



# COVENANT

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom*

### Order of Worship — 7 May 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	22 - <i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Romans 8:26-39
The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	228 - <i>Communion Hymn</i>
Hymn	335 - <i>And Can It Be?</i>
Tithes & Offering	
**† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Acts 7:44-53
Hymn	TP 84
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Real Story of the Temple"
*Closing Hymn	347 - <i>Not What These Hands Have Done</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 II)

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

We are thankful we were able to attend the Bible Conference as we looked forward to the sweet fellowship and Bible lessons from Dr Bob Jones III who spoke on the theme "Love One Another Fervently".

The messages reminded us that we should be loving one another forgivingly, encouragingly, protectingly, patiently and sacrificially. We felt touched and challenged to love our church and its members even more because we love God.

Dr Bob Jones mentioned the 90/10 principle which can be applicable in all aspects of our lives - we may find that there is 90% we like and 10% that we do not like.

If we focus our attention on the 10% then we will complain, be fault finding, unloving, unpleasant and even bitter; but if we just focus on the 90% that we do like then we will be more loving, pleasant, gentle and enjoy that aspect of our life so much more. May we apply this principle to our lives and aim to love each other more.

Is Covenant a perfect church? Of course not, but God is doing a great work and desires us to grow spiritually together in love and unity. Will you join with us in loving one another fervently? We hope and pray so! Let's run this Christian race together and support one another in good and difficult times. If we say we love God then we must also love His people. I love the Church because I love her Lord.

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34 ~ *Jacob and Merilyn Woo*

### *Very Practical Yet Challenging*

Shooting hoops, hitting a ball with a racquet and going for a swim aren't new or exciting things yet somehow we made it interesting and fun at the Conference.

This year our leisure time wasn't the only thing interesting. Our speaker, Dr Bob Jones, spoke on "Loving One Another Fervently". The topic was broken into 5 sub topics and the two that really stood out to me were "Loving Forgivingly" and "Loving Patiently".

I found these topics very practical, yet a challenge to apply in daily life. I really enjoyed camp this year and I hope the next one is as good. ~ *Sharon Sriharan*

### *The Challenge Is to Put Our Knowledge into Action*

Concise, practical messages with valuable biblical principles in loving our brethren were preached at the Bible conference.

Remembering our Lord Jesus' own words, loving one another is a command and not an option. However, love without truth may often be merely sentimental and self-serving.

We were reminded always to let Scriptures regulate any word of encouragement, deed of kindness or loving support towards one another.

To love patiently often requires us to be patiently awaiting in silence in praying support of one another while trusting in God's sovereignty.

One of our group discussions concluded that the challenge of loving one another is the willingness to commit time for one another.

Thank God that we are all a work in progress, looking towards heaven as we press on to love one another in truth.

As always, we treasured the fellowship with Christian friends. We were also encouraged to see families with younger children attending the camp and witnessed the next generation of children sharing and growing together.

The challenge now is for us to ask God for the grace and obedience to put our knowledge into action. ~ *Vincent Chiu*

### *I Loved the Children's Program*

I loved the children's program at conference. Aunty Lorita and Aunty Diana taught us about loving God and others. It was fun singing, playing games and doing art and crafts. I love our conference theme song "I Love the Church". ~ Kezia Pang

### *I Loved the Dinners*

I loved the dinners at conference and the children's program. My favourite song is the theme song "I Love the Church". I had fun playing "Minute to Win It" at the children's program. ~ Moses Pang

### *Perhaps Next Year?*

As working parents of young children, we find it particularly challenging to maintain all the facets of daily life in perfect balance.

It is life as portrayed in 'Groundhog Day' - an endless cycle of work and school activities followed by meals and sleep time.

Somewhere, somehow, Christ and the redeeming blood of the cross often seem to be forgotten. The gentle voice of God is soon drowned out by the incessant noises of a busy household.

The recent Bible Conference provided a welcome reprieve. Lorita and Diana ran an amazing Children's program which catered to the needs of many children of varied ages.

The lively lessons and carefully executed biblical activities stimulated and held the attention of our 4 and 8 year old children. It allowed my wife and me to listen to the messages without distraction - a luxury for us!

Pastors Beardmore and Chen brought thoughtful devotional messages. New insights were derived from familiar passages of scripture. Even the well told account of David and Goliath seemed to have a new lease of life!

Dr Bob Jones III, the main speaker, delivered a series of messages where complex theology was interwoven effortlessly with practical applications. Not infrequently, his humour caused the audience to roar with laughter!

The rich legacy that the Bob Jones family has left through the establishment of the Bob Jones University left a deep impression upon me. I pondered and wondered, how might I be able to pass this spiritual inheritance to my children? Will they treasure it?

