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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 28 JULY 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Isaiah 48:12-18

Psalm 25:4-5

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 17 – “Begin, My Tongue,
Some Heavenly Theme”

RHC 552 – “God of Our
Fathers”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 28

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 28 verses 6-9
(to the tune of Belmont, RHC 22)

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 532 – “Savior, Like a
Shepherd Lead Us” verses 1 & 2

Scriptural Text

Romans 15:14

Psalm 119:9-12

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Colin Wong

Rev Colin Wong

Sermon Message

Admonish One Another

*The Power of Cleansing by the
Power of the Word - Part 1*

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 446 – “Lord, Speak to Me”

RHC 255 – “Thy Word Have I
Hid in My Heart”

*Benediction/3-Fold
Amen **

Rev Colin Wong

Rev Colin Wong

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,

AN APPEAL TO BEEF UP THE CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

I am very encouraged to see God's people coming to the Saturday Bible study cum prayer meeting at 4 pm. I truly appreciate those who have traveled a long distance to come to study the Word and to pray for the church and her ministries. However, I still would like to encourage more church people to come to the house of prayer (Matthew 21:13).

You and I know that prayer is not only important but also essential for the spiritual well-being of the church. I find it hard to believe someone telling me how he or she delights in spending much time with God and yet he or she has never once stepped into the power house of God. It's so paradoxical! Isn't it?

Charles Spurgeon, in his article, *"Only A Prayer Meeting"* wrote, *"We shall never see much change for the better in our churches in general until the prayer meeting occupies a higher place in the esteem of Christians."* Nowadays, weekly prayer meeting is becoming rare in many a church. Many churches no longer schedule it and in those churches that still do, typically less than 10% of the members would make an effort to attend. Why? The reason is that in too many of these churches, prayer meetings have become dull, cold, mechanical, powerless, spiritless and lifeless.

I am sure many of us have heard this saying, *"Personal prayer is the barometer of our spiritual life."* In other words, the fate of our spirituality depends on our personal prayer life. If we have a poor prayer life then we have a low spirituality. If our spiritual fervor is melancholic, then the spirit of the prayer meeting will be greatly affected.

Erroll Hulse, in his book *"The Vital Place of the Prayer Meeting"* wrote, *"You can tell with a fair degree of accuracy what the church is like by the demeanor or substance of the weekly prayer meeting. Is there genuine evangelistic concern? If so, it will be expressed in the prayers. Is there a heartfelt longing for the conversion of unconverted family members? If so, that is sure to surface. Is there a world vision and a fervent desire for Revival and the Glory of our Redeemer among the nations of the world? Such a burden cannot be suppressed... Intercession in the prayer meeting will soon reveal a loving church that cares for those who are oppressed and weighed down with trials and burdens. Those bearing trials too painful or personal to be described in public will nevertheless find comfort in the prayer meeting, for there the Holy Spirit is especially at work."*

My dear brethren, our spirituality plays a vital part in the prayer meeting. We cannot come to the prayer meeting with carnal and unprepared hearts. Carnality kills the spirit of the prayer meeting. That is why spiritual preparation is absolutely necessary before we come to the house of prayer.

Peter Masters in *"The Power of the Prayer Meeting"* wrote, *"In the prayer gathering preoccupation with ourselves as individual believers slips away, and we become a group of people longing for the blessing of others, and for the prospering of the cause. In the prayer gathering we are refined and honed... It cements unions and promotes respect... the church that prays together, stays together."*

Prayer unifies God's people. This kind of spiritual fervor that unites God's people was seen in the early church. Before the Day of Pentecost, the disciples *"all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication..."* (Acts 1:14). After Pentecost, the disciples continued steadfastly *"in the Apostle's Doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread, and in prayers"* (Acts 2:42). When the church was afflicted by fierce persecution, *"they raised their voice to God with one accord..."* (Acts 4:24). When Peter was arrested and put into jail for preaching the Gospel, the church prayed for him fervently (Acts 12:5, 12). When Paul and Silas were arrested and incarcerated for the same cause, they held a midnight prayer meeting in the prison cell (Acts 16:22-26).

During the time of the Reformation, churches often held daily services for preaching and prayer, every morning and every evening. During the severe persecution in Sudan, many churches held daily prayer meetings each morning and evening. Some of the fastest church growth in recent years has taken place in South Korea and China where most church members consistently and faithfully participate in their church's early morning prayer meetings.

