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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 15 DECEMBER 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-3

Psalm 66:8-9

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 1 – *"O Worship the King"*

RHC 48 – *"O Bless Our God With One Accord"*

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 38

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 38 verses 9-15
(to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 147 – *"Away in a Manger"*

Scriptural Text

Joshua 23:1-16

Romans 10:11-17

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

The Unfailing Promises of an Unchanging God

God's Method of World's Evangelism

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 46 – *"A Mighty Fortress is our God"*

RHC 563 – *"Amazing Grace"*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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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.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

(A Tract from Good News Publishers)

What a joy to see bright, happy children! But what a tragedy to see so many destroyed by drugs, crime, the occult, pornography! How can we reach them *before* it is too late?

The age-old advice of Solomon was: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Psychologists today agree that the years of childhood are crucial in forming the rest of one's life. It is in childhood that most destinies are settled.

This is why Sunday school is so important. Sunday school offers a golden opportunity to help shape boys and girls in their formative years to become what God would have them be. Under the loving direction of Christian teachers, children are given the chance to learn the values and habits that will follow them the rest of their lives.

Sunday school is important because it is based upon the Bible, the inspired Word of God. As a famous American lawyer once said to the U.S. Congress: "The Bible is our only safe guide. So long as we take it as our instructor for conduct and character, we will go on prospering in the future as in the past. But the moment we relegate it from our lives, a catastrophe will come to us such as we have not known before."

Millions of American children received no Christian instruction last year. Instead we read alarming statistics on the increase of juvenile crime, teenage alcoholism and drug addiction, pregnancy and abortion among unmarried teenage girls. In rejecting God's Truth and the moral absolutes of the Bible, we are indeed heading for catastrophe.

But a tragedy in *your* home can be averted. As a U.S. judge once said when a 16-year-old girl was brought before him: "Why didn't the parents of this child keep her in Sunday school? Sunday school girls do not come to see me."

The Sunday school is important to you and your family because there the life-changing message of Jesus Christ is proclaimed: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Your family will find a warm welcome at the Sunday school. *Together* you can learn from God's Word. What better future can you provide than the eternal inheritance that only Jesus Christ can give?

Below is a true story from Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman concerning the influence of a Sunday school teacher who taught her Sunday school class to play cards. This story is an extraction from the book entitled, "*When A Christian Sins*" by John R. Rice.

While a friend of mine was conducting a meeting one morning, a tramp came in and said, "My father and mother used to sit in this pew. It is the first church I ever attended. My

father was an officer in this church. Seven boys used to sit in this pew in the Sunday School class. We had a great love and respect for our Sunday School teacher. Saturday afternoon she invited us to her home, entertaining with music, eatables, and a look over the lesson.

After a while she was anxious to please us and hold us, and she taught us the names of cards. None had ever used cards. We became enthusiastic over it, learning different games. After a while we would not give so much time to the lesson, but she let us have more time for playing cards, and would show us some more tricks. After a while we were off in the cotton gins playing cards and not going to her home.

Later we failed to go to Sunday School. Cards, cigarettes, after a while drink and gambling. We all at different times left our homes. Two of those boys have been hung, three are in state prisons for life, one a vagabond like myself. No one knows where he is and if the authorities knew I was here, I would be arrested and put behind the bars. All I wish is that that teacher had never taught us how to play cards.”

As he stood there broken-hearted, a lady at the right and near the pulpit, dressed in mourning arose, went to where the man was, fell on the floor with a scream, and said, “My God! I am the Sunday School teacher that did it.” She fainted and we did not know but that she was dead. She revived. The woman was not seen any more in the meeting and the man never seen since.

John R. Rice wrote:

“Every Christian who falls into sin should know that his influence will drag others down, that his powerlessness may prove a curse to others, that his failure may be a blight in spreading disease among those who know him and love him. Oh, how a Christian should hate and fear sin!

Editor’s Note:

The above article on “The Importance of Sunday School” must not be taken to mean that the ministry of the Sunday School and the Sunday school teachers are fundamentally responsible for the salvation and spiritual growth of our covenant children. That responsibility and accountability still rest squarely on the parents, particularly the father, who is not only the Head of the family but also a pastor to his family.

The LORD in Genesis 18:19 says, *“For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.”*

The Sunday school performs an essential complementary role to the father who is solely responsible for the physical and spiritual well-being and development of his wife and children. He is first in line to give an account to God concerning his family.

Let us pray for fathers and mothers and Sunday school teachers in our church that the Lord will grant them grace and wisdom. May they prayerfully and patiently nurture their children, whom God placed under their care.

Pr. Mok

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting** at **10:00 am** followed by the **Worship Services** at **11.00 am and 3.00 pm**. Please stay back for fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the afternoon service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK		WELCOME
Weds 18 th Dec, 7pm	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.
Sun 22 nd Dec, 10am	Pre-worship Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Afternoon Service
Preacher	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
Message	TBC	TBC
Text	TBC	TBC
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School: Sunday School for young children and toddlers will be held at 1:45pm. Please invite friends and family to attend. • Christmas Day Service, 25/12/19: The service will start at 11am. Offering collected on that day will be used for Missions. There will also be a carry-in lunch – if you would like to contribute, please inform Daniel, Jonathan or John. 		TODAY: 15/12/2019
		Chairman: Jonathan Organist: --- Pianist: --- Ushers: Daniel / Tom Lunch: John & Sharon Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Jason
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1104.55, Lunch: £33, Attendance - Morning: 24 (A) 6 (C), Afternoon: 12 (A) 5 (C)		Church Maintenance Fund Total: £5,960.50
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 96		
Q: What is the Lord's Supper? <i>A: The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his DEATH is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are – not after a corporal and carnal manner – but by faith made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.</i>		
<u>Comments:</u> The Lord's Supper is so called because it is a feast instituted by <i>our Lord Jesus Christ</i> . It is likewise called the <i>Communion</i> . The <i>outward act</i> in it is eating bread and drinking wine, according to Christ's appointment; and the <i>inward meaning</i> of it is the sacrifice of Christ – the broken bread telling of his broken body, and the poured-out wine telling of his shed blood. In itself it is of no value whatsoever, but when received <i>in faith</i> it quickens our love to God, deepens our faith in Christ, and promotes the welfare of our souls. The Roman Catholic Church teaches that the bread in the Communion is changed into the actual flesh of our Lord; but this is an error. We can only receive Christ by faith		
<u>Scriptural Reference:</u> 1 Corinthians 11:23, 1 Corinthians 10:16		
MEMORY VERSE		
Last Week <i>"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."</i> 1 Timothy 1:15	This Week <i>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."</i> John 3:16	Next Week <i>"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."</i> Matthew 1:21