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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 MAY 2012

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 95:1-6	Psalm 96:9-13
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 32 – “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”	RHC 29 – “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 119:81-96	1 Timothy 3:1-16
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 119 verses 81-88</i> (to the tune of Cleansing Fountain, RHC 173)	RHC 445 – “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 27 – “Now Thank We All Our God”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Luke 12:13-21	Leviticus 8:1-36
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Most Precious Thing in Life</i>	<i>The Priests’ Consecration</i>
<i>Baptism Service</i>	Baptism of Helen Lee	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 187 – “It Is A Thing Most Wonderful”	RHC 465 – “I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>May the Grace of Christ Our Savior</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 2012 – “Have a Mind to Work” – Nehemiah 4:6

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART.....

A Father's Letter - Part 1

I found an excellent letter written by a father to his children in May, 1685 from a book, *Isaac Watts: Remembered 1674-1748*, written by David Fountain (Mayflower Christian Bookshop, Southampton, UK, 1998). This letter was inspirational and moved my heart so much so that I wanted to let my church family read it. I wrote to the publisher and asked for permission to use it for this page, and the manager Teresa Mitchell graciously gave me permission to use it. I hope that you will enjoy reading it. This letter is found in "Influence of Home and School: 1685-1690," chapter 2.

Isaac Watts is probably the most well known English hymn writer, besides John Wesley. His father, Isaac Watts Sr. was a faithful man of God who did not join the Church of England but became a non-conformist. He was persecuted and put into jail. He refused to conform to the laws of England relating to the worship of God. He was willing to pay the price for his faithfulness to the Lord and faith in Him, and his faithful wife often came to the place where he was imprisoned with a baby he had not yet seen. Though he could not see his son's face, the baby's crying gave him pleasure. Isaac Watts Jr. loved to read books. He received his early education from his father, including the study of Latin at 4 years of age. He recorded some of his life in his memoranda as following:

"Coincidents:	Began to learn Latin of my father,	1678
	To Latin School and writing,	1680
	Began to learn Greek,	1683 or before
	I had ye small pox,	1683
	Learnt French,	1684, 1685
	Learnt Hebrew,	1687 or 8

1683, My father persecuted and imprisoned for nonconformity six months. After that forced to leave his family and live privately in London for two years."

The following letter was written by Isaac Watts Sr. to his children while he was forced to live in London. I trust that the readers will be blessed by reading it. This letter both challenged and encouraged me as a Christian father. For sure, this letter made me ashamed of myself in many ways. This article carries only half of the length of his letter, and the rest will be continued next week.

“My dear children,

Though it hath pleased the only wise God to suffer the malice of ungodly men, the enemies of Jesus Christ (and my enemies for His sake), to break out so far against me, as to remove me from you in my personal habitation, thereby at once bereaving me of the comfort, which I might have hoped for in the enjoyment of my family in peace, and you of that education, which my love as a father and duty as a parent required me to give; yet such are the longings of my soul for your good and prosperity, especially in spiritual concerns, that I remember you always with myself in my daily prayers addressed to the throne of grace. Though I cannot speak to you, yet I pray for you; and do hope that my God will hear me, and in due time bring me to live again amongst you, if He shall see such a mercy fit to be bestowed on me or you. However, we must endeavour by patient waiting to submit to His will without murmuring; and not to think amiss of His chastening us, knowing that all His works are the products of His infinite wisdom, His designs are the advancement of His own glory; and His ends towards His people their sanctification and salvation, which certainly shall be accomplished at last, however His great providences may seem contrary to it, as to our apprehensions. My dear children, since in this my absence from you, it is the desire of one of you, that is, my eldest son, (Isaac Watts, junior), to have a line of counsel from his father.

First, I charge you frequently to read the Holy Scriptures; and that not as a task or burden laid on you, but get your hearts to delight in them: there are the only pleasant histories which are certainly true, and greatly profitable; there are abundance of precious promises made to sinners, such as you are by nature; there are sweet invitations and counsels of God and Christ, to come in and lay hold of them; there are the choice heavenly sayings and sermons of the Son of God, the blessed prophets and apostles. Above all books and writings account the Bible the best, read it most, and lay up the truths of it in your hearts: therein is revealed the whole will of God, for the rule of man’s faith and obedience, which he must believe and do to be holy here and happy hereafter. Let all the knowledge and learning you attain by other books, both at school and at home, be improved as servants to help you the better to understand God’s word. The sum of all the counsel I can give you, necessary for the regulating of your behaviour towards God and man, in every station, place and condition of your lives, is contained in that blessed word of God.”

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 May	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship "Romans"	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome David Wang to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 19 May	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting "Eschatology" – Rev Timothy Ki	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<u>TODAY: 13/05/2012</u>
Message	Power of Understanding	Clean and Unclean Things of God	
Text	Matthew 16:5-12	Leviticus 11:1-47	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Pastor Ki will continue the study on "Anthropology – The Doctrine of the Man" next week. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Mrs Ki, Lai Kheng, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Elizabeth, Venise, John. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Sonia, Nana, Hannah and David, John, Sharon & Tobias. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Michelle. • Church ACM: This will be held today after morning service. 		Ushers: Daniel / Constance Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Mrs Ki Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Lee Wei / Yangfan
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1473.00, Lunch: £65.00 Attendance - Morning: 34 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 29 (A) 3 (C)		<u>NEXT WEEK: 20/05/2012</u> Chairman: Alan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joy Ushers: Tom / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Constance Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Lee Wei / Yangfan

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 17

Q: Into what estate did the Fall bring mankind?

A: The Fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Comments:

Adam's first sin is commonly called the Fall. And we are here told that, in consequence of this Fall, all men are now born in a sinful and unhappy condition.

Proofs:

Romans 5:12

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12	"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9-10	"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17