



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship — 8 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	143 - <i>Rejoice - the Lord is King!</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 31:1-3, 21-24
Hymn	298 - <i>God Leads Us Along</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Joshua 1:1-9
Hymn	378 - <i>Stand Up for Jesus</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Soldier On!"
*Closing Hymn	303 - <i>Jesus, Saviour, Pilot 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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## History of Missions in India (Part I)

### *Early Missions in India*

Christianity in India has a long history. According to tradition, the Apostle Thomas arrived on the Malabar coast of southwest India in AD 52.

He was to have been coerced by Abbanes, an Indian dignitary who visited Jerusalem during the time of the early church, to go to India. Since he was a skilled carpenter, he was sent to build a palace for Gondophares-Sases, an Indian king.

There, Abbacies converted to Christianity; and Thomas was said to heal the sick and demon-possessed, and convert people from various castes.

He finally was said to have been martyred in Mylapore, which is the in the city of Chennai, in Tamil Nadu.

The Hindu priestly caste, the Brahmins, rose up against him because of his preaching and because of the amount of people being converted.

The Orthodox Church of St Thomas (Mar Thoma Syrian Church) has been established in the state of Kerala since ancient times. In 1961, there was a schism and a Protestant wing, the St Thomas Evangelical Church of India, was formed.

### *Modern Missions in India*

India was one of the first destinations of missionaries of the modern era. The modern era of missions commenced with the sending of William Carey, also known as the "Father of Modern Missions."

His destination? India. The reason for this was because India was part of the British empire. In God's providence, through British Imperialism and the selfishness of man, the Word of God spread to India.

According to Ruth Tucker, "*what an ironic setting for the first major thrust of Protestant foreign missions. It was here in the subcontinent of India where the world's oldest and most complex*

*religions were born and where religious belief pervaded every facet of society.*"

It was difficult for William Carey to spread the gospel. Ruth Tucker continues - "*It is no wonder, then, that the teeming millions who elbowed their way through the crowded market places looked with scorn on those who would bring them a new religion. What could a "Western" religion offer them that Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, or Jainism could not?"*

### *William Carey*

William Carey was a member of a Particular Baptist Church - or a Calvinistic or Reformed Baptist Church.

At that time, the Reformed Baptists in England were influenced by Hyper-Calvinism.

### Cultivating a Burden

Although he was a shoemaker by trade, he taught himself Greek and Latin. In his shoemaker shop, he made his own map of the world, on which he inscribed every bit of information he could find about various countries.

He eventually became a Reformed Baptist pastor. During this time, he read many missionary biographies - of which, 1 stood out.

He read Jonathan Edward's *Account of the Life of the Late Rev David Brainerd*. Brainerd was a Calvinistic missionary to the Native Americans.

Soon, Carey became concerned for the salvation of pagan souls and the spreading of the gospel throughout the world.

### Sharing that Burden

At a pastor's meeting, Carey proposed to the gathered Calvinistic Baptists that they discuss the implications of the Great Commission.

Dr John Ryland, one of the more influential pastors, retorted, "*Young man, sit down. When God pleases to convert*

*the heathen, He will do it without your aid or mine."*

Undaunted by the opposition, Carey preached from Isaiah 54:2,3 at another pastors' conference - *"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth... thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles."*

It was at this meeting where he coined his famous couplet, *"Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God."*

Later that year in yet another meeting, twelve pastors and one layman met. Here, Carey pressed for action. When the men present wavered, he produced a booklet entitled *Periodical Account of Moravian Missions*.

With tears in his eyes, Carey said, *"If you had only read this and knew how these men overcame all obstacles for Christ's sake, you would go forward in faith."*

In 1792, he published his book, *An Inquiry into the Obligations of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens*. This document was his first magnum opus. In its wide influence, it deserves a place next to Luther's Ninety-Five Theses.

Because of his plea and his book, the men agreed to act, and the decision was made to form *The Particular Baptist Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Heathen*.

