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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 26 JULY 2015

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 111

Hebrews 4:7-10

*Opening Hymn **

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

RHC 70 – “Jesus, I Am Resting,
Resting”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 120 & 121

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 121
(to the tune of Crimond, RHC 344)

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 515 – “How Marvelous His
Love”

Scriptural Text

Colossians 4:7-9

John 17:9

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

Accountability

Jesus, Prayer and the World

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 400 – “Every Moment of
Every Day”

RHC 124 – “Jesus, Still Lead
On”

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

WOMEN AND THE NURTURE OF CHILDREN - PART 2

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger - 29 March 2015 - Mrs Angelina Sin

Nurturing Children in Church

Children of Christian parents will be found in the church, but there will be other children there as well. Often there are children of parents who attend church and are not believers. Sometimes, children from the neighbourhood attend without their parents. All of these children need to be evangelised and nurtured. Those who teach in the local church have a responsibility to evangelise those who are unsaved, including the young and nurture them in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. The responsibility will often fall on their parents primarily and to a limited extent, the Pastor, Elders and the Sunday school teachers.

In Sabbath Services

In our church at Maranatha, we believe that the family should worship together. Children who are able to be disciplined and not disrupt the worship service are encouraged to attend the worship service with their parents. For parents with young children or children who may not be able to fully understand the sermon, provision is made for these children to attend Junior Worship Service (JWS) or Nursery Worship Service (NWS). These children leave for their respective services only just before the pastoral prayer and sermon so that the whole church can worship God together as much as possible. The objectives of both the JWS and NWS are to train the children for the main worship service and build them up in the fear of God and His Word, taking into consideration the needs of their age groups (Deuteronomy 31:11-12).

In Sunday School

Sunday school teachers have the responsibility of making sure that every child in their class knows the Gospel message on what it means to be saved. It is sad that often children can go through Sunday school and learn Bible Stories but know little of the Gospel truth.

Sunday school teachers should follow a Bible-centered programme of systematic teaching, so that children learn more and more Gospel truth. For the Gospel is a necessary message and as teachers who follow a teaching programme, they should ensure that each lesson emphasises a different aspect of it. Teachers should ask themselves, "What truth should I teach to my class this Sunday?" They should have a clear, concise answer to that question so that the children are not only told a story but also taught a biblical gospel truth which is in that story. This gospel truth should then be carefully applied to the unsaved as well as to the saved. When making applications, the teacher should make it clear to whom he is speaking – to the believing child or to the unbeliever. In the overall programme of Sunday school, it is good to include evangelistic songs and memory verses, as well as having songs and Bible verses which will help, encourage and guide the Christian children in the knowledge of God.

In organising a Sunday school, it is best to divide the children into small groups according to age, if teachers are available to teach these groups. This enables the teachers to adapt the teaching to one particular age group. Also, it is easier for the teacher to build up a good relationship with each child. Sunday school must endeavour to meet the spiritual needs of the children who attend at their level. There will be some who have not trusted Jesus Christ, so they need to be evangelised and brought to faith and repentance of sins. This is one of the responsibilities of every Sunday school teacher.

In Vacation Bible School and other Outreach Programmes

Sometimes, churches organise a special week for their children, especially during holiday time. In Vacation Bible Schools, the children come to church for half-day programmes over three to four days. The children have a programmes of singing, memory verses, Bible teaching, worksheets and quizzes. Games, refreshments and art & craft are also included. The Vacation Bible School is both an evangelistic outreach ministry to neighbourhood children and further opportunities to build the knowledge and faith of believing children. Other similar outreach programmes may also be organised during special occasions e.g. Christmas. These programmes provide further opportunities for the church to work together for the kingdom of God. A good percentage of those involved in these programmes and some ladies are homemakers who can avail themselves to serve in areas such as the music ministry and singspiration, Bible teaching, handiwork or refreshments.

