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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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LORD’S DAY 10 JULY 2011

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Prelude</i>		
<i>Call to Worship</i>	1 Chronicles 16:23-34	Isaiah 12
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 23 – “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”	RHC 74 – “For the Beauty of the Earth”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 78	Deuteronomy 4:1-13
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 78 verses 1-8</i> (to the tune of Vox Dulceti, RHC 298)	RHC 472 – “Happy the Home When God is There”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 332 – “Moment by Moment”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Revelation 22:10-21	Exodus 20:12
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Nadir Carreno	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Surely I Come Quickly</i>	<i>The Fifth Commandment</i>
<i>Lord’s Supper</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 182 – “Lead Me to Calvary”	RHC 471 – “A Christian Home”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>Lord Dismiss Us (stanzas 1 & 4)</i>

* Congregation Stands

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple,
The Lord is in His holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence,
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

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, Amen.

THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

Church Theme 2011 – “Continue in the Word” – 2 Timothy 3:14

BIBLICAL PRAYER – PART 27

Acts 1:24 tells us that the apostles of Jesus Christ prayed to choose a man who could replace Judas in the Twelve: “And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all *men*, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen.” From this prayer we may be able to learn a few lessons about prayer. (1) Prayer is a means that God uses to meet the needs of His churches. God is sovereign, and the apostles are His faithful servants, but God wants them to pray for this particular matter. It shows who God is to man. It also shows that man is a dependent being. (2) The necessity prayer also shows the Lordship of God. He is the One who chooses one of the two to be Judas’ replacement. (3) Prayer is according to the will of God. The disciples prayed to God who knows the hearts of all men. The answer to their prayers was not something that was not known to Him. He chose the right one according to His will. Man cannot frustrate the will of God. It tells us about the importance of prayers when we choose the leaders of the church. We do not vote for people simply because we like them or they are our good friends. We must choose people prayerfully.

3. The early church made it a habit to pray. Acts 2:42, “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” It shows us the pattern of their Christian gatherings. The Greek word for “continued stedfastly” is the same word we studied in 1:14, “continued with.” It appears to be the case that the strength of early Christian churches was to be found in their steadfastness. They were stuck together with their Christian principles: apostles’ doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. We all know that doctrines are important, especially the apostles’ doctrines which can be understood as biblical, fundamental, and orthodox doctrines in our terms. Christian fellowship has been encouraged, and the observance of the Lord’s Supper is to be respected. Then, how about prayer? We must not forget that prayer shares its platform with the other three. Prayer is not optional for Christian churches and their members, but required.

4. The apostles kept regular prayer times. Acts 3:1, “Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*.” (a) I cannot but mention that great apostles like Peter and John maintained their regular prayer times. One simple challenge from this simple fact is that we must pray, if they needed to pray. Who amongst us will claim to be more spiritual and more dedicated than these two apostles? (b) I also need to remind you that there was a miracle story in this passage. It is no wonder that they were able to do so much work for the Lord. It was not they who performed all the mighty works, but God who answered the prayers of His faithful servants. They showed the power of God while they were going to the House of Prayer. (c) I must say that the liberty they had in Christ Jesus did not make them slack and lazy. The Jews kept their hours of public worship. They used those occasions to pray. Three times a day, they set aside certain times for prayer: 9am, noon, and 3pm. Such practices are also found in other portions of the Bible. Psalm 55:17, “Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.” Daniel 6:10, “Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.” If anyone has tried to keep their regular prayer times on a daily basis, he must have found it quite difficult. I understand that in our social environment it is difficult to follow such patterns (9am, noon, and 3pm patterns). I am not saying that all of us must follow the same practice by going to church three times a day to pray. In order to pray, we need two things: place and time. Place should not be a huge problem. God is a Spirit. Thus, we may pray to Him in Spirit wherever. However, the real challenge to a more regular prayer life is time. I would suggest each one to decide the best time(s) to prayer throughout each day. What is important is to make the practice regular. It requires lots of self-control and self-discipline.

