

# COVENANT Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

## Order of Worship — 29 July 2018

Theme for the Year: "King Jes	us Must Reign" (1 Corinthians 15:25)
Prelude	The Lord Is in His Holy Temple
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	20 - Abba Father! We Approach Thee
*Invocation & †Gloria Patri	
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 12:14-29
Hymn	TP 50:1-6
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Ecclesiastes 5:1-7
Hymn	TP 65:1-5
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Reverence and Godly Fear"
*Closing Hymn	Insert - Bow the Knee
*Benediction & Threefold Amen	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	
Announcements	*Congregation standing
<sup>†</sup> 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. Covenant Bible-Presbyterian C	<sup>††</sup> 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. hurch meets every Sunday at 10:00 am

#### Testimonies from the Teens Camp II

#### A Fun Opportunity to Bond

Teens camp was a good experience and really brought everyone together.

For me, the girls were able to bond so well which was really encouraging and helped make new friendships for all of us.

The activities were really enjoyable and offered us a fun opportunity to bond with our peers more. :-)

All in all, Teens camp was a fun experience to get away from the normal routine, and bond and have fun with each other, and form many new friendships. ~ *Xinyi Hong* 

#### We Must First Deny Ourselves

I learnt that as Christians, we are no longer alienated from God and instead, we have God's mercy.

As aliens in this world, we are supposed to be different. So we must first deny ourselves, so we won't be conflicted. Christians are a chosen race. We are God's holy nation.

The Amazing Race was really fun and was probably one of the highlights for me.

This retreat allowed me to build stronger relationships and I am thankful for that too. ~ *Faith Chiu* 

More Understanding of What It Is to Be a Christian

On the camp, I learned a lot about alienation and how it affects us as Christians.

Through the many activities and messages that the camp provided I found myself getting more and more understanding of what it is to be a Christian.

The main highlights of the camp that I found most enjoyable was the activities such as the Amazing (G)race and the visit to the beach, also the fire place and the late night watching of the soccer/football game.

Thanks for the wonderful experience!! :-) ~ Hannah Butler

#### At Least One Day Longer

Teens camp was fun, energetic, and a great time to socialize. It helped me to know all the other teens better, even the ones that weren't my age.

<u>All</u> the activities were enjoyable and interesting. I found it fun to stay away from our parents just for a while.

The Amazing (G)race was amazing; it was so fun running about and solving problems. It helped us to work together more.

A few things which could improve would be that it would be at least one day longer and that we could choose our own teams for camp.

Other than those things, the camp was exceptional and fun. I can't wait till the next one. ~ *Ray Hao Hong* 

The Importance of Alienation from the World and Conforming to God

This teens camp has taught me a lot about the importance of Alienation from the world and conforming to God.

I found that the session taught and discussed were very relatable and understandable.

I think one of my favorite parts of this camp were the team games we got to play. I had no idea Bible Trivia could get that competitive.

I also loved the Amazing (G)race. Although we got lost and had to eat the most disgusting thing, I really enjoyed the camp as a whole and enjoyed building closer friendships with the other teens and I cannot wait for next year. ~ Sharon Sriharan

*Something Can't Be Gone Without God's Help* 

I learned that "you can take Lot out of Egypt, but not Egypt out of Lot" which meant that something can't be gone without God's help.

One thing I liked about Teens Camp was the Amazing Race. I love the activities (except the durians/ centurion eggs) because they ere challenging, but fun.

I think the camp could last a little longer thought. ~ Daniel Budiman

The Devotions Were Very Applicable

The camp did bring us together and it was a lot of fun. The durian and century egg was amazing. The Amazing Race was well planned and well executed.

The messages were interesting and the devotions were very applicable. I think we all had a lot of fun especially during the Bible Trivia and Bible Taboo. ~ Jeremy Chua

*True Happiness Is Knowing that You Are Accepted in God's Kingdom* 

What was teens camp for? Teens camp taught us to follow God and not to follow the world.

It teaches us to work together with others, to learn together, to grow together as Christians in this world.

Normally we go to church every Sunday to worship but this gives us the opportunity to serve God in the week with our fellow Christian family.

The basis for this camp is that we grow and worship together. it is to learn to support one another.

When we are in need or when we are in trouble, teens camp teaches us to love our neighbors.

One thing I really learnt is we must alienate the world and not be allied to the world. The world is only a temporary home. The kingdom of heaven is truly where we want to be.

