



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

**Order of Worship — 16 July 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	63 - <i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 57
Hymn	TP 91
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	1 Samuel 23:14-18
Hymn	611 - <i>Under His Wings</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Putting David's Hand Into God's Hand"
*Closing Hymn	563 - <i>Lord, Speak to Me</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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## **Youth Fellowship / City Gospel Fellowship Camp in Melbourne**

Last weekend, I went to Melbourne to minister at Ebenezer Bible-Presbyterian Church's Youth Fellowship and City Gospel Fellowship Winter Camp at Christian Youth Centre camp site in Philip Island.

### *Ebenezer B-P Church*

Ebenezer Church was founded 17 years ago and has held their worship services in Kilsyth, a suburb at the foothills of the Dandenong Mountain range.

From inception, they have had many visiting ministers and elders.

Their first full-time pastor was Dr Patrick Tan, formerly of New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore.

I have been there twice in the past to minister to the flock. Once in 2007 and another in 2012.

Their current pastor is Mathews Abraham, formerly ministering in Moriah and Philadelphia Bible-Presbyterian Churches in Singapore.

He has been ministering there since 2015. Mathews is originally from Kerala, India. He met and married his wife, Ratchanee Ritnatikul, when they were in Bible college.

She is from Thailand and is an ethnic Hmong. They have 3 sons aged 17, 15, and 6.

### *Young People at the Winter Camp*

The Youth Fellowship comprised of about 15 young people from High School and their leaders.

The City Gospel Fellowship comprised of 25 university students and young working adults.

There were other adults and helpers who also went to the camp.

The Youth Fellowship were most children that had grown up in the church.

The City Gospel Fellowship was a ministry started in the mid-2000s to minister to international university students in the city - many of whom were unable to travel the long distance to Ebenezer Bible-Presbyterian Church.

There is a distinct difference between the two groups. The Youth Fellowship are mostly Australian-born, and have studied in Australian schools.

The City Gospel Fellowship are mostly internationals and migrants who came over as students, as well as their school friends.

### *Theme of the Winter Camp*

Because this is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, I was asked to speak on the theme - "Rooted in Faith."

Specifically they wanted me to speak on the Doctrines of Grace - namely, the Five Points of Calvinism.

It is so called, not because Calvin had formulated them, neither because he alone had taught them - but because those who were Calvinistic or Reformed teachers and ministers believed and taught them as representing the teachings of the Bible.

These people included past theologians like Theodore Beza, John Knox, Jonathan Edwards, and Charles Hodge; past pastors and preachers like George Whitefield, Charles Spurgeon, and Robert Murray M'Cheyne; and past missionaries like William Carey and George Muller.

I spoke 4 messages on the Five Points. This included the Lord's Day worship service.

The teaching was gladly received as many had never heard of the points before. Specifically, they may have learned these doctrines from the Bible before, but had never heard them presented together in this system.

Some were obviously perturbed by it as speaking about the eternal mind and secret will of God often goes against our own expectation of what God should be and what God should do.

I will be teaching these Five Points in the Adult Bible Class for the next 5 Lord's Days.

Here is a summary of the Five Points of Calvinism - *"Man is so sinful that he will never come to God for salvation. So God in his mercy, chooses to save man. He can choose to save all, save none, or save some. So God, out of his own good pleasure and will, chooses to save the ones he loves and chooses not to save others whom he does not love with a special love. And he sends Jesus to die on the cross, not for all mankind, but Jesus shed his blood intending only to save those whom God has chosen. The Spirit is sent by God to work in the hearts of those chosen sinners, so that they will come to believe in Jesus - because otherwise, if left on their own, they*

*will never believe - and those that God has chosen, cannot reject this work of the Spirit in their hearts. And those that God saves, they will remain saved - they will never lose their salvation - they will never want to depart from Christ."*

Along with this controversial subject, they had also asked me to conduct 2 workshops. One was about how to understand God's command for Israel to destroy the Canaanites in the Old Testament. The other was about miracles in the Bible.

I gave a multi-media presentation on God's judgment on the Canaanites and gave them an assignment - they were supposed to look up and interpret Bible verses to answer questions related to miracles, and to give a multi-media presentation on the subject.

They did very well and showed an astute understanding of the Scriptures.

I had fruitful fellowship with the young people as well as the different members of the church.

Some of the young people have left church, others have left Christ, but there are also new additions to the fold.

It was a wonderful opportunity to see people I hadn't seen since 2012 and to see how the Lord has worked in their lives. ~ Pastor



## **Westminster Larger Catechism**

Q. 157. How is the Word of God to be read?

A. The Holy Scriptures are to be read with an high and reverent esteem of them; with a firm persuasion that they are the very Word of God, and that he only can enable us to understand them; with desire to know, believe, and obey the will of God revealed in them; with diligence, and attention to the matter and scope of them; with meditation, application, self-denial, and prayer.

## Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (16.7.17)	Next Week (23.7.17)
Speaker	Philip Gardiner	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Jacob Woo	Mark Chen
Pianist	Edward Lim	Merilyn Woo
Welcomers	Putri Harapan & Dolphin Wai	John & Adeline Ng
Offering Stewards	Vincent Chiu*, Paul Butler* Chris Budiman, Jacob Woo	Steven Lim*, Terence Lee* David Pang, Lye Heng Chua
Ushers	Jerome Ng, Eva Ng	Dolphin Wai, Jesslyn Leow
Kitchen Duties	Merilyn Woo*, Helen Wong Julian Poon	Eileen Tay*, Grace Wang Ken Hong
PA Duty	Ken Hong	Joel Chua
Prayer Meeting	21 July 2017	28 July 2017
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Jerome Ng	Nancy 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. We welcome Rev Philip Gardiner, pastor of Perth Free Presbyterian Church, to our pulpit and Adult Bible Class today.
3. Pastor Mark is ministering God's word at Perth Free Presbyterian Church today.
4. Next week's message: "Outraged Men Appealed to Glorify God" (Acts 11:1-18).
5. Next week's Junior Worship message: "Hold on Unto the End" (Hebrews 3:1-6). Speaker: Jerome Ng.
6. Adult Bible Class for the next 5 Lord's Days will be covering "The Five Points of Calvinism - A Study of Man's Salvation by a Gracious God".
7. Presentation by Creation Ministries International on 4 August 2017, Friday at 7.30pm. Speaker: Dr Ron Neller. Topic: "From Evolutionist to Creationist!"
8. Ministry reports for ACM 2017. Please submit by 31 August 2017 - email Jacob Woo (jacob.woo@gmail.com).

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 10:00 am Craft Group	General Fund - \$2,944.50 (#727 - \$489.00). Missions Fund - \$160.00. Building Fund - \$100.00 (#547 - \$100.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$3,204.50. Attendance - 130.
FRI 7:30 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting	
SAT 4:30 pm JF & TF	
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	
10:00 am Worship Service	

Building Fund to Date & Bank Account Details			
Available Building Fund	\$71,037.89	General Fund:	
Last Week's Collection	\$100.00	BSB: 036-031	A/C: 316942
Total	\$71,137.89	Missions Fund:	
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	<i>- \$402,000.00</i>	BSB: 036-031	A/C: 316950
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	<i>\$330,862.11</i>	Building Fund:	
		BSB: 036-031	A/C: 316969

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