



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship – 30 April 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	67 - <i>Come Christians, Join to Sing</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 5:15-21
Hymn	566 - <i>Channels Only</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 6:25-7:5
Hymn	464 - <i>Nearer, Still Nearer</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"First Things First"
*Closing Hymn	472 - <i>O for a Closer Walk with God</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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## Testimonies from Bible Conference (Part I)

### *The Lord's Plan At Work*

It wasn't too difficult to see the Lord's plan at work. This year's Bible Conference wasn't our top priority.

There was a fair chance that we were headed to Brisbane for the National Age Swimming competition in which Caleb was to compete. It was not meant to be.

We soon found ourselves together with 70 other campers listening to the most wonderful teaching and life lessons from Dr Bob Jones III, Pastor Allen Beardmore and our own dearest Pastor Mark.

"Love One Another Fervently" was the theme of the Bible Conference. Each sermon from Dr Bob Jones was powerfully delivered.

The messages were easy to understand, absorb, and internalise by all - from young teens to the older folks. I was profoundly touched by every word spoken.

I am certain that the Lord Jesus, Himself, spoke to me through His messengers. It was as if the Bible Conference was organised just for me and my family.

The lessons of how we should love, love encouragingly, patiently, sacrificially and protectively cannot be more impactful and real to me and my entire family at this very moment.

It was as if the Lord was telling me we hadn't set our priorities right for a while, we haven't loved Him as we ought.

We haven't been loving among ourselves. We need to reflect on our lives, resolve to change and reset our day-to-day living for Him, and to love our family, our brethren in Christ, and to serve and love one another sacrificially.

The biggest takeaway for me personally from the messages is that I need to consider how to love my children in a way that is God honouring and that they can come to know the Lord and accept Him fully and unreservedly as their personal Saviour. Not I, but Christ.

The lesson of wisdom from the book of Proverbs, and the faith shown by the young David when he went up against Goliath, shared during the morning devotions by Pastor Mark and Pastor Allen respectively were marvellously and aptly applicable to our daily Christian living.

The 3-day Bible Conference concluded too quickly for me. For now the Lord has spoken to me - things cannot go back to the same routine whereby we are so easily consumed by our schedules and demands of secular activities.

Yes, life continues, but how do I and my family continue this fight the good fight of the faith, rekindle our first love for the Lord, love one another fervently. This will be my constantly prayer each day.

Dr Bob and Mrs Beneth Jones, thank you for ministering to us. We witnessed your faithfulness and meekness; and we were most encouraged to share these few days with you. ~ *Edward Lim*

*I Love the Church Because I Love Her Lord!*

Thank God for yet another very Blessed and Wonderful Bible Conference 2017 attended by 76 participants.

Through God's Providence, Geographe Bayview Resort kept the venue (Hermitage Centre) for our Bible Conference before starting to demolish the building.

After years of working with them for our Bible Conferences, we have a better understanding of each other's needs and expectations.

And indeed Praise God that this year, we have been blessed with very good arrangement for the use of the venue and the very generous & delicious meals catered by Geographe.

We enjoyed both yummy physical food and very enriching spiritual food on "Love One Another Fervently" by Dr Bob Jones III. We also enjoyed the inspirational morning devotions by Pastor Mark and Pastor Allen.

The Q & A session on the final day was very beneficial. We learnt much from Dr Bob Jones with his wealth of experience as Chancellor of Bob Jones University and serving in his church ministry.

We want to thank Pastor Mark and Pastor Allen too for their contribution to the very lively discussions.

For the children's programme, we thank God for sending Lorita and Diana Lim to conduct spiritual lessons for the children, art & crafts and also keeping the children busy with activities.

The lyrics of the Conference Theme song were very meaningful. It reminded us that we should love the flock bought with Christ's blood.

I want to thank all who are involved in making Covenant B-P Church's Bible Conference a success.

Special thanks to Dn Ken & Sis. Elaine Chong for their labour of love for the Lord in the planning and execution of the programme.

"May Christ be praised. Pre-eminent! Adored! I Love the church because I love her Lord!" ~ *Johnson Lim and Family*

*We All Need to Be Patient*

This year's church camp was about "Loving One Another Fervently." It is also the first time I sat through in the main messages with my parents.

