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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 NOVEMBER 2015

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 4:29-31

1 Peter 1:18-21

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 45 – “We Gather Together”

RHC 62 – “All Glory to Jesus”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 137

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 137 verses 1-6
(to the tune of Belmont, RHC 7)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 134 – “Why Do I Sing About Jesus?”

Scriptural Text

2 Kings 8:1-6

John 17:22-24

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

The God Who Cares and Remembers

How Does One Share in the Glory of God?

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 313 – “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

RHC 181 – “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

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 2015 – “Build a God-Honouring Family” – Joshua 24:15b

ATTRIBUTES OF AN EFFECTIVE TEACHER OF THE WORD

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger - 27th September 2015

Introduction

Besides the expository preaching from the pulpit by the pastor which is central to the doctrinal edifying of the flock, Christian teachers of the Bible (i.e. elders and deacons) have a proper place and special burden to teach effectively God's Word in the Sunday School (or CED), fellowships and NBCs so that students will grow in their faith in Christ. We must develop and build up strong moral character and knowledge of the word in our teachers. Teachers must incorporate relevant spiritual factors into lesson-planning for effective Bible learning. Consider the important characteristics of a God honouring teacher.

1. A Love or Concern for God and for their Students

A genuine passion for Christ and a strong desire to teach and to build up others is another key element. **Patience, clarity of mind, good oral skills, tact and a certain level of intelligence are advantages in teaching.** Paul said of himself in 1 Thessalonians 2:8–9, *“So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.”*

2. A Profound Working Knowledge of the Scriptures

What you do not have, you cannot give. The teacher must first of all, know more than the students and this requires serious scrutiny and diligent research into the Word by him or her first. By way of illustration you cannot have a professor teaching in the University when he or she has not even got a basic degree in the first place. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”* **A working practical understanding of the Word is paramount for the effective didactic work of a godly teacher.**

3. Thoroughness in Lesson Preparation and Presentation

There must be systematic, logical and properly researched and considered notes (or Powerpoint presentation or the use of good Christian books recommended) for the class and clear communication of the lessons to be taught. We learn better when there is a careful and rational approach and it aids understanding and memory. Teachers are to be creative and take great pains to think and painstakingly prepare your lesson / message (and use mnemonics or alliterations, if necessary) for both young and old.

4. A Personal Interest in the Wellbeing of your Students

There will be a sacrifice of time and energy and talent in the nurturing of students. They require more than head knowledge but a sincere and caring regard for their spiritual and physical welfare. Are you aware when some of them are absent or sick or if they have a problem at home or maybe they have backslid or are living in sin? Take time for meaningful interaction with them. Will you call up those absent or visit the sick and encourage the downcast? Proverbs 27:23 says, *“Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.”*

5. Spiritual Zeal and Vitality

Interest and fervency in the teacher begets the same in the students. If you are a lethargic and nonchalant teacher, do not expect ardent and eager students in the class. **Spiritual zeal is contagious** as others will be zealously affected by your love of the word of God and the opposite is also true. Jesus spoke to the two disciples along Emmaus road and they said that their hearts burned when they heard the Scriptures expounded by Christ (Luke 24:32) and we should emulate Christ and try to do the same today in our teaching as He leads and guides us.

6. Patient and Approachable

The fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22–23 is *“love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”* **We are to show gentleness, longsuffering, temperance and a sense of love and joy in our teaching and relationship with our students.** Generally, students respond to loving and gentle counsel and a sincere and caring approach rather than a harsh or punitive one all the time.

7. Firmness and a Good Management of the Class

On the balance, there should be proper management of the classroom with clear rules set and discipline enforced if necessary. That is to say, firmness and readiness to maintain order, peace and a conducive undisturbed learning environment. If any violate that, he or she should be held accountable and dealt with accordingly (yet with gentleness and to give an opportunity for change for those who are sincerely repentant).

8. A Godly Life of Exemplary Conduct and Discipline

Nothing fits the teacher of the Word than a real doer or practitioner of the Word himself. 1 Timothy 4:12 says, *“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity,”* Philippians 4:9, *“Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you,”* and James 1:22, *“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”* Your students will learn more from your demeanour, testimony and life than from your words and lessons. **The best gift you can give another is a worthy example.** God who sent a scribe for the post exilic revival in Ezra 7:10 speaks of seek, do and teach as the proper order of things Your personal speech and action speak louder than your classroom teaching. Be careful as teachers are being watched by others all the time, and **you can either be a stepping stone to others or a stumbling block to your students.**

Remember what Paul says in 2 Corinthians 3:2–3,

“Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.”

Conclusion

Thank God for our CED, fellowships, NBCs, JWS and Nursery teachers. Faithful and caring Christian teachers are a scarcity today and we need to nurture and build up godly character and the effective skills of our teachers in the word of God to support the educational arm of the church to the edifying of the members in the most holy faith.

Jack Sin

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		
Thurs 19th Nov	No Mid-Week Out-reach 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 21st Nov	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Galatians - A Study of Freedom and Liberty			
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES		
Preacher	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson		<u>TODAY: 15/11/2015</u>		
Message	Ruth				
Text	Ruth 1				
		Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	Chairman: Jonathan		
		The Shunammite's Son	Organist: Anthony		
		2 Kings 4:8-37	Pianist: Keene		
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Ushers: Tom / Joel		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "Building Firm Foundations". • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor & Mrs Ki, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Dr David Allen, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Magdalene, Meredith, Toby. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Nana, Keene, Joel. • Pray for those on travels this week: Sharon, Elliora, Odelia, Yetta, Dr Martin. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister. Thank God that his visa application has been approved. • There will be Church Cleaning today after lunch. • Ladies Fellowship will be held after lunch next Sunday. 			Sunday School: Keene / Rachael / Hannah		
			Lunch: Nina		
			Washing Up: Volunteers		
			PA Crew: Josias		
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 22/11/2015</u>		
			<p style="text-align: center;">Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £1098.02, Lunch: £48.22 Attendance - Morning: 33 (A) 13 (C), Evening: 18 (A) 5 (C)</p>		
			Organist: Anthony		
			Pianist: Matthew		
			Ushers: Tom / Margaret		
			Sunday School: Keene / Rachael / Hannah		
			Lunch: Volunteers		
			Washing Up: Volunteers		
			PA Crew: Scott		

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 95

Q: To whom is Baptism to be administered?

A: *Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible Church – till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.*

Comments:

We are here taught the persons who may be baptized. They consist of two classes – *adults* who are Christians, but who may not have been already baptized; and the *infants* of church members. The former are baptized because the meaning of the ordinance is to declare that the persons baptized profess themselves to be Christians; and the latter are baptized because the promises of God to his people extend to their children as well as to themselves.

Scriptural Reference:

Acts 2:41, Acts 2:39

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”

Ephesians 6:18

This Week

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28

Next Week

“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

Romans 8:29