



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship — 6 August 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	51 - <i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Revelation 19:1-21
The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	483 - <i>Let Us Love</i>
Hymn	TP 45:1-7, 17
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Acts 12:1-25
Hymn	412 - <i>No Other Plea</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Conflict of the Sovereigns"
*Closing Hymn	582 - <i>We Never Need Be Vanquished</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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Combined Youth Camp (2017)

Crackle... *crackle*... What is that sound? Wait... That sounds like a campfire! With roasted marshmallows too! So how did it all begin?

How It All Began

The spark for this year's Combined Young People's Camp started off in January/February 2016, when representatives from the Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church, Covenant Baptist Church and Perth Free Presbyterian Church met together to deliberate a novel combined church camp.

Although difficult to conceive how people from such diverse backgrounds can co-labour together, yet Christ was our foundation.

"Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all" (Colossians 3:11).

Working and Planning Together

The committee decided on the theme "Living as a Christian in a Non-Christian World".

Our speaker was Pastor Ron Nugent, former pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church at Bull Creek and founding pastor of All Nations Presbyterian Church.

The camp committee was made up of 2 to 3 representatives from each church. On a number of Sunday afternoons the camp committee would travel to the Free Presbyterian Church in Padbury, in order to continue planning and preparation works required for the camp.

Your prayers throughout the planning phase were much appreciated. As the Psalmist says, *"Except the LORD build*

the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1a).

The committee gives thanks to God for the orderly and peaceful discussions during our meetings, where mutual respect and love were shown to the other church representatives.

It was also beneficial to have Pastor Philip Gardiner oversee the meetings. All members cooperated well, contributed much time and effort in getting things ready and done for camp.

To help ease the workload, tasks were distributed between the committee members, utilising various people's strengths and gifts (e.g. games planning, booklet preparation, program timing, etc).

By God's grace, everyone remained committed to the camp and managed to deliver their allocated tasks by the agreed deadlines.

It is especially fruitful and encouraging to witness how, despite the differing church backgrounds, we are still one body in Christ, which can be united and effective for His work.

"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another" (Romans 12:5).

Camp Begins!

The Combined Youth Camp started at 9:00 AM on Friday 14th July at Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church. There were over 70 campers from the 3 churches.

Pastor Ron Nugent briefed the discussion leaders on the questions following each sermon while registration was taking place.

After a short camp briefing, ice breaker games were played in the fellowship

hall followed by the first message "Living in Babylon" based on Daniel Chapter 1.

The young campers were challenged to be the salt and light of the world, opposite from the worldly environment we live in. We were warned not to be chameleons (who blend in with those from the world) or pillar saints (hermits living in isolation who have as little to do with the world as possible).

The campers then proceeded to Serpentine Camp Site where Pastor Ron delivered the remaining 3 messages across the duration of camp: Renewing Your Mind (Romans 12:1-2); Redeeming the Time (Ephesians 5:15-17); and Love Not the World (1 John 2:15-17).

The campers bonded over meals, dormitory discussions, group games and free time. The camp fire on the first and only night had plenty of marshmallows to warm them up while they viewed the constellation of stars and sang praises to God during the cold winter night.

A devotion on "Do Not Waste Your Life" by Mr Pieter Niemann was given the next morning challenging godliness and consecration to the LORD.

Pastor Mark Chen led the discussion on "What Is Christian Dating and What Does It Look Like?" which went further to conclude that Christians have a duty to marry only in the LORD unless they have been given the gift of singleness.

Pastor Richard Pike discussed "Dating Between Believers of Other Denominations" with a focus on the union in Christ (1 Corinthians 7:39).

One of the highlights of the camp was the Question and Answer session that followed these two discussions covering various topics of marriage and boy-girl relationships.

These opened many people's eyes to the dilemmas and angst facing today's youth. The 4 pastors at camp formed a discussion panel to answer the questions giving Biblical counsel and godly advice.

The camp was very short - hopefully the next one will be longer.

May the LORD continue to work within the hearts of the youth in the 3 churches that they will remain faithful and grounded to Him as they grow up in this changing temporal world which is not their true home (Daniel 6:4).

