacify themselves with the idea that they possess imputed righteousness, while they are indifferent to the sanctifying work of the Spirit. They refuse to put on the garment of obedience; they reject the white linen which is the righteousness of saints. They thus reveal their self-will, their enmity to God, and their non-submission to His Son."

"I have sometimes thought when I have heard addresses from some

revival brethren who had kept on saying time after time, 'Believe, believe, believe,' that I should like to have known for myself what it was we were to believe in order to our salvation. There is, I fear, a great deal of vagueness and crudeness about this matter."

"I have heard it often asserted that if you believe that Jesus Christ died for you, you will be saved. My dear hearer, do not be deluded by such an idea."

"You may believe that Jesus Christ died for you, and may believe what is not true; you may believe that which will bring you no sort of good whatever. That is not saving faith."

"The man who has saving faith afterwards attains to the conviction that Christ died for him, but it is not the essence of saving faith. Do not get that into your head, or it will ruin you. Do not say, 'I believe that Jesus Christ died for me,' and because of that, feel that you are saved."

"Such men may talk what they will about justification by faith, and salvation by grace, but they are rebels at heart; they have not on the wedding-dress any more than the self-righteous, whom they so eagerly condemn."

"The fact is, if we wish for the blessings of grace, we must in our hearts submit to the rules of grace without picking and choosing" (The Wedding Garment).

"That's where salvation is - not in man's purpose, not in man's plan, it's in a person. It's not in a proposition, it's not in walking an aisle, it's not in a church ordinance, it's in Christ! It's not in a law; it's not in the deeds of the flesh; salvation is in Christ."

"A man does not have salvation until he comes by the power of God's Spirit through faith to a living, personal, vital, intimate union with Christ as the Lord."

"A man is not a Christian until he has a vital union with Christ. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new."

"Most people's so-called Christianity can be taken off with their Sunday clothes; but a man who is genuinely saved has Christ living in him as an everlasting fountain springing up into everlasting life - he's been born-again - he's been resurrected from the grave - he has the very image of the Son of God stamped on his heart and it cannot be moved."



Westminster Confession of Faith XXXI - Of Synods and Councils

3. All synods or councils, since the apostles' times, whether general or particular, may err; and many have erred. Therefore they are not to be made the rule of faith, or practice; but to be used as a help in both.¹
4. Synods and councils are to handle, or conclude nothing, but that which is ecclesiastical: and are not to intermeddle with civil affairs which concern the commonwealth, unless by way of humble petition in cases extraordinary; or, by way of advice, for satisfaction of conscience, if they be thereunto required by the civil magistrate.²

1. Ephesians 2:20; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 2:5; 2 Corinthians 1:24.
2. Luke 12:13-14; John 18:36.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (26.7.15)	Next Week (2.8.15)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Chris Budiman	Mark Chen
Pianist	Edward Lim	Ian Tay
Welcomers	Jacob & Marilyn Woo	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	Jansen Ng, Vincent Chiu	Paul Butler, David Ong
Usher	Marilyn Woo	Joyce Ng
Kitchen Duties	Florence Orchard*, Eva Chiu, Carmel Sriharan	Adeline Ng*, Jesslyn Leow, Jemima Ng, Chris Budiman
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>31 July 2015</i>	<i>7 August 2015</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Chairperson	LH Chua	Jacob Woo
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Eugene 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. Next week's message: "Hoping In God's Promises and Oaths" (Hebrews 6:13-20).
3. We will be celebrating Lord's Supper next Lord's Day. Please bring a dish to share at the fellowship dinner.
4. Sunday School teachers for the month of August are: Aliza Chiu, Lisa Lim, Sandy Chua, Eileen Tay, Stephanie Lim, Jenni Budiman; Dorcas Pang, Evelyn Lee, Carmel Sriharan; Jerome Ng; Mary-Anne Chan; David Lim; Jacob & Marilyn Woo; David Pang. Singspiration Leader: Alvar Ongkowidjaja. Pianist: Ian Tay.

Appointments for the Week

FRI	7:45 pm	Prayer Meeting & JF
SUN	2:00 pm	Adult Bible Class
	3:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School
TUE	10:30 am	Retirees' Bible Study

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$2,638.20. Missions Fund - \$300.00. Building Fund - \$51,010.00 (#262 - \$50,000.00, #263 - \$50.00, #264 - \$810.00, #265 - \$50.00, #266 - \$100.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$53,948.20. Attendance - 132.

Building Fund to Date

Starting Fund	\$54,185.68	Building Fund Account:
Pledges Collected	\$318,725.00	Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church
Non-Pledged Gifts	\$456,239.82	(Westpac Bank, Applecross)
<i>Subtotal Building Fund</i>	<i>\$829,150.50</i>	BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969
<i>Outstanding Pledges</i>	<i>\$52,995.00</i>	SWIFT: WPACAU2S
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>\$882,145.50</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.