



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 22 October 2017

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	TP 66:1-4, 8-9
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 9:19-27
Hymn	537 - <i>Not I, but Christ</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Acts 15:36-16:5
Hymn	390 - <i>Jesus Paid It All</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Weak and the Strong"
*Closing Hymn	487 - <i>Sometime We'll Understand</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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Vacation Bible School 2017

Vacation Bible School 2017 was conducted on the second week of school holidays, from a Monday to a Wednesday (2-4 October).

This year, we had fewer children than previous years. However, there were a number of unbelieving children - they were friends of worshipers or had heard about the program online.

The theme was "Kings on Thrones" and it examined the kingship of Saul, David, and Solomon - who were all imperfect - which is why God appointed Jesus as King to deliver his people from their enemies.

A number of the children who are not from church have indicated that they want to return and attend the Junior Fellowship. This past Saturday, 2 came.

Please continue to pray for those unbelieving children, and even for the professing believers, who had heard the gospel - that they would believe and follow King Jesus. ~ *Pastor*

Testimonies from Helpers

They Were A Delightful, Energetic, Enthusiastic Group

I volunteered to help out in the VBS for the first time in this church not knowing how I can make myself useful but just happy to be assigned to where help is needed.

I was assigned to help Valerie with the 7 to 9 year olds. They were a delightful, energetic, enthusiastic group and a joy to be with and the three days of VBS passed very quickly.

Many volunteered in different areas, from Pastor Mark pitching his messages to his young listeners' level, to those who helped in registration (sign-in and sign-out of kids), leading the groups in revising lessons and memory verses, games, food, crafts etc.

I believe the kids and the helpers all had a good time. For those who stayed behind, we had good fellowship over packet lunch.

May the gospel seeds sown in these young hearts bring forth fruits in time to come. This is one joyful ministry we all can serve in. ~ *Alison Tan*

It's Great to See All the Helpers Working Together

I had the pleasure of helping out in this year's VBS with games and leading the older group.

Thank God for bringing several unbelieving children to be a part of this experience and giving them the opportunity to learn about His Word.

All the kids had fun with the activities and I had a wonderful team of assistants without whom I couldn't have done the job. It's great to see all the helpers working together to realize this program.

Overall, through God's provision and all the great works everyone had put in, I believe the VBS was a success. ~ *Putri Harapan*

I Thank God for the Opportunity

Thank God for seeing through the VBS this year and for all the children who attended.

I thank God for the opportunity to discuss the message with the children aged 6-12 on one of the days.

The children participated well in the discussion and understood the message. They also did well in memorizing the Scripture verse - 1 Corinthians 10:12 - "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

I pray the Lord will work in their hearts that the gospel seed will grow strong and they will come to trust and love Jesus. ~ *Jerome Ng*

Testimonies from the Children

The following were written by VBS participants aged 7-13, answering the question "What I Learned at VBS."

"Put your faith in God."

"Not to be proud of ourselves."

"Man looks on the outside but God looks at the heart. David didn't look like a strong king but he was a man after God's own heart."

"God can use anyone to do great things as long as they have faith in Christ. For example, David killed Goliath who seemed greater than him."

"Jesus is the only king who is perfect."

"I learned about four kings: Saul, David, Solomon and Jesus."

"Jesus is the only king who does not sin. None of the other kings didn't sin."

"I learned that in the story of David and Goliath, David picked five stones instead of one because Goliath had four brothers who were also giants. So if the brothers wanted to kill him, he didn't need to get more. He just needed to use his other stones."

"No matter who we are, our enemy is the sin in ourselves."

"If we are proud, we will turn away from God."

"I learned that God looks at your heart and not what you look like on the outside. The only perfect king is Jesus."

"If we put our faith in God, we can always trust and believe that he is with us. Everyone sins, even the most

'perfect' still does. The only perfect king is King Jesus!"

"I learned that David started well as a king but he then sinned. I also learned that David's family was not taught well by David."

"Goliath is about 3.2m tall, his armour weighs 60kg and the head of his spear is 8kg."

"It doesn't matter what's on the outside, it's what matters on the inside."

"Jesus is the king but most people didn't believe that he was king so he was put on the cross."

"Jesus is our king. Every other king (Saul, David, Solomon) was a sinner. The only perfect king is Jesus!"

"In the story of David and the sling, David got five stones from the lake because Goliath the giant had four brothers who were also giants. David wanted to kill Goliath with one stone and if Goliath's brothers wanted to kill David, he could use his other stones to fight against them."

