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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 31 JULY 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 93	Psalm 118:18-29
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 40 – “God the Omnipotent”	RHC 83 – “This is the Day the Lord Hath Made”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 81	1 Peter 1
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 81 verses 1-4, 8-10</i> (to the tune of Wiltshire, RHC 345)	RHC 398 – “Whiter Than Snow”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 126 – “No, Not One!”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 12:14-21	1 Kings 18:38-39
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Mr Daniel Biddle
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Controversies and Believers</i>	<i>The Fire of the Lord</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 377 – “More Like the Master”	RHC 36 – “High in the Heavens, Eternal God”
<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 30

Cornelius is a great example of a man of prayer. He was a Gentile, and his name is Roman belonging to distinguished families in the imperial city, such as the Scipios and Sulla according to *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*. He was a centurion in the Roman army. He was outstanding in many ways. (1) He turned himself from Roman heathenism. His change was from polytheism to monotheism. (2) He was in a position of power as an occupying force. However, he was open to the religion of the occupied and prayed to the God of the conquered people. (3) He was ready to hear the Word from Peter, and he received Peter by falling down at his feet. This shows his noble character. (4) He feared the Lord with his household, and did not hide his faith by praying always and being gracious to the Jewish people. His prayer life and noble character went together hand in hand. I hope that this will be our testimony, too.

13. The whole church prayed for Peter in prison. Acts 12:5, "Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." Verse 12 also says, "And when he had considered *the thing*, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying." (1) We must pay attention to the fact that the church prayed in verse 5. Verse 12 tells us that many gathered for prayer meetings. The church can do many things including corporate prayer. There is an appointed time for us as a church to come and pray together, which is Saturday afternoon. I hope that more people will come and join us in prayer. Especially, it is more than an opportunity but a duty of the leaders of the church to come and pray for the church with other believers. If anyone considers himself or herself a mature believer, he/she should be a part of prayer meetings. (2) The church prayed for God's grace upon Peter, who was their leader. It is always good to remember church leaders in prayer. The church remembered her suffering pastor, Peter, in prison and prayed for him. (3) The church prayed for Peter without ceasing. We must be reminded of the importance and necessity of praying for persecuted churches and their leaders. If we do not remember them, who will?

14. The Christians at Antioch prayed before sending Barnabas and Saul off on a mission. Acts 13:1-3, "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. ³ And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away." (1) It was a privilege that the church in Antioch had such leaders who were touched and led by the Lord. They were ministers and a praying people. They fasted and prayed. (2) While they were fasting and praying, the Spirit of the Lord led them to separate Barnabas and Paul aside for missionary work. (3) They also did the same thing before laying their hands on them and sending them out. The believers were behind their missionaries with prayers. It is important for Christians to pray for missionaries. Of course, I am not talking just about missionaries. We may think of evangelists, Christian teachers, and Christian workers in various fields, in which they minister to the Lord and His work.

15. The appointments of church leaders such as elders require prayer. Acts 14:23, "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed." (1) I may say that Barnabas and Paul's ministry was successful in the eyes of the Lord, which was an answer for the prayer from their sending church. The Lord enabled them to choose leaders for local churches.

(2) The practice of prayer was continued in Barnabas and Paul's ministry. As they were prayed for by the believers in the church at Antioch, when they ordained the elders for churches, they fasted and prayed. They practiced what they had learnt from the leaders in Antioch. Maybe we can learn a lesson from this wonderful tradition. (3) The prayer was a committal one. They commended the elders to the Lord. It means to commit them to the Lord. Or more literally, it may mean to put them before the Lord. With prayers, we ought to commit our church leaders to the Lord.

