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"For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1

Psalm 105:1-4

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 75 – *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

RHC 237 – *"Revive Us Again"*

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 91

*Second Hymn **

RHC 347 – *"Under the Care of My God, The Almighty"*

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 318 – *"Blessed Assurance"*

Scriptural Text

Job 42:1-17

Galatians 6:1-10

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Lim Chee Boon

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Sermon Message

All Things For Good

Let Us Do Good

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 327 – *"All Things Work Out for Good"*

RHC 454 – *"Make Me a Blessing"*

Benediction/3-Fold

Rev Lim Chee Boon

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*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.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." - Proverbs 4:23

TRUE, BIBLICAL FRIENDSHIP

Adapted from New Life BP Church Singapore Weekly, Sunday 8th October 2017

A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. (Proverbs 17:17)

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. (Proverbs 18:24)

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful. (Proverbs 27:6)

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)

The best biblical example of what true friendship entails can be seen in the relationship between David and Jonathan. While much has been said and preached about David, Jonathan's part in demonstrating what true, biblical friendship is all about is worth studying and emulating. Indeed, we can derive a number of meaningful, biblical lessons when we examine the friendship of these two men. Here are some of them:

It transcends status. When Jonathan, a prince, met David, a shepherd, Jonathan immediately formed a very strong friendship with David. (1 Sam 18:1-4) Jonathan did not allow David's lowly status in society to stop him from forging a strong, lasting and meaningful friendship.

It is sincere. To show David that he truly treasured their friendship, Jonathan gave him his robe, garments, sword, bow, and girdle. (1 Sam 18:4) Jonathan's gifts also signified his sincerity towards David which would last a lifetime.

It means going to great lengths to stand up for someone who has done no wrong. Jonathan stood up for David, even at the expense of angering his father, King Saul. (1 Sam 20:32) He correctly pointed out to his father that David had done him no wrong and should therefore not be hunted down like an animal and killed. For being true and faithful to his friend, we read that Jonathan was nearly slain by his own father. (1 Sam 20:33) However, that did not deter him from continuing to defend David time and again.

It means being ready to sacrifice for the other party. Jonathan had already known that David would be king at his expense if David was allowed to live. (1 Sam 20:31) It is unthinkable for a prince to give up his right to the throne for a shepherd. However, Jonathan was prepared to give up his right to the throne by letting David live. (1 Sam 23:17)

A true friend will never betray the other party come what may. At one point, when David wanted to know how Saul felt about him, they arranged that Jonathan shall signal to David about his father's attitude towards the latter. In this instance, Jonathan had the perfect opportunity to betray David and cause the latter to be slain. All he had to do was to give David the wrong signal and it would result in David's death. Indeed, Jonathan's refusal to take advantage of the situation showed what a principled man he was. His actions allowed David to elude Saul yet again, thus ensuring that the throne would eventually go to David.

A true friend keeps promises. In 1 Sam 20:14-15, Jonathan asked that David be kind to his descendants and both men made a covenant to that effect. We are later told that Jonathan was tragically slain in battle. (1 Sam 31:2). Saul's death paved the way for David to be king. After David ascended the throne, he did not forget the covenant he made with Jonathan. In 1 Sam 9, we read about David putting in effort to find out if any of Saul's family members were still alive for him to shower with kindness. When he found out that Jonathan's son Mephibosheth was still alive, David fetched him to the palace and even asked him to have his meals at the king's table.

The meaning of true, biblical friendship, as exemplified by Jonathan and David, may seem a hard act to follow, but it is certainly not an impossible example to emulate. May God help us Christians not to be fair-weather friends but be friends who love at all times. (Prov 17:17)

- *Dn Ronnie Tan*

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
Weds 29th November	No Mid-Week Outreach 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 2nd December	No Bible Study & Prayer Meeting		
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Elder Stephen Toms	Elder Stephen Toms	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 26/11/2017</u></p> <p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Anthony</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Margaret</p> <p>Lunch: Tan Family</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott / Jonathan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 03/12/2017</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Anthony</p> <p>Ushers: Tom / John</p> <p>Lunch: Maureen</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott / John</p>
Message	The Song of Moses	The Death of Moses	
Text	Deuteronomy 32:7	Deuteronomy 34:5	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Rev Lim will continue with the study on "<i>Building Firm Foundations</i>". • Sunday School: This afternoon at 2:45pm the church will be holding Sunday School for young children and toddlers, led by Elizabeth, Nina and Barbara. Please invite friends and family to attend. • Church Pulpit Ministry: Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for Rev Lim Chee Boon who will be flying back to Singapore after evening service today. • Ladies Fellowship: This will be held after lunch today. 			
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £596.70, Lunch £46.48, Church Maintenance Fund: £80.00</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 33 (A) 7 (C), Evening: 18 (A) 6 (C)</p>			<p>Church Maintenance Fund</p> <p>Total: £3,960.50</p>

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 94

Q: What is Baptism?

A: Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water – in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost – doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the Covenant of Grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

Comments:

The *outward act* in baptism is washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. The *inward meaning* of this is the removal of our sin. We are all by nature born in sin, and we need to be *born again* before we can be admitted into heaven. Now, Baptism is an emblem of this new birth. And the baptismal fountain of water tells of *another fountain*, which is filled with the blood of Jesus Christ, and which has been opened freely for all sins and uncleanness.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 28:19, Romans 6:3

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."</i></p> <p>Psalm 90:12</p>	<p><i>"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."</i></p> <p>Psalm 91:2</p>	<p><i>"And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible."</i></p> <p>Mark 10:27</p>