### Heading for India

When Carey decided to go to India, his father considered him mad and his wife, Dorothy refused to consider going abroad with him.



## **Westminster Larger Catechism**

Q. 118. Why is the charge of keeping the Sabbath more specially directed to governors of families, and other superiors?

A. The charge of keeping the Sabbath is more specially directed to governors of families, and other superiors, because they are bound not only to keep it themselves, but to see that it be observed by all those that are under their charge; and because they are prone oftentimes to hinder them by employments of their own.

But in time all obstacles were overcome and William Carey sailed for India in June 1793, accompanied by his reluctant wife, four children and two companions.

Five months later they arrived in India, a land where Carey was to give 40 years of unbroken service. His parting message to those at home was, *"Yonder in India, is a gold mine. I will descend and dig, but you at home must hold the ropes."*

### Success and Failures

Their arrival in India was not met with ease. The East India Company, which controlled India, was hostile to missionary work. They looked unfavorably on anything that interfered with their commercial ventures.

Although Carey worked very hard, after seven years he could not claim one Indian convert.

Carey was joined by 2 other missionaries, and these 3 came to be known as the "Serampore Trio."

Sadly, Dorothy Carey's health broke and she became mentally unbalanced and unable to work. She died in 1808.

In 1812, Carey's manuscripts and equipment were lost in a fire. Gone were his massive dictionaries, grammar books, and translations of the Bible. He accepted this as from God and started again to replace the lost work.

After more years, God blessed the work. But Carey's legacy was far greater than his immediate work. He laid the groundwork for the vast missionary work that was to come after him. ~ *Pastor*

# Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (8.1.17)</i>	<i>Next Week (15.1.17)</i>
Speaker	Peter Chng	Jim Gibbon
Worship Leader	Johnson Lim	Ken Chong
Pianist	Eugene Lim	Ian Tay
Welcomers	Josephine Austin & Wendy Gong	Jansen & Eva Ng
Offering Stewards	Vincent Chiu*, Terence Lee* Rex Sriharan, Ian Read	Terence Lee*, John E Tan* Jansen Ng, Yen Fye Yap
Usher	Jemima Ng, Jerome Ng	Angela Yap, August Ng
Kitchen Duties	Carmel Sriharan*, Sally Tan Chris Budiman	Sandy Chua*, Lydia Orchard Josephine Austin
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>13 January 2017</i>	<i>20 January 2017</i>
Facilitator	Jimmy Orchard	Mark Chen
Pianist	Jerome Ng	Eugene Lim

## Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. Next week's messenger is Pastor Jim Gibbon, former pastor of Attadale Baptist Church.
3. Pastor will be away in India for an exploratory mission trip from 7-18 January.
4. Teens Camp (25-26 January 2017). Theme: "Dare to Follow Christ."
5. Junior Worship is in recess and will resume on 22 January 2017. Parents, please prepare your children to worship in the main service.
6. Daily Manna and Daily Manna Junior (Jan-Mar 2017) are available in the foyer.
7. Bible Conference 2017. Dates: 18-21 April 2017. Speaker: Dr Bob Jones III. Venue: Bayview Geographe Resort. Please register with Ken and Jackie Hong.

<b>Appointments for the Week</b>	<b>Last Lord's Day Tithes &amp; Offering, &amp; Attendance</b>
FRI 7:45 pm Prayer Meeting	<i>General Fund</i> - \$2,455.05 (#651 - \$200.00). <i>Missions Fund</i> - \$630.00 (#652 - \$500.00). <i>Building Fund</i> - \$105.00 (#507 - \$105.00). <i>Total Tithes &amp; Offering</i> - \$3,190.05. <i>Attendance</i> - 136.
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	
10:00 am Worship Service	

<b>Building Fund to Date</b>	
Available Building Fund	\$80,698.93
Last Week's Collection	\$105.00
Total	\$80,803.93
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	- \$416,000.00
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	\$335,196.07
Building Fund Account:	
Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church	
(Westpac Bank, Applecross)	
BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969	
SWIFT: WPACAU2S	

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