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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 09 FEBRUARY 2014

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:1-3

Psalm 95:1-3

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 44 – “We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”

RHC 226 – “The Lord Is King”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 56

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 56 verses 1-4, 10-11
(to the tune of Arlington, RHC 433)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 237 – “Revive Us Again”

Scriptural Text

Romans 1: 23-27

Matthew 5:6

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Sermon Message

Total Depravity

Blessed are they which do Hunger – Part 1

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 429 – “We Have Not Known Thee as We Ought”

RHC 244 – “Fill Me Now”

Benediction/3-Fold

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

*Amen **

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 2014 – “Waiting for God” – Isaiah 30:18

BELIEVERS' COMMUNITY

Giles Slade asserts a very interesting statement in his book, *Big Disconnect: The Story of Technology and Loneliness (Contemporary Issues)*, as following: "Increasingly, the lack of human interaction breeds the lack of human interaction so interpersonal difficulties become easier and easier to avoid. Instead of visiting, we phone; instead of phoning, we text; instead of texting, we post 'updates' for our 'friends' on Facebook's wall, and when they don't like these updates, we 'unfriend' them. In public, we catch up on our smartphones with people we no longer have time to visit, or we steal a few moments during our commute to listen to a playlist while reading an eBook on a Kindle. The liminal spaces of our cities are full of people experiencing and practicing uncomfortable 'elevator silences'" (loc 85, Kindle). We are not living in a so-called backward society anymore. We are talking about personal and private spaces, which were literally an unknown concept even till a few decades ago or in our present generation in the undeveloped countries. Many of the Hopefuls grew up in small homes often living with extended families. Individual room was a luxury, and many of the family members had to share rooms. When I was a little boy, TV was a very expensive commodity, and not all people could afford it. Many of my friends visited a nearby friend's home to watch children's TV shows or even wrestling games. I cannot imagine how my friend's family felt every night. They gave up their own private space and accommodated their neighbors to join them to watch their TV together. It was not just once in a while event, but as far as I remember, some people were always there every night! They brought snacks to share. It was a totally different lifestyle from today's. There was no clear sense of individualism, but they had a community life. Some nights my family gathered by a transistor radio to listen to a popular show, music, or news of the day. I must say that it happened in one room.

Alas, things have changed so much since those days. There is no more reason for families to be together to watch a ball game in one room any more, because there are more than one TV in each household. The story does not stop there. Some families have TVs in each room, which keeps them from fighting over channel controls. Everyone chooses his or her own favorite shows for convenience, and family talk ceases at the same time. TV sets are only a precursor of further troubles. Most family has more than one computer. Consider a family of four people including parents and two children with desktop and laptop computers, and everyone keeps his own machine and dwells in his or her own cyber world. Some people do not even bothered to walk into the real world. They can make friends over the internet. They can find friends to chat and play games, though they had never met before and still do not know how their cyber friends look like.

Now we have smart phones everywhere. We do not need friends of flesh and blood any more. If we have questions, we go to the screen and press a few buttons. We carry them anywhere and everywhere including toilets! I have seen people playing games in the toilets. As soon as families get into a car, virtually everyone, except the driver, takes his or her phone out and does something with it quite busily. More and more people are losing the concept of community.

Parents and children do not talk any more. Husband and wife do not spend time chatting any more. All these social changes have made people feel lonely. Such sense of loneliness drives them even more to these machines which they fellowship with. Some people name their phones as if they are real characters. They dress them with various phone covers. Their machines are their companions. Instead of human company, they choose machines. William Deresiewicz says in "Faux Friendship," *Chronicle of Higher Education* (April 20, 2012), that "we have given our hearts to machines, and now we are turning into machines."

If we turn our eyes to church communities, we also realize that they are not doing well, either. There are isolated believers who refuse to join any fellowship groups. They are only turning to themselves. They argue that they want their personal space. They voice their desires for privacies and personal times. Of course, church fellowship should not intrude into someone else private matters. Church fellowship should not break into someone's personal space without any justification. However, at the same time, we ought to understand that the believers of Jesus Christ are members of the believers' community. They are described as members of one same body. Jane Jacobs says that "it is the repeated process of such trivial interactions that establishes, over the course of time, social familiarity and 'trust,' the intangible glue that holds our society together" (loc. 165, Kindle). Through prayer meetings, fellowship times, Bible studies, visitations, sharing meals and helping each other may be small matters, but when we do them continually, we begin to understand each other better and to have stronger bonds amongst us. I am concerned about some who desire to isolate themselves from the rest of the body of believers. It is because isolation is not a way for them to live as believers of Jesus Christ. The Bible speaks about "togetherness" so much. Let us look at the following examples:

Romans 1:12, "That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me." Romans 8:17, "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together." Romans 15:30, "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." 1 Corinthians 3:9, "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building." 1 Corinthians 12:24, "For our comely *parts* have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that *part* which lacked." 1 Corinthians 14:23, "If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those that are* unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?" 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." 2 Corinthians 6:1, "We then, *as workers together with him*, beseech *you* also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." Ephesians 2:21, "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord." Philippians 1:27, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." Colossians 2:2, "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ." Come out, my friends, come out from your own shelled world to the community of believers! Myung and I think of you a lot. We will keep praying for you.

Lovingly,

Pastor Ki

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 12 Feb No 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 14 Feb No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 15 Feb 4:00pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 09/02/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Sarah</p> <p>Pianist: Matthew</p> <p>Ushers: Tom / Constance</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Maureen</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Yangfan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 16/02/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Jasmine</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Yetta</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Maureen</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p>
Message	Loosed from Thine Infirmary	Contentment	
Text	Luke 13:11-30	Genesis 33:1-11 and Philippians 4:8-10	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: There will be a short video study on "Purity" by Dr Jim Berg. • 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, Elizabeth, Magdalene. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia. • Pray for those on travel: Margaret. • Pulpit Ministry: Please pray for the Church and the calling of Rev Colin Wong as our resident minister, and that the visa application will be accepted and completed without delay. • Church cleaning next week. 	
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1298.00</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 30 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 20 (A) 4 (C)</p>	

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 2

Q: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Comments:

The last answer tells us *the end for which we are made*; this tells us *where to find directions for attaining that end*. We could not know of ourselves how to serve God. But God has told us. He has told us in the Bible. To it, therefore, we must go in order to learn the way of duty.

Scriptural Reference:

2 Timothy 3:16, Ephesians 2:20

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."</i></p> <p>Matthew 5:16</p>	<p><i>"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."</i></p> <p>Hebrews 13:5</p>	<p><i>"So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."</i></p> <p>Hebrews 13:6</p>