"Jesus is the only king who does not sin. None of the kings did not sin. The kings have a sword, a crown and a sceptre."

"I learned that man looks on the outside but God looks at the heart. We should repent when we sin."



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 174. What is required of them that receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the time of the administration of it?

A. It is required of them that receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, that, during the time of the administration of it, with all holy reverence and attention they wait upon God in that ordinance, diligently observe the sacramental elements and actions, heedfully discern the Lord's body, and affectionately meditate on his death and sufferings, and thereby stir up themselves to a vigorous exercise of their graces; in judging themselves, and sorrowing for sin; in earnest hungering and thirsting after Christ, feeding on him by faith, receiving of his fullness, trusting in his merits, rejoicing in his love, giving thanks for his grace; in renewing of their covenant with God, and love to all the saints.

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (22.10.17)</i>	<i>Next Week (29.10.17)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Glen Lock
Worship Leader	Chris Budiman	Jacob Woo
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Merilyn Woo
Welcomers	Kim & Jesslyn Leow	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	David Pang*, Jansen Ng* Ken Hong, Kim Leow	Paul Butler*, Terence Lee* Jacob Woo, David Lim
Ushers	Jesslyn Leow, Rebecca Lee	Wendy Gong, Jemima Ng
Kitchen Duties	Florence Orchard*, Jemima Ng Val Withnell	Aliza Chiu*, August Ng Eileen Tay
PA Duty	Joel Chua	Ken Hong
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>27 October 2017</i>	<i>3 November 2017</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Jerome Ng	Ian Tay

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 messenger is Pastor Glen Lock. Message: "The Man Who Brought a Hammer to Church" (Romans 1:1-17).
3. Next week's Junior Worship message: "Why Sacrifice Was Necessary" (Hebrews 10:1-18). Speaker: Jackie Hong.
4. Retirees' Bible Study. Tuesday, 24 October 2017, 10am. Message by Pastor Mark: "Continuing Well - Are You Growing in Service?" Potluck lunch after meeting.
5. Pastor Mark will be away in Singapore for ministry from 25 to 31 October. Please contact Elder Jimmy for pastoral care.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
TUE 10:00 am Retirees' Bible Study	General Fund - \$4,973.15 (*DD - \$1,650.00). Missions Fund - \$180.00. Building Fund - \$800.00 (*DD - \$300.00, #565 - \$500.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$5,953.15. Attendance - 149. *DD: direct deposit
WED 10:00 am Craft Group	
FRI 7:30 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 Service	

Building Fund to Date & Bank Account Details

Available Building Fund	\$84,001.82	General Fund:
Last Week's Collection	\$800.00	BSB: 036-031 A/C: 316942
Total	\$84,801.82	Missions Fund:
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	<i>- \$390,000.00</i>	BSB: 036-031 A/C: 316950
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	<i>\$305,198.18</i>	Building Fund:
		BSB: 036-031 A/C: 316969

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The Weak and the Strong

Acts 15:36-16:5

Soap operas are very popular because they get the viewer involved in the drama. There are twists and turns, and those you thought were good are discovered to be bad. The viewer is left disappointed, excited, or left hanging. It's the same with Acts. We see twists and turns in the plot. But ultimately, God is in control and he uses weak and sinful men to build and strengthen his church.

1. Who Was Weak and Who Was Strong?
 - a. They wanted to strengthen the weak
 - b. They are not strong in the unity they should have had
 - c. The weak became stronger, but the strong became weaker
 - d. The Strong One uses the weak
2. To Strengthen the Weak, I Became Weak
 - a. A man of strength
 - b. He became weak to strengthen the church
 - c. The Strong One uses the weak

There are difficulties in church building - there are times of sweetness and bitterness between people. We idolize people and then become disappointed with them. All who serve are not perfect and are inconsistent. They need the grace of God to sustain them too. Ultimately, Christ is the one who grows his church and leads it perfectly.

Questions for Reflection:

1. Have you ever become disappointed with someone you serve with in the church? Why? Did you expect perfection in them? Were you perfect in the way you have behaved and served?
2. The Bible expects us to be wise in our service to others - to be different things to different people. What are your feelings about this "inconsistency?" Does it strike you as unholy to do certain inconsistent things (as Paul did) to win others to Christ and maturity? What does that say about you?