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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 4 JANUARY 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Philippians 3:13-15

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 554 – “Another Year is Dawning”

Opening Prayer

John Poh

Responsive Reading

Psalm 34

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 34:1-9

(to the tune of St Stephen, RHC 397)

Scriptural Text

Job 11:1-6 (Matthew 4:1-11; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Wes Bredenhof

Sermon Message

How do you speak comfort to a suffering friend?

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 311 – “Does Jesus Care?”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Wes Bredenhof

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.

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.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 92

Q: Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?

A: The sacraments of the New Testament are, Baptism, and the Lord’s Supper.

Comments:

The two sacraments of the Old Testament were Circumcision and the Passover. The two sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. These sacraments answer the one to the other – Baptism coming in place of Circumcision, and the Lord’s Supper in place of the Passover. They teach likewise the same truths – Circumcision and Baptism teaching the necessity of *being born again*, and the Passover and the Lord’s Supper teaching the necessity of *a sacrifice for sin*.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 28:19, Matthew 26:26

Dear brethren, this week bulletin article is written by Rev Jack Sin, Pastor of Sovereign Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore.

7 Fs for Spiritual Transformation in 2026

As we are ushered into a new year, we need a fresh perspective of how we can be effective stewards for the Lord as we dedicate our church stewards before the Lord today. Ponder over these 7 Fs that are relevant to us all.

1. Faithful in Stewardship of our Time, Talents & Substance

The healthy and growing church is characterised by faithfulness in worship, fellowship, stewardship and discipleship. Spurgeon says, *"The true steward is put in trust with his master's property, first, to protect it. Oh, with what earnestness ought we to guard the gospel of Christ! With what holy valour ought we to contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints!"* Paul also wrote to Timothy in 2Tim 1:13 to *"hold fast the form of sound words."*

We are to be ready always and be accountable for what God had given us. One day, all of us shall have to give an answer to the Lord on how we manage the resources in terms of the use of time, talents and substance that we should offer to God willingly for He has richly blessed us for the extension of His kingdom Paul in 2Cor 9:7 reminds us. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And Paul in 1Cor 4:1-2 exhorts *"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."*

Are we ready for the Judgment Seat of Christ one day as 2Cor 5:10 says *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."*

2. Fearful of God in Awe in Worship

Prov 9:10 says, *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."* We live in a depraved world that is obsessed with creatures and things but has lost its rightful reverence and fear for the Creator. It is not a morbid phobia but a profound reverence, wonder and respect for God's holiness, power, and majesty that we should cultivate. This will cause us to be humble and to honour God. It will lead us to draw closer to the Lord, to obey His will and honour Him above all. **This is the foundation of true Reformed worship and a sound biblical basis for godly living and service in the fear of God and not be flippant or frivolous worship of the flesh. Let us be wise in the new year and grow in the admonition and the fear of God this year.**

3. Fruitful in our Character & Ministry

A barren Christian is a contradiction, Martin Lloyd Jones says 2Pet 1:8 says, that we should not be unfruitful in the knowledge of God. The Christian should show forth fruits of repentance and the fruit of the Spirit (Matt 3:8; Gal 5:22,23) the spiritual growth is the testimony of true conversion and the outward actions that honour and please God. We need to develop Christ-like qualities like temperance, and longsuffering among others and making a positive, lasting impact on the lives of others. **True fruitfulness in both character and produce results in the ministry that comes from abiding in Christ and letting the Holy Spirit work in and through us.**

4. Fervent in Spirit in Serving the Lord

Paul's advice for us is in Rom12:11,12, "*Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.*" "*Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord*" is a biblical call for Christians to **serve or worship God with passionate, diligent, and unceasing enthusiasm, avoiding laziness and complacency, with a strong inner spiritual life to support sound action, and a deep, abiding love for Him in all they do, from prayer to, witnessing and daily tasks, empowered by the Holy Spirit.** The opposite is sluggish indolence in service and an indifferent attitude towards the things of God which is unhelpful.

5. Filled with the Spirit in our Hearts

Paul in Eph 5:18-21 says, "*And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*" There are only two kinds of people in the world; those who have the Holy Spirit and those who don't. **We need to be guided, influenced and empowered by the Holy Spirit, leading to a life**

marked by joy, peace, courage, meekness, longsuffering, temperance and obedience, rather than worldly desires, as believers continually surrender their lives to God's guidance and presence. It means giving up self-reliance for total dependence on God, and His love to fill us and transforming our actions, speech, and our demeanour .1Cor 6:19 says, "*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*"



6. Focus on Christ & His Kingdom

We live in a highly distracted world and sound discipline in full concentration on something or someone is not easy. There is the mobile phone, television, music, games, leisure and sleep and all these can take us away from the Lord and His Word. Focusing on Christ and His Kingdom, primarily from Matt 6:33, means making God's desires your highest priority over worldly concerns, trusting His provision, and living according to His character, which involves seeking His will, serving Him, and following His commandments. **Let us shift from self-centred survival to a God-centred based on divine wisdom, and seek, know and obey His will. Pray that God will help you not to be distracted by men or the world but to be totally focused on Him and His kingdom, His word and His Will.**

7. Forgiving of Others with a Gracious Attitude

In this fallen world that we live in, many of us have been hurt before. The Lord's Prayer has this phrase, "*Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us*" in Matt 6:9-13. If we cannot forgive, we will not be able to recite the Lord's Prayer honestly. **Someone once said, "To Forgive someone is to release a prisoner free and discover him or her to be yourself."** Our Lord taught that we should forgive "*seventy times seven*" which means forgiveness should be without limit and it is from the heart and without coercion.

Forgiveness is a deliberate decision by the power of God to not be offended or obsessed...

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WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begin with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study & Children's Sunday School** at **1:30pm**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, we extend a warm welcome to you this Lord's Day. We hope that you have a blessed time worshipping with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, please join our Worship Service and Bible Study on our live-stream via YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon>

We thank God for providing Rev Wes Bredenhof to minister to us this Lord's Day.

Rev Bredenhof will be ministering to us until end January.

Tithes & Offerings – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

After-Service Fellowship – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service.

Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided

Afternoon Bible Study – Rev Bredenhof will conduct the study on “By sovereign grace the last will be first” taken from Matthew 20:1-16.

Children's Sunday School – held after the After-Service Fellowship at 1:30pm.

The church would like to wish you and your family a **Happy New Year**.

MEMORY VERSE

This Week

“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Last Week

“And Job spake, and said, Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.”

Job 3:2-3

with someone even if the person does not repent. **The principle of a gracious attitude is to forgive others just as we have been forgiven by God. This recognition of one's own need for grace provides the wisdom and humility to extend it to others.: Holding on to unforgiving spirit harms oneself emotionally and spiritually, and it can lead to negative emotions like bitterness, hatred and expressions of indignation.**

A gracious attitude is good for the heart, mind and emotion. The goal of biblical forgiveness is that one day, in God's will, there is restoration of the offender with repentance through a spirit of gentleness and correction with hearts on both sides without any vengeance and leaving the final justice to God. Pray for a gracious attitude and be kind, tender-hearted, humble, and patient with one another, forbearing of one another's faults as we are also vulnerable and guilty of the same.

Conclusion

As we have entered into 2026, let us examine ourselves if we have the right disposition to start the year right with God. The 7 Fs are no means exhaustive, but it is helpful if we can do them this year with the strength of God. Something to pray about and dutifully act on before this year is up in 361 days' time.