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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 14 JUNE 2015

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5-7

Psalm 123:1-2

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 36 – *“High in the Heavens, Eternal God”*

RHC 386 – *“Be Thou My Vision”*

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:89-104

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 119 verses 97-104
(to the tune of All Saints, RHC 562)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 405 – *“Have I Done My Best for Jesus?”*

Scriptural Text

Haggai 1

Zechariah 6

Pastoral Prayer

Mr Charles Scott-Pearson

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Sermon Message

Building the House of God

The Coronation of Joshua the High Priest

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 328 – *“How Firm a Foundation”*

RHC 76 – *“Day Is Dying in the West”*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Mr Charles 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 2015 – “Build a God-Honouring Family” – Joshua 24:15b

SEVEN FACTS ABOUT PRAYER

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 31st May 2015

PRAYER, in the words of Dr Alexis Carell, is the most powerful force of energy one can generate; it is a force as real as terrestrial gravity. When we pray we link ourselves with the inexhaustible power that swings the universe.

In a poem written by Lord Tennyson, the power of prayer is described as follows:

*More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of,
Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?*

Prayer, to put it simply, is opening our hearts to God. What a wonderful privilege we have that we are able to talk to God in prayer! It pleases our Heavenly Father when we talk to Him. In the same way, parents are pleased when their children tell them of their love for them and of their needs. So God is also pleased when we come to Him with our joys, burdens, cares and desires. It has been said that prayer is offering up of our desires to God for all things lawful and needful; with humble confidence that we shall obtain them through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

What are the Seven Facts of Prayer?

1. Its Character

Prayer is characterized by adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication (ACTS).

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker" (Psalm 95:6).

"I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid" (Psalm 32:5).

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men" (1 Timothy 2:1).

2. Its Certainty

a. God hears our prayers. *"LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: Thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear"* (Psalm 10:17).

b. God answers our prayers. *"Moses and Aaron among his priests and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them"* (Psalm 99:5). God said in Jeremiah 33:3, *"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not"*.

Gods' answers to our prayers may be "yes", "no" or "wait" depending upon His will and always working for our good.

3. Its Conditions

a. We must pray according to the will of God (Romans 6:27). Our Lord prayed, *"...Nevertheless not my will, but thine be done"* (Luke 22:42).

b. We must have a forgiving spirit. *"And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any"* (Mark 11:25).

c. We must come in humility. *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land"* (2 Chronicles 7:14).

d. We must pray in faith, believing. *"...What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them"* (Mark 11:24).

"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord" (James 1:6-7).

- e. We must obey His commandments. *"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight"* (1 John 3:22). *"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination"* (Proverbs 28:9).
- f. We must pray in the Holy Spirit. *"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit"* (Ephesians 6:18).
".... Praying in the Holy Ghost" (Jude 20).
The Holy Spirit's assistance is required for effective praying for He is the power and energy behind it.
- g. We must pray in Jesus' name. *"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son"* (John 14:13), *"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full"* (John 16:24).

4. Its Barriers

Victory through prayer is often hindered because of sin of unbelief which separates us from God. Our prayers do not ascend unto God's throne of grace because of barriers such as an unforgiving spirit (Mark 11:25), unconfessed sins, wrong motives, etc.

David said in Psalm 66:18, *"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the LORD will not hear me". "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you that He will not hear"* (Isaiah 59:2). *"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume upon your lusts"* (James 4:3).

5. Its Place

- a. Private: *"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly"* (Matthew 6:6).
Jesus Christ was constant in private prayer and He sets us an example in Matthew 14:23.
- b. Public: *"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker"* (Psalm 95:6).
Solomon prayed to God before the great congregation of Israel in 1 Kings 8:22-53.
- c. Family: The family altar is perhaps the most important small group prayer meeting. Every Christian home should have a family worship. Even if not all of the members of the family are Christians, the few who are believers should unite in prayer for the rest who are not saved. *"A family that prays together stays together."*
"Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:19-20).

6. Its Posture

It has been said the "kneeling in prayer keeps you in good standing with God". However, there are no hard and fast rules about posture in prayer. The following postures have been mentioned in the Bible: Kneeling - 2 Chronicles 6:13, Luke 22:41, Acts 20:36, Ps 95:6; Standing - Mark 11:25, 1 Kings 8:22; Bowing down - Psalm 95:6; Falling on the face - Numbers 18:22, Joshua 5:14, 1 Chronicles 21:16, Matthew 25:39; Spreading forth the hands - Isaiah 1:15; Lifting up the hands - Psalm 28:2, Lamentation 2:19, 1 Timothy 2:8.

7. Its Time

"No man is safe for a day or an hour without prayer". "Men ought always to pray and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

- a. Night and Day: *".... continueth in supplications and prayers night and day"* (1 Timothy 5:5 and Psalm 88:1).
- b. Morning: *"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up"* (Psalm 5:3).
- c. Noon and evening: *"Evening and morning and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice"* (Psalm 55:17).
- d. Constancy: *"Pray without ceasing"* (1 Thessalonians 5:17). *"Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face continually"* (1 Chronicles 16:11). *"We will give ourselves continually to prayer"* (Acts 6:4).

Now that you have known the seven facts of prayers, it is my prayer that you and I will put these into practice, for prayer is only learned by praying. Ask the Holy Spirit, the Master Teacher to teach us to pray to enable us to tap the resources of infinite power - power which can change the course of your life and mine — power which can help us to live a victorious Christian life. Remember all things are possible through prayer, only believe.

Elder Khoo Peng Kiat, Life BP Church

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
Thurs 18 June	No 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.
Sat 20 June	No Bible Study & Prayer Meeting		
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev Mark Biddle	Rev Mark Biddle	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 14/06/2015</u></p> <p><i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Matthew <i>Ushers:</i> Tom / Daniel <i>Sunday School:</i> Keene / Rachael <i>Lunch:</i> Maureen <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 21/06/2015</u></p> <p><i>Chairman:</i> John <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Keene <i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Yetta <i>Sunday School:</i> Keene / Rachael <i>Lunch:</i> Helen <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Scott</p>
<i>Message</i>	TBC	TBC	
<i>Text</i>	TBC	TBC	
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, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Jonathan's father, Sarah, Matthew, Kalel, Magdalene, John, Ellie. • Pray for expecting mothers: Sharon, Magdalene, Helen. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Nana. • Pray for those on travel: Dr Martin, Sarah, Matthew. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister. • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology: 7th-9th July 2015. Theme - "<i>Pathway to Power</i>". 			
<p style="text-align: center;">Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £766.40, Lunch: £59.20 Attendance - Morning: 30 (A) 7 (C), Evening: 20 (A) 4 (C)</p>			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 72

Q: What is forbidden in the Seventh Commandment?

A: The Seventh Commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

Comment:

This commandment respects *purity*. It commands us to be pure in thought, word and deed. It forbids all unchastity and immodesty. It acknowledges God as the owner of the body as well as of the soul, and the right he has to command that both of them should be kept pure and holy for himself.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 5:28, Ephesians 5:4

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God."</i></p> <p>John 1:1-2</p>	<p><i>"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men."</i></p> <p>John 1:3-4</p>	<p><i>"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."</i></p> <p>John 6:35</p>