



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship – 24 April 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	449 - <i>To God Be the Glory</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 87
Hymn	185 - <i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Philippians 2:12-30
Hymn	369 - <i>Give of Your Best to the Master</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Revolutionized by Christ"
*Closing Hymn	Insert - <i>We Are God's People</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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## **Bible Conference - What Would Jesus Say About Your Church?**

### *Introduction*

About 50 adults and children were present at the Bible Conference in Busselton this year.

By far, this was our smallest turn out! But the small size afforded cozier fellowship and interaction between the people.

The speaker this year was Mathews Abraham, the pastor of Ebenezer Bible-Presbyterian Church in Melbourne.

He and I were classmates in Bible college.

He was previously ministering in Moriah and Philadelphia Bible-Presbyterian Churches in Singapore. The Lord called him to minister in Melbourne in 2015.

He spoke on the topic - "What Would Jesus Say about Your Church," expounding from Revelation 2 and 3, on Jesus' words to the 7 Churches of Asia Minor.

Min and I ministered to the kids in the children's program, teaching them from the Parables of Jesus.

Morning devotions were taken by me. I preached from Matthew 9:1-41 where I encouraged the people to consider that influence in the church is achieved through service; power in the church is garnered by prayer; and the glory of Christ in the church is displayed by the obedience of his people.

### *Conference Messages*

#### True Christianity

Pastor Mathews spoke from the Sermon on the Mount in his first message. He defined the characteristics of a true Christian. A

Christian is one who has come to Christ and repented of his sins.

A Christian is also one who follows after Jesus and continues to follow after Jesus. One cannot be a Christian if he does not see the poverty of his soul, mourn for his sins, and come meekly to Christ for forgiveness.

Christians belong to the kingdom of Christ - which is the church. And Christ is the king of this kingdom and he is building his church. The church then, is the Christian's desire. Are we serving Christ and his kingdom?

#### Christ Honoring Churches

2 of the 7 churches of Revelation were commended by Jesus. These were Smyrna and Philadelphia.

Smyrna was the suffering church - she had gone through much tribulation and much poverty. She also experienced much slander by her enemies. Despite her suffering, she remained faithful. She was courageous in her suffering.

Philadelphia was the obedient church. Even though she was not a strong church - in fact, a small church, she had kept the words of Christ.

It was a reminder that Christ's kingdom on earth now is a suffering and small kingdom. It faces tribulation. Things will not be smooth going. We will face problems from without.

#### Pragmatic and Worldly Churches

2 of the 7 churches of Revelation were characterized as being worldly and pragmatic.

When a church exists, it stands against the world. Sometimes we are tempted to compromise and tolerate sin.

Pergamum was faithful despite being surrounded by paganism. While the church had not been influenced by paganism, it had tolerated sin in its midst.

Thyatira was commended for her love and service to Christ. She was also commended for their growth. However, she had tolerated false teaching and immorality.

A church can, for the sake of respectability in the community, compromise her faithfulness to holiness and truth. It was a reminder to us to seek commendation from Christ rather than commendation and respect from the world.

#### Lifeless and Useless Churches

2 of the 7 churches of Revelation were characterized as dying and useless.

The church at Sardis had a reputation. She was involved in a lot of service. Even though she was small, she was very influential.

However, despite her reputation and past glory, she was dying. A church can rest on its past laurels. But Christ is not satisfied with what we have done, but what we continue to do.

The church in Laodicea was not commended at all. She was neither

hot nor cold, but lukewarm. She was not excited for Christ nor working for Christ. Why? Because she was comfortable. She was rich and had become self-sufficient.

It was a reminder to us to serve the Lord fervently and to be satisfied with where we are at.

#### Faithful Until Christ Returns

A Christian is saved to love Christ and his kingdom. There are obligations on us. There are choices to be made - to follow Christ's narrow way, or the broad way of the world; to bear forth the fruit of Christ or the fruit of the world; to do God's will or our will; to build on Christ or to build on worldly principles.

We are obligated to obey Christ. This requires us to renew our first love, to repent of our unfaithfulness, and to press on in obedience.

#### *Conclusion*

We thank God for the conference and the messages. The discussion questions were thought provoking and helped us to consider how we are doing as a church.

