



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 27 November 2016

Theme for the Year: "What Would Jesus Say About Your Church?" (Rev 3:22)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	527 - <i>Thanks to God</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Exodus 17:8-16
Hymn	TP 63:1-4,6-8
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Acts 2:42-47
Hymn	345 - <i>'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Spirit-Controlled Church Prays"
*Closing Hymn	346 - <i>Teach Me to Pray</i>
*Benediction & <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	
Announcements	<i>*Congregation standing</i>

† Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

†† Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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Retirees' Bible Study Outing to Gingin and New Norcia

On Thursday 17 November, 2016, the Church Retirees' Bible Study group travelled to Gingin to visit the West Coast Honey Works and New Norcia to visit the Benedictine monastery.

We departed from Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church at about 9.15 A.M. 30 of us including Pastor Mark left in a convoy of 4 vehicles - 2 SUVs, the church van, and a hired 12 Seater minibus. The drive to Gingin took about one and a half hours.

West Coast Honey Works

At the Honey Works, we were warmly received by Tina Mettam and later by Paul Fewster, the supervisor and a fourth generation member of the Fewster family which started the honey business.

Paul gave us a talk about bees and the honey extraction process (which could be viewed from behind glass panels).

The Fewster family has bee-sites in WA that produce the following well-known WA honey: Jarrah, Karri, Black-Butt, Red Gum (or Marri), etc.

All the visitors were welcome to sample the different kinds of honey which were also available for sale.

The varieties mentioned are straight-line honey from their respective Gum-tree (Eucalyptus) forests, like Jarrah forests or Karri forests.

New Norcia and Lunch

The convoy left for New Norcia soon after 11.30 A.M. Mark arrived at New Norcia slightly ahead of the rest of the convoy, and directed the group to an area under some huge gum trees - it was good shady place for a picnic.

Jimmy, our elder, led us in prayer for the food. We then had finger food for lunch under the shady gum trees. After lunch, we sang some hymns and had an exhortation from Pastor Mark.

The Importance of the Word on Salvation and Christian Maturity

He made particular reference to 2 Tim 3:15-17 - "*And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*"

As it was on the grounds of the monastery, Pastor Mark took the opportunity to describe the Roman Catholic understanding of justification - being by both faith and works.

But as Christians, all we need is an understanding of the Bible - for it is able to make us wise - it is able to teach us how to be saved.

When we believe the gospel alone (doctrine), it leads us to be convicted of our sins (reproof), and our subsequent repentance and changing of our ways (correction), and our life-long discipline and obedience (instruction in righteousness). The result of which is our Christian maturity (perfection).

The teaching, explanation and illustration on the study of the Bible was very appropriate to most of us as retired and elderly folks.

Given the time that we possess, how are we hearing, reading, studying, memorizing, and meditating on the

Scriptures? Are we maturing in our faith?

The lively discussion that followed was very profitable and some of the points illustrated were enduring at least to me.

Monasticism and the Influence of Roman Catholic Doctrine on Architecture

Mark also spoke on the history of New Norcia. It was founded by Benedictine monks from Spain in 1847. The Benedictines were a monastic order founded by Benedict of Nursia (which we learned was the namesake of the monastic town). Benedict was the founder of western monasticism.

The very first monasteries he founded were located in Subiaco, Italy; which also lends its name to the second WA location in which the Benedictines settled.

Many single people entered into monastic orders due to the belief that such "holy orders" would contribute to their salvation and the salvation of their family members.

Despite the darkness found in medieval monasticism, the Christian church historically owes much to that institution, where the disciplines of prayer and the reading of the Scriptures were preserved. Many Reformation

leaders, such as Martin Luther, had been a monks.

After that, we visited the Abbey Church. Mark described the architecture of the church, the Roman Catholic mass, the concept of the separation of the people and the priests.

The people sat in the nave, and at the middle of the transept, was the altar where the sacrifice of the mass was conducted. This section was cordoned off to signify the separation of the priests and the people. The priests and the choir sat in the choir section behind the altar.

Before the Second Vatican Council, the people did not sing, and the entire service was conducted in Latin, with the priests performing the singing.

