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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 31 AUGUST 2014

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 117

Psalm 92:1-5

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 24 – “Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”

RHC 47 – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 84

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 84 verses 1-2, 10-12
(to the tune of Azmon, RHC 61)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 27 – “Now Thank We All Our God”

Scriptural Text

2 Chronicles 7:1-22

Hebrews 10:1-22

Pastoral Prayer

Rev William Beattie

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Sermon Message

National Disasters Abounding - The Lord God has the answers

The Acceptable Sacrifice

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 40 – “God the Omnipotent”

RHC 80 – “The Day Thou Gavest, Lord”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev William Beattie

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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.

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.

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.

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

Care for Eternity

My Dear Reader,

31-08-2014 For 29 June I had written, "When you take your final breath in this life, where will you spend eternity?" At that time I was completing a month of having cared for my mother-in-law, Margo Janet Knutson, in our home in Clearwater, Florida. Little I did know that would be the last day that I would see her alive, but it was. In God's providence, on Saturday evening 16 August, she breathed her last, six weeks from her 99th birthday. To be sure that was an unsettling time for our two daughters who were caring for her, but for her it was the beginning of her new experience with her Lord Jesus, for eternity. The Apostle Paul wrote, *Therefore we are always confident, knowing that whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith and not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him* (2 Cor. 5:6-9).

Who knows the allotment of his or her days? My mother-in-law had struggled with ill health as a child growing up in Holland. Yet the Lord graciously sustained her for nearly a century. In June she was concerned that perhaps the Lord had forgotten her. Why was she still alive, when so many others had died before her? She had been a widow for nearly 31 years and had been the last living member of her birth family for 34 years. Yet the Lord spared her for His own time for her to die. She delighted in each day, arising and sitting in her favorite chair while enjoying her coffee and watching cars pass by the front window. But she had a yearning for her final home and looked longingly for the day when the Lord would call her home.

The psalmist in Psalm 39:4-5 pleads, *LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou has made my days as an handbreadth; and all mine age is as nothing before thee.* Later Psalm 139:16 reminds us that all our days are written in His book before the first of them comes to pass. God does not forget His children. The Prophet Isaiah wrote: *Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me* (Isaiah 49:15-16). As we learned in our recent study of John 14:3, Jesus has promised to come again and receive us that where he is we can be also. The Apostle Peter reminded believers, *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. ...What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for a new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless* (2 Pet. 3:9, 11-14).

Eternal life was not just beginning for Margo when she died, rather that beginning had taken place when she was a teenager when she accepted Jesus Christ as her savior and committed her life to Him. From her humble beginnings as an immigrant in the United States, God took her and enabled her to have a ministry that touched thousands of people forever. She was a faithful wife and mother in her family and a committed part of the New Tribes Mission and Illinois Bible Church Mission with her husband, the late John B. Knutson, a legacy that continues even today.

One of her major duties at New Tribes Mission, in addition to hospitality, was serving as proofreader for the mission's magazine, *Brown Gold*. Many years later I heard a missionary recount how he had been challenged to engage in reaching an unreached tribal group in Cambodia. As a college student he had read articles in *Brown Gold*. When I later told him that my mother-in-law had been the proofreader for that magazine, he asked me to thank her for using her skills because she contributed to influencing him and has had a part in having helped to reach many hundreds of Cambodians with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In local church ministry she faithfully taught children's classes. Many testify to having been introduced to Jesus as their Savior through her teaching. In considerable measure, she encouraged the ministry that my family has been able to share in many places, including at New Life BPC – London.

One of the concerns for those who are growing older is the matter of care in their retirement years. That was one of our concerns as my mother-in-law advanced in age. We explored an array of possibilities. Noting their limited financial resources, Dr. Arthur Steele (founder of Clearwater Christian College) once discussed retirement care with his wife Dolores wondering how they could manage. In her quiet faith she asked, "Aren't you trusting our Heavenly Father to care for us for eternity after we die?" He responded, "Yes." She inquired further, "How long do you think we have in retirement, ten years, or twenty? Don't you think our Heavenly Father can care for us in that time?" I am reminded of that story when thinking of my mother-in-law. She fervently believed the Bible, faithfully sought to obey what was written therein, and trusted that the Lord would provide for her always. Her confidence was based on passages like: *I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread,* (Psalm 37:25); and *Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?* (*For after all these things the Gentiles seek:*) *for your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. Therefore take no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof,* (Matthew 6:30-34). In God's providence she eventually came to live with our family in 2002. We had the privilege of sharing our home with her since then. My own prayer life was enriched by listening to her pray, including hearing her ask God to care for His children around the world, especially those who had no food to eat. God was faithful in caring for her in life, and now in eternity, He is still caring for her.

So, when you take your final breath, do you know where you will spend eternity? If you have never committed your life to Christ, call upon Jesus. Yield yourself to Him. He will save you forever. If you know Him, share the good news of salvation with someone the Lord brings across your path.

Hoping to point you to Jesus,

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 02 Sept	No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Elizabeth Gill and Tam to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 05 Sept	No Young Adults Fellowship		
Sat 06 Sept	No Bible Study & Prayer Meeting		
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	TODAY: 31/08/2014
Message	National Loyalty and the Lord	Missing the Obvious	Chairman: John
Text	Amos 9:6-10	John 14:7-11	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Pre-lunch Bible Study. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor & Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Rev Colin Wong, Patricia, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Brian Green. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Magdalene. • Pray for those on travel: Evelyn, Margaret, Constance, Dr Carl Martin. • Pulpit Ministry: Please pray for the church's sponsorship application and Pr Mok Chee Cheong's visa. • Ladies Fellowship: The meeting will be held after lunch today. 			
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £232.03, Lunch: £26.00 Attendance - Morning: 19 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 12 (A) 2 (C)			
NEXT WEEK: 07/09/2014			
Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: Daniel / Evelyn Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 31

Q: What is effectual calling?

A: *Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the Gospel.*

Comments:

There are two ways by which God calls or invites men to be saved – the *outward* call of his Word or his Providence, and the *inward* call of his Spirit. The former of these is often ineffectual through the evil of our hearts; the latter is always effectual. The steps or stages of the *inward, effectual* call of the Spirit are four: 1. *Conviction*, or making us feel our sin; 2. *Enlightenment*, or making the way of salvation plain to us; 3. *Renewal*, or inclining us anew to the love and practice of what is good and right; and 4. As the fruit of these, *Faith*, or enabling us to trust in Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

Scriptural Reference:

John 16:8, Ephesians 1:17, Romans 8:5, John 6:44-45

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

1 John 4:18

This Week

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;"
Ephesians 2:1

Next Week

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"
Ephesians 2:2