We are thankful to God for those precious days of learning, discussion, and fellowship. ~ Pastor



### **Westminster Larger Catechism**

Q. 60. Can they who have never heard the gospel, and so know not Jesus Christ, nor believe in him, be saved by their living according to the light of nature?

A. They who, having never heard the gospel, know not Jesus Christ, and believe not in him, cannot be saved, be they never so diligent to frame their lives according to the light of nature, or the laws of that religion which they profess; neither is there salvation in any other, but in Christ alone, who is the Savior only of his body the church.

Q. 61. Are all they saved who hear the gospel, and live in the church?

A. All that hear the gospel, and live in the visible church, are not saved; but they only who are true members of the church invisible.

# Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (24.4.16)	Next Week (1.5.16)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Jimmy Orchard	Mark Chen
Pianist	Merilyn Woo	Ian Tay
Welcomers	Yen Fye & Angela Yap	Jansen Ng & Eva Chiu
Offering Stewards	Jansen Ng*, Chris Budiman* LH Chua, Micah Chiang	Jacob Woo*, Ken Chong* Ian Read, Ken Hong
Usher	Jemima Ng, Josephine Austin	Joyce Ng, Eva Chiu
Kitchen Duties	May Poon*, Mary Loh Angela Yap	Eileen Tay*, Adeline Ng Mary-Anne Chan, Julian Poon
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>29 April 2016</i>	<i>6 May 2016</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Ian Tay	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. 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: "Justified in Christ" (Philippians 3:1-9).
4. Next week's Junior Worship message - "Courageous Women" (Judges 4:1-24). Speaker - David Pang.
5. Retirees' Bible Study, Tuesday, 26 April 2016, 10:00 am. Screening of Moody Institute of Science's *City of the Bees*. Please contact Yen Fye Yap at 0419 915 874 for more information.
6. Ladies' Bible Stud, Saturday, 30 April 2016, 7:30 pm at the residence of Merilyn Woo. Please contact Evelyn Lee at 0403 504 186 for more information.
7. Teens Fellowship topic - Workshop on Biblical Communication and Conflict Resolution.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
TUE 10:00 am Retirees' Bible Study	<i>General Fund</i> - \$3,101.75 (#556 - \$200.00, #557 - \$400.00). <i>Missions Fund</i> - \$350.00. <i>Building Fund</i> - \$790 (#360 - \$110.00, #361 - \$680.00). <i>Total Tithes &amp; Offering</i> - \$4,241.75. Attendance - 128.
FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting	
SAT 4:30 pm JF & TF	
7:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study	
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	
10:00 am Worship	

Building Fund to Date		
Available Building Fund	\$76,965.47	Building Fund Account:
Outstanding Pledges	\$9,950.00	
Last Week's Collection	\$790.00	Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church (Westpac Bank, Applecross)
Total	\$87,705.47	
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	- \$430,000.00	BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	\$342,294.53	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. **Terence Lee** 0418 845 617. **Johnson Lim** 0402 145 682. **Jacob Woo** 0421 212 206.

Revolutionized by Christ  
Philippians 2:12-30

A godly life alone won't make people know that Christ is real; but telling others about Jesus without living a godly life will cause people to dismiss us as hypocrites. We must live as the Bible describes us. We are completely changed (2 Cor 5:17). The proof of our salvation is seen in the fruit we bear. Are you revolutionized by Christ? Are there evidences of your salvation?

1. A Revolutionized Life is Proof of Salvation
  - a. The importance of proving your salvation
  - b. Your life preaches to the unbelieving world
  - c. Let your testimony bring joy to others
2. Examples of a Revolutionized Life
  - a. Caring and Serving
  - b. Risking
  - c. Giving

What do others say when they look at you? Are those who are close to you convinced that you are a Christian?

Questions for Reflection:

1. Paul speaks on how the Philippians should respond to adversity. What attitudes does Paul insist on us having? Why are these qualities so difficult to foster?
2. Godly living isn't just about proper attitudes, it also requires action. What actions should we take to show our faith?
3. How important is it to give others joy by our testimony? Is it important to please others in this manner or should we only be accountable to God?