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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 16 OCTOBER 2011**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 96:9-13	Psalm 31:1-3
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 226 – “The Lord Is King!”	RHC 348 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 92	1 Corinthians 3:1-23
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 92 verses 1-4, 14-15</i> (to the tune of Azmon, RHC 61)	RHC 399 – “I Am Thine, O Lord”
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 390 – “Something for Thee”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 13:1-23	Exodus 20:13
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Parable of the Sower</i>	<i>The Sixth Commandment - Suicide</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 247 – “Cleanse Me”	Insert – “O Lord, Life is Sacred”
<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 &amp; 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**

## TESTIMONY OF ALAN BLANEY

### **Luke 15:11-24**

*“And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father’s have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.”*

This passage in Luke where the Lord relates the story of the prodigal son is a passage that I have always found to be a powerful summary of how I came to the Lord. I was brought up in a Christian home and my family attended a bible-believing Presbyterian church. Throughout my childhood there was no room for compromise – church attendance was mandatory! I was taken to Sunday school every Sunday morning from as early as I can remember up until the day I left home. In addition, I was taken to a children’s meeting every Friday evening of the school term. Throughout my childhood, therefore, I was exposed, intensely, to the things of God and His Word: including learning the Westminster Shorter Catechism!

Despite this immersion in sound doctrine however, I did not know the Lord personally. As I became older, however, the rebellion against this religious upbringing began to set in and I, like the prodigal in Luke 15: “gathered all together and took [my] journey into a far country”. Well, not a far country as such, but I left home as a young teenager and lived the life of the world.

But not many years later, God began to work in my life: firstly through circumstances and then through His word. By one way and another, God designed my return to live at home again and in the same year began to convict me of the sin in my heart and in my life. Having had the grounding and bible-based teaching of my childhood I knew that my life was not acceptable to God and I realised that I had been running from Him.

But God intervened in my life and brought His word before me and, although I cannot now remember what passage in John’s gospel I was reading, through reading God’s word He fully convinced me of my sin and my need to repent. And so it was that I repented of my sin and turned in faith to Jesus Christ for forgiveness and reconciliation. In the passage, verse 17 says: “and when he came to himself” – this has the idea of coming from one place to another, or being brought into being: in other words converted, or turned around. And so it was that God in His sovereign grace regenerated me and gave me the gift of repentance unto life.

A lot of the teaching that I had as a child has stood me in good stead over the last 11 years since I was saved: as I began to study those things as a newly reborn believer in Christ, I was quickly brought to see the true meaning of His living word. I now know that God has given new life to me: he has changed me from being dead in sins to be walking in newness of life! My sins are forgiven because Christ bore them on the cross and suffered God’s justice for me: the just for the unjust, as it says in Romans 10:9: “that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

Since that day God has been with me and guided me and so it is that we now find ourselves in New Life BP Church!

## TESTIMONY OF NAOMI BLANEY

### **Psalm 27**

*“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me. When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek. Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.”*

This Psalm sums up my life and testimony to date. The Lord has been my light and salvation since I was very young.

I was brought up to attend a bible believing church in Northern Ireland which involved attending Sunday school, two services on the Sabbath and also a childrens meeting during the week. From a very early age I knew that I was a sinner and that the Lord Jesus Christ had died on the cross for my sins. I also knew that the only way to get rid of my sin was to ask the Lord Jesus Christ for forgiveness and so it was that at the age of five I asked God for forgiveness at home. Although, I do not remember anything about it, what I do know is that God forgives the sins of those who ask Him by faith. It says in Romans 10:9: “that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” I believe that God forgave my sins, even though I was very young.

I also know that God has kept me from that day to now. He protected me during my teenage years, whilst at university and then in the workplace. At times my faith grew weak, however, looking back now the Lord hid me in the secret of His tabernacle during these times.

The Lord has continually led and guided me in choice of career and husband and for that I am most thankful. He continues to teach me His way, which included moving to London in December 2010. Although it was difficult to leave the life that I knew and was comfortable with, it is evident now that this move was part of God’s plan for my life. God has used this move to draw me closer to Him and to reveal the need for baptism as commanded in His word.

# 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 21 Oct	7:30pm	<b>Young Adults Fellowship</b> Bible Study on Philippians	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Long Zhao Wang, Joanne Loo, Lee Xun Yong and Yangfan Zhang to our worship services last Lord's Day.		
Sat 22 Oct	4:00pm	<b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</b>			
<b>Next Lord's Day</b>					
	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	<b>LORD'S DAY DUTIES</b>		
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Timothy Ki	Eld George Chew			
<b>Message</b>	Parable of the Sower	The Greatest Commandment			
<b>Text</b>	Matthew 13:1-23	Matthew 22:35-40			
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<b>TODAY: 16/10/2011</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study:</b> Pastor Ki will continue the series of studies on "The Doctrine of the Church."</li> <li>• <b>Saturday Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b> Come and join us to pray and to study God's Word.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Brian, Mrs Ki, Constance, Deborah Sherwood, Jonathan's father.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are/will be on travel:</b> Sonia, Mrs Ki, Daniel, Lorena and Pedro Carreño.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta.</li> </ul>			<b>Chairman:</b> John <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Joy <b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Yetta <b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Joy <b>Lunch:</b> Constance <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Lee Wei		
			<b>NEXT WEEK: 23/10/2011</b>		
			<b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Joy <b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Margaret <b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Joy <b>Lunch:</b> Maureen <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> John		
			<b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £848.11, Lunch: £56.50, Kenya Mission: £62 <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 29 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 30 (A) 4 (C)		
			<b>SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 94</b>		
<p><b>Q: What is Baptism?</b></p> <p><i>A: Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the <u>washing with water</u> – in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost – doth signify and seal our <u>ingrafting into Christ</u>, and <u>partaking of the benefits</u> of the Covenant of Grace, and our <u>engagement to be the Lord's</u>.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u>                  The <i>outward act</i> in baptism is washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. The <i>inward meaning</i> of this is the removal of our sin. We are all by nature born in sin, and we need to be <i>born again</i> before we can be admitted into heaven. Now, Baptism is an emblem of this new birth. And the baptismal fountain of water tells of <i>another fountain</i>, which is filled with the blood of Jesus Christ, and which has been opened freely for all sins and uncleanness.</p> <p><u>Proofs:</u>                  Matthew 28:19, Romans 6:3</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Last Week</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Psalm 46:4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Week</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Psalm 46:5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next Week</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Psalm 46:6</b></p>		