This year's topic seemed easy and practical, but it was quite challenging. You might say it is easier to follow at certain times or around certain people. But the truth is, we all need to be patient and long suffering.

One of the points that stood out to me was when Dr. Bob Jones III explained how the offended one is and should be the one who should seek peace and reconciliation.

Forgiveness is not simple to do, especially when you've been hurt. But forgiveness is the willingness to be hurt again - to be vulnerable.

But Dr Bob Jones III also reminded us that everyone is in need of spiritual Vitamin E which is Encouragement!

Christ is our mediator and if we bring our burdens to Him, he will carry all our burdens for us. Philippians 2:3 reads, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory..." Be vigilant and discerning in Love!

Overall it was a great camp being able to spend time with close friends and family. Besides swimming, one of the highlights was the ice cream trip to Millers, jamming to music all the way there in Uncle Jacob's car.

I took away many things from this camp and I can't wait for next year's! ~ *Faith Chiu*



## **Westminster Larger Catechism**

Q. 142. What are the sins forbidden in the eighth commandment?

A. The sins forbidden in the eighth commandment, besides the neglect of the duties required, are, theft, robbery, man-stealing, and receiving any thing that is stolen; fraudulent dealing, false weights and measures, removing landmarks, injustice and unfaithfulness in contracts between man and man, or in matters of trust; oppression, extortion, usury, bribery, vexatious lawsuits, unjust enclosures and depredation; engrossing commodities to enhance the price; unlawful callings, and all other unjust or sinful ways of taking or withholding from our neighbor what belongeth to him, or of enriching ourselves; covetousness; inordinate prizing and affecting worldly goods; distrustful and distracting cares and studies in getting, keeping, and using them; envying at the prosperity of others; as likewise idleness, prodigality, wasteful gaming; and all other ways whereby we do unduly prejudice our own outward estate, and defrauding ourselves of the due use and comfort of that estate which God hath given us.

# Worship Service Roster

Service	This Week (30.4.17)	Next Week (7.5.17)
Speaker	Glen Lock	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Jacob Woo	Mark Chen
Pianist	Merylyn Woo	Ian Tay
Welcomers	Yen Fye & Angela Yap	Jansen & Eva Ng
Offering Stewards	Micah Chiang*, Ken Chong* Chris Budiman, Ian Read	Paul Butler*, David Lim* Rex Sriharan, Ian Read
Ushers	Jemima Ng, Wendy Gong	Dolphin Wai, Eva Ng
Kitchen Duties	Adeline Ng*, Peggy Woo Lisa Lim	Sarah Siew*, Julian Poon Merylyn Woo, Ken Hong
PA Duty	Ian Tay	Raymond Woo
Prayer Meeting	5 May 2017	12 May 2017
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Nancy Lim	Ian Tay

## Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship and tea.
2. We will be celebrating Lord's Supper next Lord's Day. Please bring a dish to share at the fellowship lunch.
3. Next week's message: "The Real Story of the Temple" (Acts 7:44-53).
4. Next week's Junior Worship message: "Revolutionized by Christ" (Philippians 2:12-30). Speaker: Jacob Woo.
5. Pastor Mark and Elder Jimmy are away in Adelaide from 29 April-3 May to attend Hope B-P Church's building dedication and proto-presbytery talks.
6. Combined Church Youth Camp. Dates: 14-15 July 2017. Theme: "Living as a Christian in a Non-Christian World". Speaker: Pastor Ron Nugent. Cost: \$55. Age range: High schoolers to working adults. Registration closes 4 June 2017. Please register with Eugene Lim, Jerome Ng or Micah Chiang.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance
WED 10:00 am Craft Group	General Fund - \$6,408.35 (#696 - \$789.70, #697 - \$2,260.00). Missions Fund - \$745.00 (#698 - \$405.00). Building Fund - \$300.00 (#529 - \$100.00, #530 - \$100.00, #531 - \$100.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$7,453.35. Attendance - 160.
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	
Available Building Fund	\$84,135.93
Last Week's Collection	\$300.00
Total	\$84,435.93
Outstanding Loan	- \$416,000.00
Amount Still Needed	\$331,564.07
Building Fund Account:	
Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church (Westpac Bank, Applecross)	
BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969	
SWIFT: WPACAU2S	

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