Nurturing Children in Christian Schools

The humanistic education system in most schools today emphasises on a godless evolutionary system, accompanied by psychological theories to teach men in worldly philosophies and secular thinking. The world seeks to impart general knowledge (awareness or information) that can be contrary to the teachings of God in His Word (i.e. evolution, psychology). In addition to warning against false knowledge, the Scriptures also enjoin us to seek true wisdom. True wisdom is found in the fear of God and in His Holy Word (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10). Whereas knowledge has to do with factual information, the wisdom of God involves the interpretation, correlation and application of knowledge and results in godly discretion, discernment and right judgment and it change our lives by the Holy Spirit (James 3:17).

The Bible teaches that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom or knowledge” and that all knowledge has its foundation in the ultimate Standard of truth, the Bible. This fact should be evidenced in every class, subject, teacher, textbook – all areas of the Christian school. Children are not recognised as miniature adults and therefore need to be taught. Thus, discipline is also taught and practised. Further, discipline is Scriptural; that ought to be enough reason for having it. The ultimate goal must be that the children, who are trained under a God-centered, authoritarian philosophy, may submit to a call placed upon their lives by a higher Authority, the Almighty God. A child taught from this God-centered traditional philosophy of education, will be in a position to say, “Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth” when the day comes.

There is a great need today to revive the important institution of Christian schools to inculcate and nurture children in the knowledge of the Scriptures, languages, Christian ethics and the sciences. There is a general decline in the West as Christian schools compromise their Christian principles and the Word of God is often shut out or neglected. Many Christian schools in the west are teaching evolution instead of creationism and have included charismatic teachings and practices, psychology and New Age ideas. Good Christian schools are in the minority, and there is a need for greater emphasis in Christian education (2 Timothy 2:15) by establishing sound Christian schools.

Conclusion

Our societal norms and values have changed the way we look at women today, particularly in the ministry of nurturing children. With increasing liberalism, individualism and aggressive campaign for gender rights, there is a greater need for Christian women to return to biblical womanhood. To live out of sync with culture takes courage. When we become Christians, we are called to take up a gospel-centered life that is radically countercultural. We begin to treasure things that those who have their hearts set on earthly things do not understand (Colossians 3:1, 2). Unbelievers may view us as fools, then we are willing to be fools for Christ and stand up to the world’s mockery. For in Christ, our lives are not about what we get, but what we give to Him and that is wisdom in sacrifice. We are to live in submission to God’s will regardless of what it may cost us to glorify Him forever.

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 |
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| Thurs 30th July | 7pm | Mid-Week Bible Study | We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We welcome Sophia & Children, Mandy & Children to our worship services last Lord's Day. |
| Sat 1st August | 4pm | Bible Study & Prayer Meeting <i>Study on the Life of Joseph</i> | |
| 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: 26/07/2015</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Keene Ushers: Tom / Margaret Sunday School: No Sunday School Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 02/08/2015</u></p> <p>Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Keene Ushers: Tom / Evelyn Sunday School: Keene / Rachael / Hannah Lunch: Volunteers Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott</p> |
| Message | Teamwork in Ministry | The Secure Keeping Power of God | |
| Text | Colossians 4:10-15 | John 17:10-12 | |
| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "<i>Building Firm Foundations</i>". • 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. • Pray for expecting mothers: Magdalene, Helen. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Nana. • Pray for those travelling this week: Matthew, Yangfan, Michael, Heidi, Daniel & Maureen, Sarah & Family. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister. • Ladies Fellowship after lunch today. | | | |
| <p>Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £617.90, Lunch: £38.80 Attendance - Morning: 25 (A) 7 (C), Evening: 18 (A) 2 (C)</p> | | | |

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 79

Q: Which is the Tenth Commandment?

A: The Tenth Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT COVET thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Scriptural Reference:

Exodus 20:17

MEMORY VERSE

| | This Week | |
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| <p>Last Week</p> <p><i>"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."</i></p> <p>John 10:9</p> | <p><i>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.</i></p> <p><i>Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."</i></p> <p>John 15:1-2</p> | <p>Next Week</p> <p><i>"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."</i></p> <p>Romans 1:16</p> |