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"For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Proverbs 3:5-6	Genesis 1:14-15
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 554 – <i>"Another Year Is Dawning"</i>	RHC 32 – <i>"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"</i>
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Nicene Creed</i>	Nicene Creed	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 44	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 44 verses 1-8</i> (to the tune of All Saints, RHC 562)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 311 – <i>"Does Jesus Care?"</i>	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 1:1-17, Ruth 1	Matthew 1:1-17, 2 Samuel 11
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Unlikely Women in the Line of Christ – Part 3</i>	<i>Unlikely Women in the Line of Christ – Part 4</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 7 – <i>"God Move in a Mysterious Way"</i>	RHC 564 – <i>"Seeking for Me"</i>
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	---
<i>* Congregation Stands</i>		

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.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." - Proverbs 4:23

THE MARKS OF A COMMITTED DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 18th December 2016

It has been said that the church today is sadly plagued with lukewarm pew warmers and there is often great indifference to the cause of Christ. There are significant differences between a backslided Christian and a faithful disciple of Christ. Consider the following below:

1. A backslided Christian will say that outwardly they believe in God. A faithful disciple of Christ takes God and His will and His Word seriously and obey His Commandments.
2. A backslided Christian may not go to church regularly and is prepared to work on Sunday as he or she takes the Sabbath lightly. A faithful disciple of Christ is committed to observe the Lord's Day and keeping it holy and wholly before the Lord in rest and worship.
3. A backslided Christian occasionally reads their Bible when he or she are in trouble. A faithful disciple of Christ studies, meditates, memorise and reads his or her Bible regularly.
4. A backslided Christian may try to pray when he or she needs something from God. A faithful disciple of Christ will seek God according to His will and often give thanks to God at all times.
5. A backslided Christian may use the Bible to justify his or her life or actions whether it is convenient whereas a faithful disciple of Christ seeks to make his or her life and actions consistent with the teachings of the Bible.
6. A backslided Christian will not be willing to sacrifice his or her time, resources or talents for Christ but only when it is convenient. A faithful disciple of Christ will be ready to carry the cross and deny self and sacrifice for the cause of Lord.
7. A backslided Christian may not give their tithes faithfully but give occasionally much less than the biblical tithe. A Christian will be committed to honour God and set aside their tithe regularly and joyfully to God.
8. A backslided Christian conforms his or her values and convictions to the world when under the pressure of culture. A faithful disciple of Christ will not compromise his spiritual conviction even in the midst of testings and temptation.
9. A backslided Christian will not bother to share their faith with others. A Christian will have a burden for souls and be willing and ready to share Christ and his or her faith as the Lord leads.
10. A backslided Christian may know about the Bible superficially. A Christian loves the Word of God and meditate on and practice it and exalt Christ as his or her Lord and Saviour.
11. A backslided Christian will not be committed to serve the Lord in the church with their gifts and talents but a faithful disciple is also a fervent and responsible steward of the Lord and accountable to God one day.

12 A backslided Christian will be likely late for the worship service (or even absent) for no good reason and normally do not sing to praise God during worship nor even read the scriptures nor pay attention to the sermon but the disciple will be attentive to the Word of God and participate fully in God-honouring reverential worship in the fear of God.

Which one will be a relevant description of you today? Something to pray and think about seriously before the Lord.

Let us strive to be a faithful disciple of Christ. The sad thing is that the problem with the average Christian is that he or she is just an average Christian. Let us pray for a revived heart of deeper devotion to God and His Word.

- Rev Jack Sin

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God,
begotten of the Father [the only-begotten; that is, of the essence of the
Father, God of God,]
Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
By whom all things were made
[both in heaven and on earth];

Who for us men, and for our salvation,
came down and was incarnate
and was made man;
He suffered,
and the third day he rose again,
ascended into heaven;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

And in the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

The *Nicene Creed* is a Christian statement of faith, It gets its name from the First Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.), where it was initially adopted.

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
Weds 4 th Jan	7pm	Mid-Week Outreach 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 7 th Jan	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 01/01/2017</u></p> <p>Chairman: John</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Joel</p> <p>Ushers: Daniel / Joel</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Hannah</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Jonathan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 08/01/2017</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan/Keene</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Matthew</p> <p>Ushers: John / Joel</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Volunteers</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott / Jonathan</p>
Message	Daring to Trust God	Just a Fish Story?	
Text	Malachi 3:8-12	John 21:7-13	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "Building Firm Foundations". • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and for the continuation of his PhD studies. • Church Maintenance Fund: The Church needs to undergo some significant repairs in the coming months; a Maintenance Fund has been set up for anyone wishing to offer a love gift to assist with the costs. • Study of the Book of Psalms: Beginning 8th January 2017, at 3pm each Sunday, Dr Martin will lead a Bible Study on the book of Psalms, using the book "<i>The Flow of the Psalms</i>" by Palmer Robertson. • Sunday Evening Video Series: Beginning after Evening Service today there will be a 6-part Video Series on "<i>Mastering Your Money</i>". • Church Theme for 2017: "<i>Keep thy heart with all diligence</i>" taken from Proverbs 4:23. • The Task Force wishes all worshippers a Blessed New Year! 			
Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £789.00; Balaah: £50 Church Maintenance Fund: £110 Attendance - Morning: 36 (A) 9 (C), Evening: 16 (A) 4 (C)			Church Maintenance Fund Total: £1,430

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 47

Q: What is forbidden in the First Commandment?

A: The First Commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God, as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other which is due to him alone.

Comments:

The First Commandment forbids us: 1. To deny God, which is *atheism*; 2. To worship any other God, which is *idolatry*; 3. To glorify any other God, which is *profanity*.

Scriptural Reference:

Psalm 14:1, Matthew 4:10, Romans 1:25

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p>"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him." Proverbs 30:5</p>	<p>"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33</p>	<p>"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Proverb 28:13</p>