Finally, we enjoyed the warm fellowship and the hearty hymn singing throughout the conference.

Tears were shed by our children as we departed Busselton. "Perhaps next year?" they asked. "Why not?" we replied. ~ Gabriel Lee



## **Westminster Larger Catechism**

Q. 143. Which is the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Q. 144. What are the duties required in the ninth commandment?

A. The duties required in the ninth commandment are, the preserving and promoting of truth between man and man, and the good name of our neighbor, as well as our own; appearing and standing for the truth; and from the heart, sincerely, freely, clearly, and fully, speaking the truth, and only the truth, in matters of judgment and justice, and in all other things whatsoever; a charitable esteem of our neighbors; loving, desiring, and rejoicing in their good name; sorrowing for, and covering of their infirmities; freely acknowledging of their gifts and graces, defending their innocency; a ready receiving of a good report, and unwillingness to admit of an evil report, concerning them; discouraging talebearers, flatterers, and slanderers; love and care of our own good name, and defending it when need requireth; keeping of lawful promises; studying and practicing of whatsoever things are true, honest, lovely, and of good report.

# Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (7.5.17)</i>	<i>Next Week (14.5.17)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Ian Tay	Evelyn Lee
Welcomers	Jansen & Eva Ng	Kim & Jesslyn Leow
Offering Stewards	Paul Butler*, David Lim* Rex Sriharan, Ian Read	Ken Hong*, Vincent Chiu* Kim Leow, Steven Lim
Ushers	Dolphin Wai, Eva Ng	Wendy Gong, Putri Harapan
Kitchen Duties	Sarah Siew*, Julian Poon Marilyn Woo, Ken Hong	Jenni Budiman*, Helen Wong Eileen Tay
PA Duty	Raymond Woo	Joel Chua
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>12 May 2017</i>	<i>19 May 2017</i>
Facilitator	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Ian Tay	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. 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: "The First Christian Martyr" (Acts 7:54-8:4).
4. Next week's Junior Worship message - "Made Right by Christ, Not by Religion" (Philippians 3:1-9). Speaker: John Tan.
5. Bible Conference 2017 messages are available for download online at <http://www.covenantbpc.org.au/online-resources/conference/conference-2017/>
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.

<b>Appointments for the Week</b>	<b>Last Lord's Day Tithes &amp; Offering, &amp; Attendance</b>
WED 10:00 am Craft Group	General Fund - \$4,361.69 (#699 - \$64.40, #700 - \$1,519.49). Missions Fund - \$645.00 (#701 - \$405.00). Building Fund - \$400.00 (#532 - \$400.00). Total Tithes & Offering - \$5,406.69. Attendance - 158.
FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting	
SAT 4:30 pm JF & TF	
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study	
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	
10:00 am Worship Service	

<b>Building Fund to Date</b>	
Available Building Fund	\$84,435.93
Last Week's Collection	\$400.00
Total	\$84,835.93
<i>Outstanding Loan</i>	<i>- \$416,000.00</i>
<i>Amount Still Needed</i>	<i>\$331,164.07</i>
Building Fund Account:	Covenant Bible-Presbyterian Church (Westpac Bank, Applecross)
	BSB: 036-031 Acct: 316969
	SWIFT: WPACAU2S

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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.

The Real Story of the Temple  
Acts 7:44-53

When a person tears down your identity marker - that which distinguishes you and gives you value - you feel violated. Identity markers can be racial, educational, or even spiritual. They blind a person to his lack of real righteousness. The Sanhedrin prided themselves on God's presence with them in the Temple. But the temple was not what they thought it was.

1. The History of the Temple Is a History of God's Goodness
  - a. It testified of God's presence
  - b. It was given to them despite their idolatry
  - c. It led them to the Promised Land
  - d. It was a testament of God's goodness to David
2. The Temple Is Severely Limited But Was Idolized
  - a. The temple could not contain God
  - b. God is transcendent
  - c. The Jews idolized the temple
3. Deeply Religious People Can Be the Worst Hypocrites
  - a. They were like unbelievers
  - b. The objective of the law of love
  - c. The self-righteous do not love

In each of us there is a legalist. When we feel that we are righteous, we will find ourselves despising others who do not do what we do. But the message of the temple is that we are terribly bad, and that Christ saves us by his atoning sacrifice. Christ was the only human being who was free from self-righteousness because he was completely righteous. He was the Messiah but the only one truly free of a messiah complex.

Questions for Reflection:

1. In what ways do you box God up and limit him?
2. If the objective of the law and commandments of God is love, how is Christ's righteousness in you expressing itself to your enemies and those who are less holy?
3. What damnable good works might you need to repent of?