16. Paul, Silas, and Timothy went to a place of prayer. Though they did something else besides praying, it appeared to be their practice to pray regularly. Acts 16:13, and 16 say, 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*. . . . ¹⁶ And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying." (1) Paul and his missionary team came to the city of Philippi because of a call from a man of Macedonia in his vision. It is meaningful to know that when they came to this city because of the call, they began with prayer. (2) Another important fact is that they could not know what serious challenges were waiting for them in the city. They were eventually imprisoned. Also, they were beaten in verse 23. Prayer was preparation for their unseen persecutions. (3) Positively, we know that a jailor and his household were saved through Paul and his company's ministry. The Lord prepared His servants through prayer. They did not go out with their own strength but with the spirit of dependence on the power of God.

17. Paul and Silas prayed in prison. Acts 16:25, "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." The fact that they prayed in prison is both inspirational and educational. (1) It was not a prayer of complaint. They sang praises to God and prayed. They followed the leading of the Holy Spirit and came to the city, but ended up in prison. They could have complained and had self-pity in prison, but instead they praised and prayed. (2) It teaches us that we can and must pray in any circumstances. God's ways are different from our ways, and we may not comprehend why He is doing what He is doing. Nonetheless, what we can do in the days of no-understanding is to pray.

18. Paul and the elders from the Ephesian church prayed before their farewell. Acts 20:36, "And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all." This is one of the most heartbreaking scenes from the Bible. Paul loved the church in Ephesus. Now he was on the way to Jerusalem with the knowledge he was going to be arrested in the city and would not be able to come back to see the church again. He called for the elders from the church and gave them his final exhortations. It was difficult to say farewell to each other. We may find their sadness and sorrows in verses 37-38. "And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him, ³⁸ Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship." Again, the prayer here was like a prayer of thanksgiving and committal. What a blessing it was that they had been able to have Christian fellowship! But, it was a time for farewells. They knelt down and prayed together. This is truly a heart moving prayer. Also, we find a prayer posture in verse 36. The Bible tells us about various postures while praying, and kneeling down is one of them. Paul and his companions met some brethren in Tyre on the way to Jerusalem, and they knelt down on the shore and prayed together in Acts 21:5.

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 05 Aug	No Young Adults Fellowship		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Mr & Mrs Blaney, Eddie, Mary, Jonathan & Michelle to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 06 Aug	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	Unpardonable Sin	The Sixth Commandment	
Text	Matthew 12:22-37	Exodus 20:13	TODAY: 30/07/2011
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Chairman: Jonathan
<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." • Ladies Fellowship: Ladies Fellowship will take place after lunch today. Please see Mrs Ki or Sis. May Chew for more information. • 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, Deborah Sherwood, Jonathan's father, Linda Teo. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Jia Yun, Justin, Waiyee, Matthew, Tom, Elisabeth, Scott & Venice, Rachel & Family. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta. • Baptism of Tom & Elisabeth Tan: Saturday 13th August, 3pm, West Kilburn Baptist Church. Please see Pastor Ki for more information. 			Organist: Anthony
			Pianist: Anthony
			Ushers: John / Yetta
			Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy
			Lunch: Mrs Ki
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Lee Wei
			NEXT WEEK: 07/08/2011
			Chairman: John
			Organist: Anthony
Pianist: Joy			
Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn			
Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy			
Lunch: Maureen			
Washing Up: Volunteers			
PA Crew: Lee Wei			
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £555.20, Lunch: £60.50			MEMORY VERSE
Attendance - Morning: 36 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 20 (A) 5 (C)			Last Week
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 83			<i>"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him"</i>
<p>Q: Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?</p> <p><i>A: Some sins, in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are MORE HEINOUS in the sight of God than others.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u> This answer tells us that some sins are worse than others. It says that some sins are worse by reason of their own nature, as it is worse to sin against God than against man; and some are worse by reason of certain circumstances, as it is worse to sin deliberately than when hurried by passion.</p> <p><u>Proofs:</u> Luke 12:47-48</p>			Ephesians 1:17
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			<i>"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,"</i>
			Ephesians 1:18
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			<i>"And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,"</i>
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