



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 10 September 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 100
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Acts 20:17-38
Hymn	267 - <i>There Is a Fountain</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Acts 14:1-20
Hymn	589 - <i>Soldiers of Christ, Arise</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"In Search of Responses"
*Closing Hymn	596 - <i>Faith Is the Victory!</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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Frank Arthur "Bones" Jenner

A number of years ago in a Baptist Church in Crystal Palace, in London, a stranger stood up and said "Pastor, can I share a little testimony?" The Pastor said "you've got 3 minutes".

This man proceeded and he said, "I just moved into this area, I came from Sydney, Australia. Just a few months back I was walking down George Street when a strange little white-haired man stepped out of a shop doorway, put a pamphlet in my hand and said, 'Excuse me sir, are you saved? If you died tonight, are you going to heaven?'"

He said, "I was astounded by those words. Nobody had ever told me that. I thanked him courteously, and all the way back to Heathrow this puzzled me. I called a Christian friend and he led me to Christ. And now I'm a Christian."

That Baptist Pastor flew to Adelaide the next week. A woman came to him for counseling, and he asked her where she stood with Christ.

And she said, "I used to live in Sydney. A couple of months back, I was doing some last minute shopping down George Street, and a strange little white-haired man, elderly man, offered me a pamphlet and said, 'Excuse me ma'am, are you saved? If you died tonight, are you going to heaven?'"

She said, "I was disturbed by those words. When I got back to Adelaide, I sought out a Pastor, and he led me to Christ. So sir, I am a Christian."

Now this London Pastor was very puzzled. Twice he'd heard the same testimony. He then flew to preach in the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Perth. When his teaching series was over, the senior elder took him out for a meal. And he asked him how he became a Christian.

He said, "I grew up in this church through Boy's Brigade. Never made a commitment to Jesus, just hopped on the bandwagon like everybody else. I was on business in Sydney, and an

obnoxious little man offered me a religious pamphlet, and accosted me with a question, 'Excuse me sir, Are you saved? If you died tonight are you going to heaven?'"

"I tried to tell him I was a Baptist elder. He wouldn't listen to me. I was seething with anger all the way to Perth. I told my pastor, thinking he would sympathize, but my pastor agreed with the man! He had been disturbed for years, knowing that I didn't have a relationship with Jesus - and he was right. And my pastor led me to Jesus just three years ago."

Now this London preacher flew back to the UK and was speaking at a convention, and he threw in these testimonies. At the close of his session, four pastors said, "We got saved between 25 and 35 years ago through that little man on George Street giving us a tract and asking us that question."

He then went to missionary convention. He shared these testimonies. At the close of his session, three missionaries said, "We got saved between 15 and 25 years ago through that little man's testimony and question on George Street in Sydney."

Next, the pastor spoke at a convention to over a thousand navy chaplains. The Chaplain General took him out for a meal and he asked him how he had become a Christian?

The chaplain replied, "I was living a reprobate life on a US Battleship. We were doing exercises in the South Pacific, and we docked in Sydney Harbor. We hit King's Cross. I got blind drunk. I got on the wrong bus at George Street. As I got off the bus, this elderly white-haired man jumped in front of me, pushed a pamphlet into my hands and said, 'Sailor, are you saved? If you died tonight, are you going to heaven?'"

He said, "The fear of God hit me immediately. I was shocked sober, and ran back to the battleship, sought out

the chaplain, the chaplain led me to Christ and I soon began to prepare for the ministry under his guidance. And here I am in charge of over a thousand chaplains and we're bent on soul-winning today."

This London Pastor, six months later, spoke at a convention for 5000 missionaries in northeastern India. The host took him home for a simple meal. The Pastor asked him, "How did you, as a Hindu, come to Christ?"

He said, "I worked for the Indian diplomatic mission. One bout of diplomatic service took me to Sydney. I was doing last minute shopping down George Street, when this little white-haired man stepped out in front of me, offered me a pamphlet, and said, 'Excuse me sir, are you saved? If you died tonight are you going to heaven?'"

He said, "I thanked him very much, but this disturbed me. I got back to my town, I sought out the Hindu priest. He told me to go and talk to the missionary to satisfy my curiosity. That day the missionary led me to Christ. I quit Hinduism immediately, and then began to study for the ministry."

Eight months later, this same pastor was ministering in Sydney. He asked the Baptist minister, "Do you know a little man who witnesses and hands out tracts on George Street?" And he said, "I do. His name is Mr Jenner, but I don't think

he does it anymore, he's too frail and elderly."