Jonathan Edwards in *"A Call to United, Extraordinary Prayer"* wrote, *"Prayerfulness is the natural response of a heart that is fully caught up in all Christ is to us and for us, over us and within us, through us and before us and upon us. Christ defines our agenda in prayer. Christ opens up the door to Heaven to present our prayers... Christ is the ultimate answer to all our prayers."* May God be pleased to grant New Life B-P Church such fervent, earnest, sincere spirit at the Saturday afternoon prayer meeting!

Church history tells us that revivals begin in prayer meetings. I believe it with all my heart. I hope you believe it too! Those who conscientiously and habitually participate in prayer meetings *"experience more sweet and pure delight in the very exercise...grow more rapidly and steadily in grace...become the most devotional, active and useful Christians... and become the life and soul, as it were, of the church"* (Edwin Hatfield on *"The Social Prayer Meeting,"* 1844).

The words of Dr. Joel Beeke in *"Attending Prayer Meetings"* greatly challenge us. He said, *"If every God fearing family, in every God honouring church around the world took the congregational prayer meeting seriously, what impact would that have around the globe? I believe that Scripture and Church history teaches us that the future of our children, our family, our church, and our nations depends on God's people storming the mercy seat together. Prayer is the normal means that God uses to shower His Heavenly blessings upon the earth.... We customarily record our appointments on our calendar. Will you not mark your church prayer meetings on your calendar as engagements of the highest priority for your entire family? Will you not prepare for them and try to bring a friend or two with you? Let us treasure prayer meetings. Let us engage in it with all our heart, remembering that Revivals usually begin with prayer meetings."*

My dear brethren, what is the need of the hour? The need of the hour is for faithful intercessors in vital union with their ascended Lord, to agonize inside the veil for deliverance of the church from its spiritual slump. If many New Lifers would simultaneously turn to God on the Saturday afternoon prayer meeting in utter self-humbling, in intercession, in seeking the face of God and in repentance (because of our prayerlessness), such an upheaval of holy prayer will shake the church and bring a mighty spiritual awakening in the church.

Let us long for the days of old. As George Bowen said, *"The day of Pentecost was a pattern day; all the days of this dispensation should have been like it, or should have exceeded it. But alas, the church has fallen down to the state in which it was before this blessing was bestowed, and it is necessary for us to ask Christ to begin over again."*

I am appealing to you this Lord's Day. Will you come to join the other New Lifers to pray fervently to God to deliver us from this subnormal existence and renew and refresh us spiritually so that New Life B-P Church can be a channel of blessing to the regions beyond?

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Ephesians 3:14-21).

Will I see you on this coming Saturday Bible study and prayer meeting? Amen

Lovingly in Christ,

Pastor Colin

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 31 July	11:00am	Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Bernard, May & Philip to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 02 Aug	7:00pm	Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 03 Aug	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Colin Wong	Rev Colin Wong	<u>TODAY: 28/07/2013</u>
Message	Bear with One	The Power of Cleansing by	Chairman: Jonathan
	Another's Burdens	the Power of the Word	Organist: Anthony
Text	Galatians 6:2, 5	Psalms 119:13-16	Pianist: Jasmine

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Rev. Wong will lead a discussion on this mornings' sermon "Admonish One Another". • 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, Hannah, Eld Chew's mother, Rev Colin Wong. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta. • Pray for those on travel: Pastor & Mrs Ki, Sarah, Yangfan, Evelyn & Christiana. 			Ushers: Daniel / Margaret Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Hannah Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £545.67, Lunch: £50.40, Kenya: £50 Attendance - Morning: 30 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 20 (A) 2 (C)			<u>NEXT WEEK: 04/08/2013</u> Chairman: John Organist: Joy Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: Daniel / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Anthony

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 81

Q: What is forbidden in the Tenth Commandment?

A: The Tenth Commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour, and all inordinate motions and affections to any thing that is his.

Comments:

This commandment refers to the *desires* of our heart. It tells us that we ought not to *covet* – that is, to cherish an unlawful desire for anything belonging to another. And it is put here to warn us that the Law of God is *spiritual*, and is broken by a wrong thought as well as by a wrong act. It commands us to be content with our position in life, whatever that may be. And it forbids us to be fretful over our own want of success or envious at the good success of others. To cherish a spirit of *good-will* is the best safeguard of this command.

Scriptural Reference:

Galatians 5:26, Luke 12:15

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
"If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself." 2 Timothy 2:13	"The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." Psalm 121:8	"Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all." 1 Chronicles 29:11