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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 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Afternoon Service – 2pm</i>
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 13:5-6	Psalm 4
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 70	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	James 5:13-20	1 John 2:12-17
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Value of Prayer</i>	<i>The Love that God Hates</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are pleased to inform the worshippers and visitors of New Life Bible Presbyterian Church that **the church premise will resume holding worship services on Sunday, 2nd August.**

Please note that there will be strict social distancing measures put in place. Face coverings must be worn in the church at all times out of consideration for all worshippers.

Tithes & Offerings – these can be by cheque made payable to: New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church.

For direct bank transfer to the church account, please contact the treasurer, Mr Tom Tan.

Bi-Weekly Bible Study will next be held online on Friday 7th August, 7pm. Please speak with Pr Mok for more information.

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 21

Q: Who is the Redeemer of God’s elect?

A: The only redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, BECAME MAN, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.

Comments:

To *redeem* is to *buy back* something which has been possessed before, but of which possession has been lost. New, Jesus Christ redeemed us with his own blood. And of this Redeemer we are here told that, being God, he became man; so that the two natures in him remain henceforth and for ever united in one person. Jesus Christ, we must remember therefore, is not something *between* God and man, but *both* God and man.

Scriptural Reference:

Acts 4:12, Hebrews 2:14, Revelation 1:18

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9

This Week

“Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.”

James 5:8

Next Week

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

1 John 2:15

BEING A CHRISTIAN GRANDPARENT

Introduction

Grand-parenting brings both privilege and responsibility. Though Scripture uses the word “grandmother” only once, for Lois, the grandmother of Timothy (2 Tim. 1:5), God does tell us in His Word what He expects from grandparents, their lives can bless generations to come.

The roles of grandparents

We grandparent already before becoming grandparents. The way we raise our children affects our grandchildren more than anything else we may do. Initially, parents may not look beyond their own children, but God does. The Old Testament is filled with reference to “generations to come,” “the third and fourth generation,” and “children’s children.” God works through the generations and instructs parents to raise their children in the fear of His name (Ps.78:1-8).

We grandparent by praising God for grandchildren and praying for them. As prospective grandparents, there is a deep sense of wonder regarding the continuity of the family and the presence of the Lord in our lives. A deep awareness of the responsibilities of both parents and grandparents and the potential pitfalls should drive us to prayer.

It is said of Philip Henry, father of Matthew Henry: “He had, in eight years time, twenty four grandchildren; some by each of his children; concerning whom he would often bless God... He thus writes, ‘I have now seen my children’s children; let me also see peace upon Israel; and then I will say, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart.’ Some were much affected with it, when he baptised two of his grandchildren together at Chester, publicly, and preached on Genesis 33:5: They are the children which God hath given thy servant.”

We grandparent by being examples of the fear of God in our lives. Paul speaks of Timothy’s grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice, referring to their “unfeigned faith” (faith without a hint of falsehood). A hypocrite has a basic disconnect between his mouth and his heart, and children are often best at sensing, even if not articulating this. Lois and Eunice taught Timothy the Scriptures, despite the fact that Timothy’s own father remained a Gentile. Knowing the real significance of the Holy Scriptures for your own heart and life, you will wish your children and grandchildren to come under the same Word of God. None of us can open hearts. The Holy Spirit can bring them to the Teacher, who is able to make wise unto salvation (2 Tim. 3:15).

We grandparent by building relationships with our grandchildren. We need to get to know each grandchild and relate to them at their own level. The Bible commands parents to teach their children “along life’s way” (Deut.6:7). We need to gain the trust of each grandchild. Young children enjoy telling and showing us their discoveries, and we can tell them of our own discoveries in the light of God’s Word and faithfulness. May the Lord grant that these things may stay with them until they are grandparents themselves and, with His blessing, may be passed along by them to their own grandchildren.

We grandparent by reinforcing the long-range vision of the Scriptures for our grandchildren. There is a wonderful scene in the Bible of Jacob blessing his grandchildren, Ephraim and Manasseh (Gen. 47:9-22). Notice how lovingly Joseph sought the blessing of a godly grandparent over his own children. Jacob expressed this blessing in ways that no doubt left a mark on Ephraim and Manasseh and down through their lines of descent.

Conclusion

Grandparents have traversed more hills and valleys of life than parents, and their experience of the Lord’s faithfulness can help encourage, challenge, and motivate a longer-range vision. May the Lord overcome our grand parenting shortcomings and give us grace to grandparent faithfully and fruitfully.

- PM (adapted)

CHURCH NOTICE

24th July 2020

Dear fellow worshippers and friends,

We are pleased to inform the worshippers and visitors of New Life Bible Presbyterian Church that **the church will resume holding worship services on Sunday, 2nd August.**

From 2nd August, the church activities will take place as follows:

Day	Activity	Location	Start Time
Sunday	Morning Worship Service	Church Premises & Online	11:00am
Sunday	Afternoon Worship Service	Online only	3:00pm
Friday	Fortnightly Bible Study	Online only	7:00pm

Provided that there is no worsening of the pandemic in London, we hope to start holding the Afternoon Worship Service and Fortnightly Bible Study within the church premises in the coming months.

Changes introduced to the Worship Services held at the church premises

In compliance with the current Government guidelines, the following changes have been introduced:

- Worship services will be limited to 60 minutes duration.
- No singing and offering collection during the worship service. Offerings can be made at the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- All Bibles and hymn books will be kept and unavailable for use.
- Adopt a 2-metre social distancing seating arrangement (household members may sit with each other).
- Face coverings to be worn in the church **at all times** out of consideration for all worshippers. For young children under the age of 11, the use of face covering is optional. **Please ensure you bring your own face covering.**
- No food and drinks will be made available (Fellowship Lunch has been temporarily suspended).
- No access to non-essential areas of the church – this includes the Fellowship Hall and kitchen.
- New movement arrangements to be adopted (details to follow).
- Temperature measurements will be taken for every worshipper and visitor.
- Worshippers and visitors are required to complete the contact details slip for the NHS Test & Trace service. These details will be kept securely in church for 21 days and then destroyed. They will only be submitted to Test & Trace if a Covid-19 case occurs.

To join our online services or to obtain further updates, please visit the church website (www.newlifebpc.org.uk) or call the church manse (0207-3280869).

With the Lord's blessing,

John Poh & Jonathan Kim
Task Force Members