



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 21 July 2019

Theme for the Year: "Strength in Weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	19 – <i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Mark 12:28-33
Hymn	Insert – <i>That Beautiful Name</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	John 1:1-14
Hymn	517 – <i>Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"The Balanced Christian Life"
*Closing Hymn	495 – <i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</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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Come Apart and Rest

Christ and His Disciples Needed Rest

Mark 6:31 says, "And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat."

In our lives, there comes a time when we need to get away and unwind. This is especially the case for those who are serving the Lord.

Jesus said these words to the disciples at a very trying time. They had just experienced difficulty - their friend and brother, John the Baptizer, had just been beheaded.

They had also been working hard - Jesus had sent them out to preach - some received them but others rejected them.

They were tired and they just heard some hard news. Jesus knew they needed rest.

Why? Because if they didn't rest, they would be worse off. It is said, "if you don't come apart, you might just come apart."

Jesus himself needed rest. He often spent time away. To escape the crowds in Galilee, he got into a boat to get to the other side - and he was so tired, that he didn't even wake up when there was a storm.

The disciples were so exhausted and sad that they had no time to eat.

This is why Jesus brought them to a desert place to rest.

It was not because they didn't want to minister or because they didn't enjoy their work - but they needed time to rest so that they would be more effective.

So the disciples came apart to a desert place.

But what humorous was that even though they went, people saw them leaving and chased after them.

Mark 6:33 - "And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him."

The poor disciples needed rest, but they didn't always get it.

For those in ministry, urgent matters can come up and rest time can be neglected.

The Need to Carve Out Rest

That's why there's a need to carve out a time of rest.

This is why many churches have a policy of a Sabbatical - where on the seventh year, a minister would take time off to rest and be refreshed.

Jesus had 3 years of public ministry - but he often drew away from others to meet with his Father in communion. These were the times that God gave him direction for his ministry.

A bow cannot remain strung - it must be unstrung so that the tension doesn't break the bow. Similarly, no one can burn the midnight oil for many nights.

There's such a thing as crop rotations - a piece of land cannot sustain only one crop for long periods of time.

God in his wisdom even instituted the Sabbath year where nothing was to be grown in the land.

Spurgeon said, "Rest time is not waste time. It is economy to gather fresh strength."

It must be instituted.

A Time of Rest For...

At such times of rest, there would be physical rest. Sometimes a person just needs to sleep.

Jesus was so tired on the boat that he didn't even wake up when the storm hit the Sea of Galilee. The waves were high and the winds were strong - but he was

so tired, he continued to sleep through it.

It is also a time of distraction. When your mind has been on something too long, it needs to change its focus. Just like a car needs to change gears, the mind needs to have a shift.

It is also a time to spend time with those you love. In the ministry, it is often the family that suffers - there's no time to spend with loved ones. Or the family is so involved in the ministry that there is no separation between family life and ministry life.

This can be especially bad. I have seen and heard of many pastor's families and children who do not worship the Lord anymore - and it's so sad because his life has been given to the Lord to the neglect of his family.

God does not call us to do this. The idea that God will take care of my family if I give my all to the ministry is a wrong idea.

It is a time to search oneself. When Jesus went to pray at Gethsemane, he had to learn surrender.

Moses himself had to spend 40 years in Midian in order to receive a call from

God to return to Egypt to rescue the people.

Away from the rest, they were able to hear the voice of the Lord.

But what was amazing was this - God was always at work. When Paul was incarcerated, he wrote some of his most poignant letters - borne out of his anguish and experiences. Some of his most personal advice can be seen in his prison epistles.

When there's rest, there's the ability to think about the ministry without the ongoing fast paced requirements of the ministry.

During these times, one can think differently about things like sermon themes, training of people, delegation of work, church events, etc.

We remember Christ's words in John 15:4 - "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

And one of the means to abide is to come apart and spend the time with Christ. ~ *Pastor*



Catechism for Younger Children

1. Who made you? God.
2. What else did God make? God made all things.
3. Why did God make you and all things? For his own glory.

Repayment of Building Fund

Next Payment: 1 June 2020
Target: \$65,000
Current Balance: \$48,522.28

Total Paid To Date: \$150,000.00
To Be Paid by 2025: \$259,448.20

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (21.7.19)</i>	<i>Next Week (28.7.19)</i>
Speaker	John Barlow	Ron Nugent
Worship Leader	Jacob Woo	Jimmy Orchard
Pianist	Jerome Ng	Jairus Wong
Welcomers	Danny & Susie Tan	Josephine Austin & Wendy Gong
Offering Stewards	Micah Chiang, John Tan Vincent Chiu, Ken Hong	Jansen Ng, Yen Fye Yap Chris Budiman, Kim Leow
Ushers	Angela Yap, Heng Qi Ban	August Ng, Jerome Ng
Kitchen Duties	Rebecca Lee*, Siew Kim Mary Loh	Dina Portillo *, Aliza Chiu August Ng
PA Duty	Raymond Woo	Ian Tay
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>26 July 2019</i>	<i>2 Aug 2019</i>
Chairman	Jimmy Orchard	Johnson Lim
Pianist	Nancy Lim	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. The Lord's messenger for next Lord's Day is Pastor Ron Nugent. He will be speaking on "I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6).
3. Adult Bible Class: Pastor John Barlow will be teaching from Proverbs on 4th, 11th & 18th August. This book is relevant for all ages and the Young Peoples Group is invited to attend as well.
4. YPG Outing on Saturday 27th July, 2:00pm at Swan View followed by fellowship, BBQ and bonfire at Barlow's residence. See Micah Chiang for more details
5. Next Ladies Fellowship Meeting is on Sunday 28 July at 12:30pm. Lunch and continuation of the DVD "How People Change". Please bring a dish to share. Ladies of all ages are welcome! Please see Sis Wendy Gong for more details.
6. Integrated Fellowship Retreat for people aged 15 to 35, organized by Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church. Topic: "The Opportunities and Perils of Youth" Speaker: Pastor William Yap. Dates: 4-7 October 2019. Venue: Glenhaven Park in Stockport, SA 5410. Camp fees: \$130 (working adults) and \$75 (students). Please see Wendy Gong for more information.

Appointments for the Week

FRI	7:45 pm	CBI &	Prayer Meeting
SAT	2:00 pm	YPG	Outing
SUN	9:00 am	Sunday	School
	10:00 am	Worship	Service

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$12,735.00 (#880 - \$200.00, ET-\$10,000.00, \$500.00, \$200.00, \$450.00) Missions Fund - \$300.00 (#649 - \$200.00, ET- \$100.00). Building Fund - \$790.00 (#879 - \$400.00, ET-\$300.00) Total Tithes & Offering - \$13,825.60.

*ET: Electronic Transfer Attendance - 114.

Church Accounts for Electronic Transfer

BSB: 036-031

General - 316942 | Building - 316969 | Mission - 316950

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