Two nights later, they went around to his apartment to meet him. He made them some tea. The London preacher told him all these accounts. This little man sat with tears running down.

He said, "My story goes like this." He said, "I was on an Australian warship and I lived a reprobate life. And in a crisis, my colleague led me to Jesus and I was so grateful to God that I promised I would share Jesus in a simple witness with at least ten people a day – as God gave me strength."

"Sometimes, I was ill but I made up for it at other times. I have done this for over forty years, and in my retirement years, the best place was on George Street. There were hundreds of people. In forty years of doing this, I've never heard of one single person coming to Jesus until today."

That's over 146,000 people that this simple little man provoked about Jesus. Goodness knows how many more had been impacted for Christ.

Mr Jenner died two weeks later. Nobody except a little group of Baptists in southern Sydney knew about Mr. Jenner, but I'll tell you his name was famous in heaven. Can you imagine the fanfare he went home to?

~ adapted from David Smethurst



Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 168. What is the Lord's Supper?

A. The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament of the New Testament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to the appointment of Jesus Christ, his death is showed forth; and they that worthily communicate feed upon his body and blood, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace; have their union and communion with him confirmed; testify and renew their thankfulness and engagement to God, and their mutual love and fellowship each with other, as members of the same mystical body.

Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (10.9.17)	Next Week (17.9.17)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Hock Chin Lee
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Jacob Woo
Pianist	Edward Lim	Nancy Lim
Welcomers	John & Adeline Ng	Putri Harapan & Dolphin Wai
Offering Stewards	Terence Lee*, Kim Leow* Steven Lim, Johnny Orchard	Micah Ching*, Ian Read* John Tan, Chris Budiman
Ushers	Josephine Austin, August Ng	Eva Ng, Rebecca Lee
Kitchen Duties	Peggy Woo*, Dina Portillo May Poon	Sarah Siew*, Lydia Orchard Ken Hong
PA Duty	Ian Tay	Ken Hong
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>15 September 2017</i>	<i>22 September 2017</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Eugene Lim	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 Hock Chin Lee of Life B-P Church, Singapore. Message: "Set Your Hope in God" (Psalm 78:1-8).
3. Next week's Junior Worship message: "Hoping In God's Promises and Oaths" (Hebrews 6:13-20). Speaker: Eugene Lim.
4. Worshiper's update form - please place filled forms in the blue box at the foyer.
5. Vacation Bible School. 2-4 October 2017, 9.00am-12.15pm. Please hand in registration forms to Jenni Budiman by next Sunday, 17 September. Volunteers needed - please see Ken Chong or Valerie.
6. Helpers needed for painting and flooring work of two rooms in church on 23 September & 30 September - please see Ken Hong.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 10:00 am Craft Group	General Fund - \$4,088.25 (*DD - \$450.00, #740 - \$100.00, #742 - \$100.00). Missions Fund - \$510.00 (*DD - \$250.00, #741 - \$60.00). Building Fund - \$600.00 (*DD- \$400.00, #559 - \$200.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$5,198.25. Attendance - 156.
FRI 7:30 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting	
SAT 4:00 pm YPG	
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	\$73,107.45
Last Week's Collection	\$600.00
Total	\$73,707.45
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	<i>- \$396,000.00</i>
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	<i>\$322,292.55</i>
General Fund:	BSB: 036-031 A/C: 316942
Missions Fund:	BSB: 036-031 A/C: 316950
Building Fund:	BSB: 036-031 A/C: 316969

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.

In Search of Responses

Acts 14:1-20

What fears do you have in preaching the gospel? Doors slammed in your face? Swearing by angry people? Accusations of bigotry and the jeopardizing of your career? There will be many different kinds of responses to the gospel - some positive and some negative. Do you shy away from preaching the gospel?

1. They Who Are In Search of Responses Will Face Opposition
 - a. They were passionate about salvation
 - b. They were faithful despite opposition
 - c. They were wise in face of collusion
2. They Who Are In Search of Responses Will Suffer for Their Persistence
 - a. They were compassionate in spite the danger
 - b. They were apologetic because of superstition
 - c. They were tenacious despite persecution

Paul preached tenaciously because of his passion for the gospel, his faithfulness to build up the saints, and his compassion for souls. God used his tenacity to spread the gospel.

Questions for Reflection:

1. When was the last time you preached the gospel to an unbeliever?
2. When will be the next time you preach the gospel to an unbeliever?