5. The apostles prayed for boldness. Acts 4:31, "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." In order to fully understand the prayer in verse 31, we also need to read verse 29, "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." (a) The cause of their prayers was threats from the enemies of the Gospel. It is important for us to know that Gospel work always has to be smooth sailing. The apostles were also threatened. (b) The prayers and needs of the apostles seemed to be well balanced up. They were frightened, and they resorted to prayer for solutions. They prayed for boldness. (c) The purpose of their prayers was for the furtherance of the Gospel ministry. They needed boldness so that they could speak the Word of God with boldness in front of threats. (d) They had received exactly what they had prayed for. If we compare verse 29 with verse 30, we are able to see that the Lord answered their prayers accordingly. The prayer we find from the text provides us with real encouragement and practical suggestions. Being an apostle of Jesus Christ did not mean that Peter or John became a man above men. They were still ordinary men. They had weaknesses and human short comings. It must be an encouragement to us. We are not apostles. We are weak and often scared by winds and tempests in life. However, we can pray for boldness. (e) The apostles did not pray for the removals of the impending threats but for boldness to speak the Word of God. It is a sure sign that they truly believed in the power of God and considered it an honor to suffer for the sake of the testimony of God's Word. There are at least two things we need to carefully consider. One, let us not consider threats, trials, or even fears in the Lord's ministry a hindrance or sign of God's displeasure. It can happen that we are in adverse conditions, though we are in the perfect will of God and His ministry. Two, prayer is an expression of dependence on God. The apostles were threatened, and they went to the Lord in prayer. They truly believed in God and His power, and demonstrated their faith by coming to the throne of grace through prayer.

6. The apostles prayed for themselves and co-workers (church leaders). Acts 6:4-6, "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. ⁵ And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: ⁶ Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them." I think that this passage unwittingly glorifies prayers. The apostles said that they would like to give themselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word. They defined their ministerial life by two things: prayer and ministry of the Word. The ministry of the Word must be referring to their preaching and teaching ministries. However, we must not neglect the fact that prayer is mentioned even before the ministry of the Word. Prayer was an apostolic work in their minds. It must make all of us ashamed. It is because we have treated prayer as secondary, optional, and casual, not essential, required, and very important part of Christian living. Prayer was also a means to commit faithful men to God for His church and ministry. The early church chose 7 men confirmed by their qualities such as the fullness of faith and Holy Spirit. I wish I could find such men in our midst. How hard it is to find such men of God today! They were set before the apostles who prayed for them and committed them to the Lord's hands. Prayer is essential to the apostolic ministries and to the committal of the chosen church leaders to the Lord. Thus, we pray not only to choose them but also to commit them to the Lord.

Lovingly,

Your Pastor

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm**.

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME		
Fri 15 July	7:30pm	No Young Adults Fellowship	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Mr & Mrs MacClaren, Dr & Mrs Carreno, Paul & Annie Koh to our worship services last Lord's Day.		
Sat 16 July	4:00pm	No Prayer Meeting & Bible Study			
Next Lord's Day					
	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES		
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Dr Carl Martin	TODAY: 10/07/2011		
Message	Invitation by Jesus	TBC	Chairman: Jonathan		
Text	Matthew 11:25-30	TBC	Organist: Anthony		
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Joy		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Pastor Ki will continue the series of studies on "The Doctrine of the Church." • Basic Bible Knowledge: Pastor Ki will lead the BBK course after lunch at the manse. • No Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Brian, Mrs Ki, Constance, Deborah Sherwood, Jonathan's father, Linda Teo. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Jia Yun, Justin, Dr & Mrs Carreno, Waiyee, Matthew, Weifeng • Pray for those seeking employment: Evelyn, Yetta 			Ushers: Daniel / Yetta		
			Sunday School: Joy		
			Lunch: Maureen		
			Washing Up: Volunteers		
			PA Crew: John		
			NEXT WEEK: 17/07/2011		
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1313.13, Lunch: £64			Chairman: Jonathan		
			Organist: Joy		
Attendance - Morning: 38 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 25 (A) 1 (C)			Pianist: Daniel		
			Ushers: Daniel / Yetta		
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 80			Sunday School: Joy		
Q: What is required in the Tenth Commandment? <i>A: The Tenth Commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbour, and all that is his.</i>			Lunch: Constance		
			Washing Up: Volunteers		
Proofs: 1 Timothy 6:8, Hebrew 13:5			PA Crew: Lee Wei		
			MEMORY VERSE		
Last Week <i>"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;"</i> 2 Timothy 3:14			This Week		
			<i>"Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,"</i> Ephesians 1:15		
			Next Week <i>"Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;"</i> Ephesians 1:16		