~ Micah Chiang, Eugene Lim, and Jerome Ng (CBPC Combined Camp Committee)



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 161. How do the Sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

A. The Sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not by any power in themselves, or any virtue derived from the piety or intention of him by whom they are administered, but only by the working of the Holy Ghost, and the blessing of Christ, by whom they are instituted.

Q. 162. What is a Sacrament?

A. A Sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by Christ in his Church to signify, seal, and exhibit unto those that are within the covenant of grace, the benefits of his mediation; to strengthen and increase their faith and all other graces; to oblige them to obedience; to testify and cherish their love and communion one with another; and to distinguish them from those that are without.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (6.8.17)	Next Week (13.8.17)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Chris Budiman
Pianist	Ian Tay	Valerie Ong
Welcomers	Josephine Austin & Wendy Gong	Kim & Jesslyn Leow
Offering Stewards	Rex Sriharan*, Vincent Chiu* Ken Hong, Steven Lim	Jansen Ng*, Ken Chong* Paul Butler, Johnny Orchard
Ushers	Rebecca Lee, Wendy Gong	Josephine Austin, Eva Ng
Kitchen Duties	Mary-Anne Chan*, Sandy Chua Nancy Lim, Val Withnell	Eva Ng*, Florence Orchard Rosemary Fitzpatrick
PA Duty	Raymond Woo	Ian Tay
Prayer Meeting	11 August 2017	18 August 2017
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Nancy Lim	Eugene 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 are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. First time visitors wishing to partake the Lord's Supper should see an elder before the service.
3. Next week's message: "Paul Commissioned" (Acts 13:1-12).
4. Next week's Junior Worship message - "God Commands You to Go to Heaven" (Hebrews 4:11-13). Speaker: Johnson Lim.
5. Recordings of the Combined Youth Camp messages can be found at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3vuhc3jieae5jyw/AAC27EudVUPuNMS19wGbh9A2a?dl=0>
6. 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 - \$4,290.45 (*DD - \$450.00, #734 - \$1,167.00, #735 - \$9.00). Missions Fund - \$460.00 (*DD - \$250.00). Building Fund - \$600.00 (*DD - \$400.00, #551 - \$100.00, #552 - \$100.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$5,550.45. Attendance - 138.
FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting	<i>*DD: direct deposit</i>
SAT 4:30 pm JF & TF	
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study	
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	
10:00 am Worship Service	

Building Fund to Date

Available Building Fund	\$69,637.45	General Fund:	
Last Week's Collection	\$600.00	BSB: 036-031	A/C: 316942
Total	\$70,237.45	Missions Fund:	
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	<i>- \$396,000.00</i>	BSB: 036-031	A/C: 316950
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	<i>\$325,762.55</i>	Building Fund:	
		BSB: 036-031	A/C: 316969

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 Deacons: **Ken Chong** 0402 553 313. **LH Chua** 0435 601 373. **Johnson Lim** 0402 145 682.
Jacob Woo 0421 212 206.

Conflict of the Sovereigns

Acts 12:1-25

There have been 2 kingdoms since the fall - the Kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world. God rules his kingdom. And the kingdoms of this world are ruled by Satan - the prince of this world. When the Kingdom of God grows, the kingdoms of the world push back. One thing is certain, the Kingdom of God will prevail one day.

1. The Kings of the Earth Strike Back
 - a. Wicked leader
 - b. Killed their leader
 - c. Imprisoned their leader
2. The Faithfulness of the King and His People to the Kingdom of God
 - a. Aggression
 - b. Deliverance
 - c. Significance
3. The King of the Universe Strikes Back
 - a. God strikes the pawns
 - b. God strikes the kings
 - c. God strikes the god of this world

Despite the opposition to God's kingdom, the word of God grew and multiplied. The church goes on. Do we serve the kingdom of God or the kingdoms of this world?

Questions for Reflection:

1. In what ways do we unknowingly serve the kingdoms of this world?
2. How does a love for our king help us in desiring more of his kingdom? How much for his kingdom do you live? How can you tell?