That's why I believe that true happiness is knowing that you are accepted in God's kingdom.

But I think you will be happier if knowing that others are saved too. This is what teens camp means for me. ~ *Caleb Lim* 

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#### Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

#### Worship Service Roster

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Service	Next Week (29.7.18)	Next Week (5.8.18)
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Pianist	Edward Lim	Elizabeth Huang
Welcomers	Danny & Susie Tan	Xuan Tee & Yen Fye Yap
Offering Stewards	David Pang*, Yen Fye Yap* Vincent Chiu, Johnny Orchard	Ian Read*, Paul Butler* Chris Budiman, Jansen Ng
Ushers	Wendy Gong, Merilyn Woo	Jemima Ng, Rebecca Lee
Kitchen Duties	May Poon*, Dina Portillo Julian Poon	Aliza Chiu*, Jenni Budiman August Ng, Peggy Woo
PA Duty	Ken Hong	Raymond Woo
Prayer Meeting	3 August 2018	10 August 2018
Facilitator	Mark Chen	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. 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: "Our Good and Comely Portion" (Ecclesiastes 5:8-20).
- 4. Next week's Junior Worship message: "He Risked His Life for Jesus" (Acts 6:8-15). Speaker: Jacob Woo.
- 5. Ladies' Fellowship meeting. 12.15pm today in church. Lunch and DVD "How People Change". Ladies of all ages welcome. Please see Wendy for more details.
- Retirees' Bible Study. Tuesday, 31 July 2018, 10 am. Message by Pastor Mark: "Heaven and the State of Man After Death". Potluck lunch after meeting.
- 7. Young People's Group. Welcome fellowship and dinner on 4 August 2018, 4pm in church. There will be praise, a devotion, and games. Please invite your friends and young people to attend. For more information, contact Hannah Chiang.

Appointments for the Week	Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering,
TUE 10:00 am Retirees' Bible Study	& Attendance
WED 10:00 am Craft Group	General Fund - \$2,739.00 (*DD -
FRI 7:30 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting	\$200.00). Missions Fund - \$240.00 (*DD - 100.00, #798 - \$500.00, #799
SAT 4:00 pm YPG	- \$201.00). Building Fund - \$300.00
4:30 pm JF & TF	(*DD - \$300.00).
SUN 9:00 am Sunday School	Total Tithes & Offering - \$3,279.00. Attendance - 116.
10:00 am Worship Service	*DD: direct deposit

Elders: *Mark Chen (Pastor)* 6114 4242, 0415 932 373. *Jimmy Orchard* 0413 274 407. Deacons: *Johnson Lim* 0402 145 682. *Jacob Woo* 0421 212 206. *Vincent Chiu* 0417 929 149.

#### Reverence and Godly Fear Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

In our study of Ecclesiastes, we have considered various vanities under the sun - loneliness, hard work, injustice, oppression, etc. We know that life is short and then we die. All is vanity. But there is a vanity that many of us don't consider a vanity - the fact that believers don't fulfill their vows to God. We are concerned about the injustices done to us in life; but how many are bothered by the injustices done to God by us? Each of us are challenged as believers to fulfill our vows to God by living our lives for him, and not for ourselves.

- 1. The Times When a Fearsome God Is Dishonored
  - a. God is fearsome
  - b. The sacrifices of fools
  - c. Evil and rash vows
- 2. The Way to Honor and Fear God
  - a. Don't break your vows
  - b. Keep your vows

We need to fulfill our vows - to fear God and serve him. But we remember that there is one who has gone before us - Christ has fulfilled his vows of being obedient unto death, and he has given us access to the presence of God. And because he is faithful, let us also be faithful to God.

#### Questions for Reflection:

- 1. Which religious vows have you made that you know you have not fulfilled? Why? Is it because you don't fear God? What are some active steps you need to take to fulfill your vow?
- 2. Do you fear not fulfilling your religious vows before God? Why or why not?

### Bow the Knee

What a privilege to come into God's presence, Just to linger with the One who set me free. As I lift my eyes and see His awesome glory, I remember who He is and bow the knee.

Bow the knee, bow the knee, He is King of all the ages, bow the knee. God alone on His throne, See Him high and lifted up and bow the knee! Kneel before Him, all adore Him. As you live to love Him more, bow the knee.

In His hand He holds the power of creation. With His voice He spoke and all things came to be. Yet He hears each simple prayer I bring before Him When I humbly seek His face and bow the knee.

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