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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 13 FEBRUARY 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>	Revelations 22:12-14	Psalm 100
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 227 – “Until Then - O Glorious Day”	RHC 41 – “Before Jehovah's Aweful Throne”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Joey Seow	Joey Seow
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 58	Exodus 7:1-25
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 58</i> (to the tune of Lloyd, RHC 563)	RHC 386 – “Be Thou My Vision”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Joey Seow	Joey Seow
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 384 – “My Jesus, I Love Thee”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 9:14-17	Exodus 12:1-20
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Challenges about Fasting</i>	<i>Truths from the Revelation</i>
<i>Lord’s Supper</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 173 – “There Is a Fountain”	RHC 112 – “Redeemed”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>RHC 80 (stanzas 1 & 5)</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 14

Last week we studied the house of the Lord and its function as a house of prayer. Along this line of thought, I said that our church sanctuary did not carry the same meaning and significance of the Old Testament Temple. Our services and sanctuary have more similarities with synagogues than the Jerusalem Temple. However, we need to be reminded of the importance of gathering in the church for two reasons. One, the presence of the Lord is promised to His people. Jesus says in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." All meetings and ministries in church are in the name of the Lord. No one glories of himself or herself in church, but God. The Lord promised His presence in the midst of people who call upon His name. Church as a physical location is one of the places God's people gather themselves for the honor and worship of their God. Church, as a place and location, is important for corporate worship. It is true that we can worship and serve the Lord in all places, but the beauty of His sanctuary is that all God's people come together and worship Him as a corporate body of believers of God. In early Christian churches, the believers of Jesus Christ were gathered in the Temple in Jerusalem. According to Acts 2:46, they gathered seemingly everyday. They did not have a proper church organization and structure yet. Thus, even apostles themselves went to the Temple for their daily prayers according to Acts 3:1. However, eventually the believers of Jesus Christ congregated for ministries and worship. They organized their own worship and services (Acts 5-6), eventually making many local congregations (Acts 9:31). They were encouraged to gather together for the Lord's ministries and worship. Hebrews 10:25 says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*. and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Believers are to be gathered together. When they are gathered together, there is also the presence of the Lord.

Two, the physical place used for church services is a place dedicated to the Lord for the sole purpose of serving Him. As the building on 10 Downing Street serves the Prime ministers of the UK and the White House the US presidents, so the church as a physical building is fully dedicated to the Lord for His honor and worship. Thus, we come here as a local body of believers. We have corporate worship and corporate prayer to God in this place. This is called the house of God and a house of prayer. Therefore, we do not bring any worldliness into this place. But, rather we sanctify ourselves here because the name of the Lord is to be honored. In particular, we ought to pray together in church. Our ladies will have their fellowship and prayer meetings once a month. We have Saturday prayer meetings every week. At the same time, I would like to provide a few examples how you and I can use the sanctuary for prayer. (1) I would like to suggest that all worshippers come to church early enough to spend some time to pray before each worship service. Prayer for ourselves, church, friends and countries, Christian workers, persecuted Christians, suffering brethren, afflicted ones, worship services, and many more. Would you come to church early on Sunday mornings? Let us not come to church for the sake of Christian duty alone. Can we honor our church as the house of God? When we come to church, the first thing we should do is pray. I have also noticed that we do not come to the sanctuary for evening services early enough to prepare our hearts with prayer. Instead, we love to spend more time to chat. Maybe around 3:30, we can begin to move into the sanctuary and pray for the service and other prayer matters. Especially, if anyone is on duty for the day for chairing the services, playing music, ushering, teaching Sunday school, and any other form of service should come early and consecrate themselves with prayer first. (2) Participate in every available prayer meeting. It is very easy to neglect prayer meetings if we do not consider prayer an important part of Christian life. We know and understand issues and concerns of others and commit them to the Lord in prayer.

Sometimes, we are afraid of making public prayers. Maybe smaller groups will help us be more active in prayer ministries. (3) Pastor's ministry depends on the congregation's prayer support. Before and after each service, pray for him. Pray for missionaries and evangelists for their ministries.

