



# C O V E N A N T

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship – 22 January 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	34 - <i>Immortal, Invisible</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	1 Peter 4:1-19
Hymn	TP 71:1-9
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Acts 4:13-31
Hymn	397 - <i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	
*Closing Hymn	402 - <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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## **My Mission Trip to India**

### *Our Involvement in Missions*

Since the inception of Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church, we have been involved in Myanmar missions.

The Presbyterian Missionary Union, the mission agency of the Bible Presbyterian Church USA, had planted a church there. They support the pastor and his church work.

Covenant supports his orphanage. Last year, we helped to build them an orphanage building.

From time to time, we have also sent humanitarian and diaconal help through the International Christian Relief, an arm of the International Council of Christian Churches.

### *A Mission Opportunity*

We have been praying that the Lord would lead us to an additional mission field. Our mission fund is healthy and the work of missions is extensive.

When the "proto-presbytery" met in August in Adelaide, we discussed the possibility of joint efforts in missions.

Through contact with Pastor SH Quek, our session came to know of the Bible-Presbyterian Church in India.

I took the opportunity to follow him this January. Initially Pastor Mathews of Ebenezer Church was to have come.

### *An Exploratory Mission Trip*

My trip to India was to learn more about the B-P work and to assist in the ordination of their ministers.

### The Bible-Presbyterian Church of India

Bible-Presbyterian churches were established in Tamil Nadu, India since the mid-80s. They were established by pastors who had trained in Bible-Presbyterian theological institutions in Singapore.

They had remained independent of one another, only having ties - as mission plants - with their supporting churches in Singapore.

In 2011, a synod - the Bible-Presbyterian Church of India (BPCI) - was established with 2 presbyteries.

### Bible-Presbyterian School of Ministry

About the same time, the BPSOM was established for the training and continued education of ministers there.

Each year, 4 modules are taught by pastors from Singapore. The school has been in operation for 4 years and has graduated their first batch of students.

These students comprise of ministerial students from existing B-P churches & workers from various church plants.

They also comprise of pastors from other denominations who are interested in the doctrines and practices of the B-P Church.

### Ordination of Ministers

The ordination council consisted of Pastor Quek and the moderators of the 2 presbyteries - Pastors Eman Kumar and Lional Joseph.

The candidates had completed their theological education, they had been examined, and their ministries evaluated.

Most of these candidates have been ministering as workers of existing B-P church plants and some were pastors who had become convicted of the Reformed faith and wished to become Bible-Presbyterians.

Since Pastor Lional Joseph was unwell, he was unable to travel. Therefore, I took his place.

I preached at the ordination services of 5 of these men. The rest were taken by the other 2 pastors.

### Gondi and IGMI

Besides our work with the BPCI, we also visited 2 works that Pastor Quek has been involved with.

One was a work with the Gondi - a displaced tribal people. Their community in Coimbatore, comprising of over 250 families, has become Christian through the

work of the Bakht Singh Assembly, a Bible-believing and separated group.

Another was a work with the Immanuel Gospel Mission of India (IGMI), a church associated with the ICCC.

One of their pastors had trained in a Bible-Presbyterian institution. I was a speaker at their pastors' conference.

### *My Thoughts on How We May Help in Indian Missions*

Having spoken to the pastors, church planters, and members of the various BPCI churches, several thoughts come into my mind.

Firstly, an indigenous national church that is sovereign and independent of outside control is a good thing.

When a church comes of age, they should be able to make decisions for themselves through the leading of the Spirit without foreign control.

The BPCI has 17 congregations, under 2 presbyteries and a synod. These have covenanted with one another, and in mutual affection and confidence, are one church. We should encourage the national church to grow. But they should still be supported, not controlled.

Secondly, continued theological training is imperative. The BPSOM provides continued sound instruction to these pastors. This is a means of self-propagation.

This ministry is also a means to preserve and spread Bible-believing Christianity. The gospel in India is being distorted due

to false teaching. Many pastors have benefited from BPSOM's ministry. Through a pastors' fraternal set up by one graduate, the Reformed faith has been embraced by many.

We can help by providing teachers.

Thirdly, financial support is still needed. The B-P congregations are mostly comprised of poor people of the Dalit caste. These are the untouchables - the pariahs.

In fact, most Christians in India have been from the Dalit caste. Through Christianity, education, and diaconal support from overseas Christians, poverty among these brethren has been slowly eliminated.

Aside from the 2 or so city churches, Bible-Presbyterianism in India has reached out to the very poor.

Financial support in the past has often come in to fund various projects. However, a great need is the support of people. Many of the pastors have been laboring with very little in terms of salary.

Their mostly Dalit members have very little to give - the offerings are given in kind. And many pastors have used what they have received to support the people and ministries.

As there is a synod, such money can be given to this group for distribution among its member churches.

Do pray for the session and even the proto-presbytery to consider how the Lord may be leading us in this work. ~ Pastor



## **Westminster Larger Catechism**

Q. 120. What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment, the more to enforce it?

A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment, the more to enforce it, are taken from the equity of it, God allowing us six days of seven for our own affairs, and reserving but one for himself, in these words, Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; from God's challenging a special propriety in that day, The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: from the example of God, who in six days made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: and from that blessing which God put upon that day, not only in sanctifying it to be a day for his service, but in ordaining it to be a means of blessing to us in our sanctifying it; Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

# Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (22.1.17)	Next Week (29.1.17)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Nancy Lim	Evelyn Lee
Welcomers	Kim & Jesslyn Leow	Ian & Merrill Read
Offering Stewards	Lye Heng Chua*, Jacob Woo* Ken Chong, Kim Leow	Ken Hong*, Paul Butler* Chris Budiman, David Lim
Usher	Joyce Ng, Wendy Gong	Jesslyn Leow, Eva Ng
Kitchen Duties	Eva Ng*, Jackie Hong Rosemary Fitzpatrick	Angela Yap*, Debbie Blake Aliza Chiu
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>27 January 2017</i>	<i>3 February 2017</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Ian Tay	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. Next week's message: "Early Church Unity" (Acts 4:32-47).
3. Next week's Junior Worship message: "Examples of Christian Maturity II" (Colossians 4:7-18). Speaker: Chris Budiman.
4. Teens Camp (25-26 January 2017). Theme: "Dare to Follow Christ."
5. Bible Conference 2017. Dates: 18-21 April 2017. Theme: "Love One Another Fervently". Speaker: Dr Bob Jones III. Venue: Bayview Geographe Resort. Register ASAP with Ken and Jackie Hong. Those with early bird registration must pay by 31 January. Electronic payment option - CBPC General Fund: BSB: 036-031, Acct: 316942, Ref: BC(Surname)(Initial) (e.g. BCSMITHJ for Bible Conference Smith John). Please email Jackie (pifong@gmail.com) the amount paid and attach the electronic transfer record.
6. Myanmar mission team report with slides and video presentation. Friday, 3 February 2017, 7.45pm. All are invited to attend.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance								
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Building Fund to Date		
Available Building Fund	\$80,908.93	Building Fund Account:
Last Week's Collection	\$610.00	Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church
Total	\$81,518.93	(Westpac Bank, Applecross)
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	- \$416,000.00	BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	\$334,481.07	SWIFT: WPACAU2S

Elders: **Mark Chen (Pastor)** 6114 4242, 0415 932 373. **Jimmy Orchard** 0413 274 407.  
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