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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 10 NOVEMBER 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-5

Psalm 84:9-12

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 27 – “Now Thank We All
Our God”

RHC 9 – “Sun of My Soul”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 43

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 43

(to the tune of Vox Dilecti, RHC 298)

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 553 – “Love Found a
Way” verses 1 & 2

Scriptural Text

Amos 5:16-27

John 12:34-36

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

When God Makes a Visit

In the Darkness We Need Light

Lord's Supper

Dr Carl Martin

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 195 – “O Love Divine!”

RHC 315 – “Walk in the Light”

Benediction/3-Fold

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

*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.

Church Theme 2013 – “Understand and know God” – Jeremiah 9:24

My Dear Reader,

ENCOUNTERING BLINDNESS!

10-11-2013 How do you respond to blindness? Consider the following: In a large city, a blind beggar sat along a street with a sign that read: *BLIND, UNABLE TO GET WORK, ANY HELP APPRECIATED. GOD BLESS!*

Only a few passersby bothered to drop any coins to help him. Then a woman walked over, took the sign from the man, pulled out a marker and wrote something. She put the sign back beside the blind man and walked on. Quickly things changed. People began to drop coins and bills beside the man. What had she written that got such results? Here it is:

It's a beautiful day out but I can't see any of it.

Regardless of how brilliant the sunlight may be, our blind neighbors cannot see it. As it is physically, so it is spiritually. Those around us who do not know Jesus as their own personal savior, are in spiritual darkness. In 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 the Apostle Paul wrote: *But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath **blinded** the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

According to these verses, there is an all-out unseen spiritual assault to prevent a person from being able to see the spiritual blessing and benefit for all who come to saving faith in Jesus Christ. Until the Lord opens that person's heart, he or she will remain unresponsive to the message of the Gospel. But the question is, how do we respond to those who are spiritually blind? Do we make our best effort to ignore them? Do we simply curse them and walk on? Or do we seek to understand the reality of their blindness and invite them to Christ, who is the Light of this world? I am not for a moment denying the necessity of the drawing work of the Holy Spirit. Yet, because God loves the world, He has called us to represent Him by attracting and inviting people to Christ. That calling should induce us to be intentional about inviting others to know Him too.

One writer penned the probing comment, *The night is dark and I am far from home.* What a plaintive statement! When we have to walk through darkness without any light on the path, we either walk by memory on a path, or we stumble along, groping to find our way. A friend in one of my former congregations was blind from his young adulthood. When I met him, he was a cheerful believer, in his 70s and living a fulfilling life. He was a helpful teacher for me. He pointed out that in his home he had to memorize the number of steps it took to go anywhere or do anything. If his wife or someone else moved something into the path, he was blocked from making any progress. Once when I was giving his wife and him a ride to a hospital for appointments, I stated boldly, "If people would just open their eyes, they would be able to see and understand..."

Just then, from behind me, Bill commented to his wife, “Jean, did you just hear the pastor? He said if I would just open my eyes, I could see. I have my eyes open but it is not working.” Oops! In my preoccupation with driving and expressing my opinion on a matter, I completely failed to consider that my friend, sitting just a few feet behind me, could not see at all. I asked his forgiveness and learned an important lesson that day. The ability to see is a privilege we must not take for granted. You have been given a gift from the Lord.

From my limited exposure to the Queens Park section of London, I am aware that there are many who are lost and need the Lord. In God’s love for this area, He has raised up New Life Bible Presbyterian Church to be a beacon of light in this area of the city of London. One of the things I so enjoy of a UK summer is the span of daylight hours. Daybreak comes very early and the hours of light continue until late in the evening. But with my longer stay into autumn this year, I have noted the gradual shortening of those hours. Following the time change two weeks ago, I have been amazed at how quickly the darkness encroaches in the afternoon – and there are more than six weeks until we reach the day with the fewest number of daylight hours!! The idea of making the most of those hours has taken on a renewed significance. Dear reader, I urge you to live intentionally before a spiritually blind world while you have the opportunity to make a difference.

Abundant thanks for the privilege of serving with you in these months. God willing I will see you again in the coming year. May God enable you as a church to abound for His glory!

Your grateful brother -- CTM

When God Makes a Visit

Amos 5:16-24

I. A Warning Against _____ . v. 16-17

II. A Warning Against _____ . v. 18-20

III. The _____ of _____ Rituals. v. 21-23

IV. The _____ That Pleases God. v. 24

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
Wed 13 Nov	11:00am	Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Paul, Rachel and Rebecca to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 15 Nov		No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 16 Nov	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	TODAY: 10/11/2013
Message	TBC	TBC	Chairman: Jonathan
Text	TBC	TBC	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Jasmine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Dr Martin will lead a study on "The Doctrine of the Church" and questions from the morning sermon. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor Ki, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Rev Colin Wong. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia. • Pray for those on travel: Prema, Hannah, Joy, Dr Carl Martin. • Church Meeting today: There will be a meeting today after service for all Church Members. • Remembrance Sunday: We will be observing a two minute silence before service today. 			Ushers: Tom / Constance
			Sunday School: No Sunday School
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott
			Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £526.94, Lunch: £33.50, Kenya: £50.00
Attendance - Morning: 25 (A) 2 (C), Evening: 18 (A) 2 (C)	Chairman: John		
	Organist: Anthony		
	Pianist: Sarah		
	Ushers: Daniel / Yetta		
	Sunday School: No Sunday School		
	Lunch: Maureen		
	Washing Up: Volunteers		
	PA Crew: Yangfan		

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 96

Q: What is the Lord's Supper?

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.

Comments:

The Lord's Supper is so called because it is a feast instituted by our *Lord Jesus Christ*. It is likewise called the *Communion*. The *outward act* in it is eating bread and drinking wine, according to Christ's appointment; and the *inward meaning* 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 *in faith* 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.

Scriptural Reference:

1 Corinthians 11:23, 1 Corinthians 10:16

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth."</i></p> <p>Isaiah 40:26</p>	<p><i>"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."</i></p> <p>Romans 13:1</p>	<p><i>"Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."</i></p> <p>Romans 13:2</p>