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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 20 JULY 2014

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 5:11-12

Psalm 57:9-11

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 19 – “Come, We That Love the Lord”

RHC 122 – “Glory to His Name”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 78 verses 32-72

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 78 verses 65-72
(to the tune of Green Hill, RHC 192)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 361 – “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” verses 1-3

Scriptural Text

Amos 7:1-9

John 13:12-20

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

Between God and Broken World

Knowing that Impacts our doing

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 421 – “Have Thine own Way, Lord”

RHC 376 – “O to Be Like Thee!”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

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

EIGHTEEN YEARS!

My Dear Reader,

20-07-2014 What a privilege we have been given to gather this weekend to study God's Word, join in prayer, and singing unto the Lord, and bring our offerings to Him – together! The Task Force has chosen this to be our Anniversary observance for this year. Such times provide opportunities to review what God has done and renew commitment to the things He has in store for the years to come until our Lord Jesus returns.

As we saw some weeks ago in our pre-lunch Bible Study, the Apostle Peter wrote:

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:2-5)

As a congregation made up of precious and unique persons, we come together from our distinct families, homes, and backgrounds. We bring our collection of past experiences, both good and bad. Yet we come together because of having tasted the grace of the Lord. We have experienced the joy of knowing Him and growing in our relationship with Him. Our relationship with Him draws us to others who have also been attracted to Christ and enables us to contribute to one another's lives and families. When that happens there is an excitement or as Peter says, we are lively stones. Think of the vibrancy of children playing together. A whole complex of events happens: talking, laughing, arguing, sharing, grabbing, and squabbling too. But one thing for certain is that we know they are alive! By contrast, go into a cemetery or an empty building. All the stones are perfectly in place, but there they sit, lifeless. A congregation is to be marked by life as a living family of families. Is it not refreshing to experience that week by week here at New Life?

The history given on the NLBPC website is informative, but rather brief when we think of all that has gone into this ministry. A review of the photo included with the history, shows many persons who made up the congregation but have relocated elsewhere. We are grateful for those who have continued with the work since its earliest years. When we mention "church" we tend to think of a building. Yet in the New Testament, of the seven kinds of references using the Greek word *Ἐκκλησία* (*ekklesia*), none refer to a building. For the first several centuries, the congregations gathered in homes, though some of those were very spacious as one can see in excavations in Ephesus. We are very glad to have a building here in London where we can gather to worship and fellowship. According to the essay on the church website, this property was purchased on August 1, 1996 in an 11th hour bid, instead of it being sold to a group of Hindus to be converted into a temple. How grateful we are for those who had a vision to establish this work and have shared in the life and ministry of this congregation through these eighteen years.

Though I first visited the congregation in 2010, I had learned of the ministry when it was being launched in reports from Rev. (Dr.) Timothy Tow Siang Hui, pastor of Life Bible Presbyterian, Singapore. In the Lord's surprising providence, I was privileged to study in England and made that first trip to New Life. I have been blessed to return many more times to worship, fellowship, and share in the life of the congregation.

A major commitment of this congregation has been to proclaim the Word of God and to teach people what it means to truly know the Lord and follow Him. The historic Westminster Confession of Faith, written not far from where we gather, has been an important summary of Christian doctrine for believers since its completion in 1643. Our final rule for what we believe and teach remains the Word of God, but the W.C.F. provides a seasoned guide for us in understanding the teaching and application of the written by God. Each Lord's Day we review one of the points from the Catechism as a part of our worship service. Why? A review of doctrine provides a means of helping us avoid losing a strategic understanding of truth.

We live in an age where much of what we believe is shaped by the latest Twitter Tweet, Facebook posting, or Blog of a contemporary "star." That person may be correct, but there is great wisdom in learning how believers who have lived before us have understood and applied the Scriptures. People, identifications, and practices can change.

The very building we worship in provides one example. In the history provided on the website we learn that the denomination that formerly owned this building had a name that to an outsider, sounded wonderful: *United Reformed Church*. Historically the URC had been comprised of denominations that were Reformed in doctrine but differed in their governmental structure. Rev. Kwan, coming from a Bible Presbyterian Church in Singapore was fully expecting to find a group that was in hearty agreement with the doctrines that had been revived during the Sixteenth Century as men like Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli and many others gave their lives in defense of the faith that had been once for all given in the Word of God (Jude 3). Those Reformers were committed to the Five Solas of the Christian Faith (Sola is a Latin word for alone). That is the commitment he was expecting. What are the Five Solas?

