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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 03 NOVEMBER 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-4

Psalm 134

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 81 – “*Lord of the Sabbath*”

RHC 48 – “*O Bless Our God With One Accord*”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 42

*Second Hymn **

RHC 38 – “*As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams*”

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 326 – “*Like a River Glorious*” verses 1 & 3

Scriptural Text

Romans 8:16

Daniel 3

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson

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Sermon Message

Christian Assurance

Men of God in a Day of Apostasy

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 330 – “*How Firm A Foundation, Ye Saints*”

RHC 411 – “*Stand Up for Jesus*”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson

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Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* 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 2013 – “Understand and know God” – Jeremiah 9:24

My Dear Reader,

WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY

3-11-2013 We begin a new month, the next to the last for this year. As we begin, let me encourage you to keep focused on the Lord and the unique windows of opportunity that He has provided us. Over this past week, I hope you have taken opportunities to reflect on the ways our Lord is working in His Church, for His glory. What have you learned as you have reflected?

In e-mails since last Lord's Day, Pastor Ki has shared lessons he has recently been learning:

1. We felt very sad to leave London in such a dramatic way, but God is wiser than all of us.
2. Though God's ways are mysterious, we all know that His mysterious will is perfect.
3. Submission to His will must be done for His glory.
4. There is no indispensable man in God's work. Only He must be glorified.
5. Opportunities are not always with us. Whenever we have opportunities to serve, we ought to serve.

Ponder these helpful principles. The late Francis Schaeffer, in his commentary on the book of Joshua, commenting on the transition from Moses to Joshua, wrote: **No one is indispensable but everyone is unique.** Surely the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. Ki has left an indelible stamp on this church. How thankful we are for their willingness to leave their homeland in South Korea and pour themselves into the work of the Lord wherever he has taken them, in Asia, Africa, Australia, and most recently here in London. We are thankful for their ministry here while they had the window of opportunity. In God's timing, someone will follow them, but no one will replace them. Do not miss the unique opportunity you have to serve the Lord now, while you can.

Two months ago I attended a special session on ministry in Korea. Having two daughters teaching in South Korea and another teaching just north of North Korea, I have been fascinated by the history of ministry there. While today South Korea is the place where the Gospel is sent forth with a global impact, there was a time when Pyongyang was considered "the Jerusalem of the Far East." But that dramatically changed when Communism overtook what is now called North Korea. Today in North Korea, we have no idea how many Christians there are. We do know that many have given their lives as martyrs for the name of Jesus Christ. Of those who have not died, many have been brutally persecuted and have had to serve the Lord with great wisdom. There are many stories of daring faith to trust Christ and follow Him. (A very informative resource on the history of Christianity in Korea is entitled *Into All the World* by J. Gordon Holdcroft.)

I had the privilege of hearing one account this week. In 1950-1951, the Communist army from northern Korea invaded the southern part of the country. They overtook the town called "Haengju" because of the ancient fortress there. This is a mountainous area with many caves that made good places for hiding. The army declared that they were determined to kill every Christian man in the town. For months a young man, committed to the Gospel ministry, named Sangil Shin managed to live in hiding. His courageous wife regularly risked her life to deliver food to him. In time the army recruited young men from the town to locate and turn in their friends in hiding. One of his longtime friends became a traitor in order to protect his own life. Knowing the area, he discovered Sangil's hiding place. Before long, Sangil was captured and placed in a cramped hut where the other Christian men from the town were being held. They were told that they would all be executed the following morning. During that night, Sangil believed the Lord was telling him to escape. He went to the door and found it unlocked. The soldiers standing guard were outside talking. He walked out and passed them by unseen. The following morning the others were all executed but he was alive.

Sangil Shin went on to serve the Lord as an elder in a local church. As a 17 year old, he had committed to spending time in prayer each morning. At one point in the Korean War, the only place large enough to store the dead bodies was in the church building where he served. Though there were corpses all around, he still faithfully went to the church to pray. Today, in his 90's and blind, he continues to pray many hours each day. His son, in time followed in his steps, entering the gospel ministry. His grandson, Sook Goo Shin, is at Tyndale House in Cambridge, working on his PhD in preparation for the Gospel ministry. He is the one who told me of his grandfather.

What investment are you making with your life? As the late, Rev. (Dr.) Timothy Tow Siang Hui used to say, "Do something good for Jesus every day!"

- Faithfully yours, CTM

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
Wed 06 Nov	11:00am	Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day.
Fri 08 Nov		No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 09 Nov	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 03/11/2013</u>
Message	When God Makes a Visit	In the Darkness We Need Light	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	Amos 5:16-27	John 12:34-36	Organist: Sarah
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Jasmine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Dr Martin will lead a study on "The Doctrine of the Church". • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor Ki, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Rev Colin Wong. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia. • Pray for those on travel: Prema, Hannah, Joy, Jiak Eng. • Lord's Supper: We will be observing the Lord's Supper next week. Please come with hearts prepared. • ECM next Lord's Day: There will be a meeting next Sunday after service for all Church Members. 			Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn
			Sunday School: Rachael
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Yangfan
<u>NEXT WEEK: 10/11/2013</u>			Chairman: John
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £865.72, Lunch: £45.51			Organist: Anthony
Attendance - Morning: 25 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 24 (A) 3 (C)			Pianist: Sarah
			Ushers: Tom / Constance
			Sunday School: No Sunday School
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 95

Q: To whom is Baptism to be administered?

A: Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible Church – till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

Comments:

We are here taught the persons who may be baptized. They consist of two classes – *adults* who are Christians, but who may not have been already baptized; and the *infants* of church members. The former are baptized because the meaning of the ordinance is to declare that the persons baptized profess themselves to be Christians; and the latter are baptized because the promises of God to his people extend to their children as well as to themselves.

Scriptural Reference:

Acts 2:41, Acts 2:39

MEMORY VERSE

	This Week	Next Week
Last Week <i>"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."</i> Colossians 1:17	<i>"Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth."</i> Isaiah 40:26	<i>"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."</i> Romans 13:1