After the talk, we had some time at the gift shop, the museum, and the art gallery. Thereafter, we departed from New Norcia for Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church just after 4 P.M. and arriving just after 6 P.M.

Thank God, for a very blessed day. God had blessed the outing in so many ways; giving us traveling mercies, a beautiful and profitable day to learn about history and His word from Mark.

~ Yen Fye Yap and Pastor



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 110. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment, the more to enforce it, contained in these words, For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments; are, besides God's sovereignty over us, and propriety in us, his fervent zeal for his own worship, and his revengeful indignation against all false worship, as being a spiritual whoredom; accounting the breakers of this commandment such as hate him, and threatening to punish them unto divers generations; esteeming the observers of it such as love him and keep his commandments, and promising mercy to them unto many generations.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (27.11.16)	Next Week (4.12.16)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Jacob Woo	Mark Chen
Pianist	Edward Lim	Jabez Huang
Welcomers	John & Adeline Ng	Jansen & Eva Ng
Offering Stewards	David Pang*, LH Chua* Vincent Chiu, Ian Read	Rex Sriharan*, Yen Fye Yap* David Pang, Terence Lee
Usher	Jesslyn Leow, Jemima Ng	August Ng, Wendy Gong
Kitchen Duties	May Poon*, Merylyn Woo Ken Hong	Alia Chiu*, Mary-Anne Chan Julian Poon
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>2 December 2016</i>	<i>9 December 2016</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Ian Tay	Ian Tay

Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. We will be celebrating Lord's Supper next Lord's Day. Please bring a dish to share at the fellowship lunch.
3. Next week's message: "From Lame to Upright" (Acts 3:1-26).
4. Next week's Junior Worship message - "New Family, New In-Law Relations" (Genesis 2:18-25). Speaker - Jerome Ng.
5. Bible Conference 2017. Dates: 18-21 April 2017. Speaker: Dr Bob Jones III. Venue: Bayview Geographe Resort. Please register with Ken and Jackie Hong.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 10:00 am Craft Group FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting SAT 4:30 pm JF & TF SUN 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	<i>General Fund</i> - \$3,656.80 (#641 - \$33.00, #642 - \$260.00. <i>Missions Fund</i> - \$200.00. <i>Building Fund</i> - \$105.00 (#502 - \$105.00). <i>Total Tithes & Offering</i> - \$3,961.80. <i>Attendance</i> - 152.

Building Fund to Date	
Available Building Fund	\$79,878.93
Last Week's Collection	\$105.00
Total	\$79,983.93
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	- \$416,000.00
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	\$336,016.07
Building Fund Account: Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church (Westpac Bank, Applecross) BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969 SWIFT: WPACAU2S	

Elders: **Mark Chen (Pastor)** 6114 4242, 0415 932 373. **Jimmy Orchard** 0413 274 407.
 Deacons: **Ken Chong** 0402 553 313. **LH Chua** 0435 601 373. **Johnson Lim** 0402 145 682. **Jacob Woo** 0421 212 206.

The Spirit-Controlled Church Prays

Acts 2:42-47

The Christian is saved because of God, made holy because of God, loving because he is born again, filled with good works because God has foreordained him to do them. It is all God. Even in church ministry, Christ is the one who builds the church. What we must do is to pray. Then he will work.

1. They Prayed Corporately
 - a. Corporate prayer meetings
 - b. Private prayer meetings
2. The Reason for Their Prayer
 - a. They prayed because they were involved in kingdom building
 - b. The Apostles' example
 - c. Christ's example
 - d. When we pray, he will work
 - e. They prayed because they had a desperate need of Christ
3. The Prosperity of the Kingdom Because of Prayer
 - a. The reaction of the unbelievers around them
 - b. Christ grew the church
 - c. Salvation and the people of God are linked
 - d. Ongoing work of God

When we pray, Christ will work and build the church. If we expect Christ to work, to save people, to make his people holy and loving, we would pray.

Questions for Reflection:

1. What do you think is the main reason preventing people from praying corporately together?
2. Why do you think praying together grows the church and changes the people?
3. Do we want Christ to work in our lives and in the church?