1. Sola Gratia (by grace alone) – We are saved by grace alone. Only by the grace of God are we saved.
2. Sola Fide (by faith alone) – We are saved through faith alone, apart from any merit on our part.
3. Solus Christus (by Christ alone) – Jesus the Christ or Messiah is the only one who can save us.
4. Sola Scriptura (by or on the basis of Scripture alone) – the Bible is our highest authority.
5. Soli Deo Gloria (for the glory of God alone) – The glory of God alone is to be our focus and priority.

Imagine Rev. Kwan's utter shock upon learning that the term "reformed" had been divorced from its historic theological context and had been redefined as "thinking in fresh ways about God and the world." The denomination included people who were in good standing but denied the essential doctrines of the Christian faith. Though they had a good sounding name the content of what they believed and taught was far from what he anticipated. By God's grace, when he reported these things to his home congregation in Singapore, a strategic group came together to support and develop New Life Bible Presbyterian Church here in London.

The Bible Presbyterian Church as a denomination was developed in 1937 to oppose the departure that had crept in and overtaken the dominant Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Those who were committed to proclaiming the Bible as the Word of God were increasingly not tolerated. Those who pioneered the new denomination were forced to leave their churches and forfeited their ordination to the Gospel ministry. One of the major components of the Bible Presbyterian Church has been the advance of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. The original missionary supporting organization was named the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, a ministry that continues today. The congregation here in London has, at different times had a relationship with that mission, most recently assisting with the support of Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Ki. As a part of their support, this ministry has been prayed for by people from around the world who desire to see the Lord's work advanced here.

This past year at New Life we have walked through some very challenging times. Pastor Ki developed health concerns that prompted his and Mrs. Ki's return to Australia for consultation with his cardiologists there. These concerns brought about necessary changes in pulpit scheduling. A sequence of speakers was arranged. In God's providence I was in Cambridge, UK and supplied the pulpit during part of that time. Rev. and Mrs. Colin Wong came from Singapore to serve from July through September. They encountered challenges upon entering the UK, but God providentially overruled and enabled them to enter. We were excited to welcome the Kises back at the end of October. None of us anticipated their being refused entry into the UK. Providentially they were permitted one week to pack their things and prepare to return to Australia. The congregation extended a call to Rev. Colin Wong to come and serve as resident minister, understanding that he would begin in late May 2014. In the meantime, Preacher Mok Chee Cheong and Carol served from January through June. In April the congregation learned that the Wongs would not be coming to serve. Then, in May, a call was extended to Preacher Mok to be the minister here. We are awaiting the details to be sorted out for them to return to serve.

At age 18 a youth faces plenty of changes. This 18th year has had its share of changes for New Life as a congregation. When we reflect on all that the Lord has brought this family through, there are many questions that remain unanswered. Yet we rejoice in seeing His sustaining hand at work. God has a purpose for this work in this place, for His glory. Looking ahead, let us renew our commitment to our Lord and serve one another. Christ loves this congregation and has an eternal purpose for us to fulfill in this community.

Your grateful brother – Carl T. Martin

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
Tues 22 July		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 25 July	7:00pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony <i>Developments in the Ten Kingdoms</i>	
Sat 26 July	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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 20/07/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: Daniel / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Carry in Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 27/07/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: Tom / Margaret Sunday School: No Sunday School Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott</p>
Message	Preacher Go Home	The Dark Night of Betrayal	
Text	Amos 7:7-17	John 13:21-30	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week's study will be led by Dr Martin. • 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, Scott, Patricia, Hannah, Shirley, Jonathan. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia. • Pray for those on travel: Evelyn. • Pulpit Ministry: Please pray for the Church and the calling of Pr Mok Chee Cheong as our resident minister, and that the visa application will be accepted and completed without delay. • Ladies Fellowship will be held after lunch next Sunday. • Church ACM will be held after morning service on Sunday 3rd August.
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £652.45, Lunch: £35.35 Attendance - Morning: 20 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 19 (A) 4 (C)</p>

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 25

Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

A: Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself A SACRIFICE, to satisfy Divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

Comments:

The duties of a priest were to offer sacrifices and pray for the people; and this is what Christ, as our priest, does for us. When he was here on earth, he offered himself as a sacrifice, and now that he is in heaven, he intercedes for us with his Father. We are here told, likewise, that the purposes for which Christ offered himself as a sacrifice were: 1. To satisfy the justice of God on account of our sin; and 2. To bring us back to God as dear children.

Scriptural Reference:

Hebrews 4:14, Hebrews 9:28, Colossian 1:20, Hebrews 7:25

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”</i></p> <p>Romans 8:32</p>	<p><i>“I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever”</i></p> <p>Psalms 145:1</p>	<p><i>“Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.”</i></p> <p>Psalms 145:2</p>