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

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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 96:1-9	Psalm 135:1-3
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 93 – “To God Be the Glory”	RHC 41 – “Before Jehovah’s Aweful Throne”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 64	Psalm 115
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 64 verses 1-2, 7-10</i> (to the tune of Kilmarnock, RHC 561)	Insert – “The Lord Who Has Remembered Us”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 553 – “Love Found a Way”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 10:9-31	Exodus 20:1-6
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Reality Checks for God’s People</i>	<i>Idolatry - Part 1</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 324 – “Trusting Jesus”	RHC 388 – “O for a Closer Walk with God”
<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 20

Last week, we began to talk about a new topic concerning what or whom we should pray for. We considered that we must pray for leaders. Especially, we considered that we should pray for temporal rulers in this world for a quiet and peaceful life and God's good will. I believe that we have found lots of reasons we should pray for temporal leaders. When we hear about dictators who have ruled their own people with terror and oppression, who have caused their people to starve, and who have made their own countries virtual prisons, we are thankful that we are not living under such leaders. Thank God for freedom and liberty. It is not just people living in wintry countries who must pray for their leaders. We who live in democratic and free countries must pray for our leaders. When I hear about President Obama's policies toward homosexuality, Prince Charles' open view of religions (rather than becoming a defender of Christian faith he is supposed to be), Prime Minister's, Deputy Prime Minister's, and the leader of the opposition party's atheistic philosophy, I feel that we all must be urged to pray for such men and for God's good will in our land. May God be merciful to us not to have leaders who want to build their kingdoms on earth by dispensing their people for their own purposes!

(2) We also need to pray for spiritual leaders. In fact, Paul asked the Thessalonian believers to pray for him and his ministerial team in 1 Thessalonians 5:25, "Brethren, pray for us." He also says in 2 Corinthians 1:11, "Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift *bestowed* upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf." The author of the book of Hebrews also asked his readers to pray for him and others in 13:17-18, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you."¹⁸ Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly." There are a few specific reasons to pray for them.

(a) We need to pray for their faithful ministry by proclaiming the truth of Ephesians 6:18-20, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;¹⁹ And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,²⁰ For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." We need to pray for their utterance, bold preaching ministry, and efforts to proclaim the Gospel faithfully.

(b) We need to pray for their protection. 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2, "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:² And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all *men* have not faith." We all know that when Peter was in prison, the whole church prayed for him in Acts 12:5, "Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him."

(c) We need to pray for their ministerial opportunities and positive results. Romans 15:30-32, "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in *your* prayers to God for me;³¹ That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which *I have* for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints;³² That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed." Colossians 4:3, "Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds."

(d) In particular, we need to pray for the right focus of their messages, which should be Christ and Him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:1-4, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. ² For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴ And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

(e) We need to pray for their diligent studies of the Word and wisdom to understand and skills to study the Word. 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." It is essential that church leaders, pastors and elders, have time to study the Bible, and we must honor them as well. 1 Timothy 5:17-20, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. ¹⁸ For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer *is* worthy of his reward. ¹⁹ Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. ²⁰ Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear." In order to help the preachers study the Word, it is necessary that the churches help their ministers to be able to build up their libraries and to go to seminars to learn more. 1 Timothy 4:16, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

(f) We need to pray for their convictions. They must be convinced by the teachings of the Word and should be fully persuaded by them. Thus they will be able to preach the messages with conviction. It is the work of God's Word and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." John 16:13-15, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. ¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you."

(g) We need to pray for their moral purity. One of the qualifications to be a pastor is that he has to be blameless, which means above reproach. 1 Timothy 3:2, "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach." It is necessary for them to examine their hearts carefully and constantly, so that their life should not be a reproach to the Lord but to be an example to their people. Psalm 139:23, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴ And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." We have seen so many fallen and morally bankrupt preachers and pastors. It is not uncommon to find news about church leaders' immorality. It is a shame to us. Therefore, we ought to pray for their protection from falling into temptations.

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 01 April	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 T Moses & Family and Lalnunthar Zate to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 02 April	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	TODAY: 27/03/2011
Message	Public Relations of the Believers	Idolatry – Part 2	
Text	Matthew 10:32-42	Exodus 20:1-17	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			NEXT WEEK: 03/04/2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Pastor Ki will continue the series of studies on <i>"The Doctrine of the Church."</i> • Ladies Fellowship: Ladies Fellowship Meeting will be held after lunch this afternoon – Sis May Chew will be leading the session. • Basic Bible Knowledge: No BBK class today. Pastor Ki will continue the BBK course next Lords' Day after lunch at 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 Chew, Brian, Mrs Ki, Constance • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Barbara, Margaret, Joey & Family • Easter Camp 2011 (22/4 to 25/4): The camp speaker will be Pastor John Sherwood. More information will be provided later. • ACM: Members please take note that the Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for 10th April 2011. 			<p>Chairman: Jonathan</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Joy</p> <p>Ushers: John / Constance</p> <p>Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy</p> <p>Lunch: Mrs Ki</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Brian</p>
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £726.52, Lunch: £69.81</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 36 (A) 7 (C), Evening: 24 (A) 2 (C)</p>			MEMORY VERSE
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 65			Last Week
<p>Q: What is forbidden in the Fifth Commandment?</p> <p><i>A: The Fifth Commandment forbiddeth the <u>neglecting of, or doing anything against</u>, the honour and duty which belongeth to every one in their several places and relations.</i></p> <p><u>Scriptural Reference:</u> <i>"Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour."</i> – Romans 13:7</p> <p><i>"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;"</i> – Romans 12:10</p>			<p><i>"Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Romans 8:39</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This Week</p> <p><i>"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;"</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Timothy 3:14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Week</p> <p><i>"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalm 1:1</p>