Twenty-ninth, prayer is not a contest to show off our speech skills. Some people may be excellent in languages, and some people may show off their oratory skills through prayers. Some people may be able to move the hearts of people by uttering beautiful words and phrases in their prayers. Some individuals may brag about the duration of their prayers. Jesus says in Matthew 23:14, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation." Hypocritical prayers are scrutinized by God's omniscience which even penetrates into the hearts of people and sees everything in them. Prayer must also come with faith. Matthew 21:22, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Thirtieth, prayer may be made at any time. There are many references telling us about times to pray. (1) We may begin with Jesus. Luke 6:12 says, "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." (a) Jesus chose a mountain to pray. It is probably because He wanted to have quietness while praying. (b) He prayed to the Father through the night. (2) Whenever believers were gathered, they prayed. Acts 1:14, "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." (a) There is no mention of the duration or time of prayer, but it tells us that they persevered or were devoted to prayer. (b) Women also participated in prayer meetings. It is significant as we do not see private prayers from the text but corporate prayers. (c) They were united in prayer. (3) We may set certain time(s) for prayer. The apostles kept their prayer times according to their Jewish traditions. Acts 3:1, "Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*." They kept the hour of prayer. I have known people who have set up their personal prayer times. Some people use their quiet time for prayers, or some people set a few time slots to pray throughout the day. They have fixed prayer schedules. (4) We ought to devote ourselves to pray continually. Acts 6:4, "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." The apostles of Jesus spoke to the church about what they desired to do. (a) They wanted to give themselves to prayer continually. (b) They also give themselves to prayer. It requires dedication and spiritual discipline. (5) We pray on the day of the Lord. Acts 16:13, "And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted *thither*." Paul and his company went out to find a place to pray on the Sabbath day. This verse also can be understood that they went out to find a place where people were gathered to pray. It is clear that there were some women gathered in a place for prayer. We gather together on the Lord's days to worship and pray. (6) We pray continually as Romans 12:12 says: "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer." It talks about persevering prayer. (7) We pray always. Ephesians 6:18, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." We may be wondering how we can pray always. Paul says that such prayer should be offered in the Spirit. It means that we cannot expect a devoted prayer life with our own strength alone. We should be led by the Spirit of God to pray.

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 18 February	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship Bible Study on Philippians	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Mei Leng Loh, May Siow, Jean Chong, Celestine Tan and Perrin to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 19 February	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Study on Shorter Catechism	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	
Message	Jesus - Master of Life	Truth from God's Revelations	
Text	Matthew 9:18-26	Exodus 3:1-22; 6:1-9	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<u>TODAY: 13/02/2011</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Today, Pastor Ki will continue the series of studies on "The Doctrine of Church." • Basic Bible Knowledge: Pastor Ki is leading a BBK course after lunch. If you are interested, please join in the session. This will be held in the manse. • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Come and join us to pray and to study God's Word. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May, Brian, Samuel, May (Lee Wei's mum) • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Barbara, May Chew, Eld Chew, Joey & Family • Easter Camp 2011 (22/4 to 25/4): Please take note of the dates for the camp. More information will be provided later. 			Chairman: Joey Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Daniel / Jonathan Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Mrs Ki Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: John
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 20/02/2011</u>
			Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: John / Yetta Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy Lunch: Constance Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Brian
			Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1130.00
			Attendance - Morning: 47 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 21 (A) 3 (C)
			SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 59
<p>Q: Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?</p> <p><i>A: From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the <u>seventh</u> day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the <u>first</u> day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the CHRISTIAN Sabbath.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u> The Patriarchal and Jewish Sabbath was held on the <i>Saturday</i>, because that was the day on which God rested from Creation. The Christian Sabbath is held on the <i>Sunday</i>, because that is the day on which our Saviour arose from the grave. The change was made in accordance with the practice of the Apostles and the early Church.</p> <p><u>Scriptural Reference:</u> Genesis 2:3, Acts 20:7, Revelation 1:10</p>			MEMORY VERSE Last Week <i>"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."</i> Romans 8:34 This 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 Next Week <i>"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"</i> Romans 8:35