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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>	Lamentations 3:18-24	Psalm 119:169-176
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 47 – <i>"Great is Thy Faithfulness"</i>	RHC 328 – <i>"How Firm A Foundation"</i>
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Keene Chen
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Nicene Creed</i>	Nicene Creed	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 55	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 55 verses 16-22</i> (to the tune of St Anne, RHC 21)	---
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Keene Chen
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 96 – <i>"He Keeps Me Singing"</i>	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	Jeremiah 19:1-15
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Uniquely United</i>	<i>Humpty Dumpty's Fall</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 456 – <i>"In Christ There Is No East or West"</i>	RHC 247 – <i>"Cleanse Me"</i>
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	---

\* 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.

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

# DIRECTIVES FOR SACRED PRIORITIES IN A COVENANT HOME

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 12th March 2017

## Introduction

Judges 13:12, *'And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. **How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?***' While reading my Bible one morning, I was hit by the verse above. It was the sincere prayer of a father seeking guidance as to how he should order or bring up his new child, Samson who would be a great judge in Israel one day. This was partly due to the careful upbringing by his parents (not withstanding his failures later). We are praying and thinking of the covenant families in our church and the responsible heads of families who are placed to be in charge of them by God.

It is one's greatest privilege to be heading a Christian home. It is also a grave responsibility of fathers and mothers to ensure that our children, as well as our grandchildren are growing up in a godly home that is distinctly God-honouring.

What are the sacred duties required of us as Christian parents? There are 5 of them given below, briefly for our edification :

**1. The Priority of Fervent Corporate Prayer.** Matthew 21:22 says, *'And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.'* Is your home a house of prayer? It had been said that the children of prayerful mothers cannot stray for too long. The prayers of Monica and Suzanna bore testimonies of this for Augustine and John and Charles Wesley, their children, and they were greatly used by the Lord in the 4th and 18th centuries respectively. Will we as parents commit ourselves to pray often for and with our children, for we do not know what the Lord will do with them one day.

Will they know and live a life of intercessory prayers, and will they be surrounded by prayerful parents around them?

**2. The Priority of Reading the Scripture as a Family.** Nehemiah 8:8 says, *'So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.'* The Christian home has rules governed by a book, the Holy Bible. It is called the Word of God. As soon as a child is able to see and hear, read to them the gospels and study with them the Words of everlasting life (2 Timothy 3:15). As soon as they are able to understand, teach them to meditate on the Psalms.

As soon as they are able to memorize, help them to store it up in their hearts the Word of the Old Testament and New Testament, especially the 10 Commandments and the Lord's Prayer with the discipline of daily devotion or family worship. They will grow up in life guided by the inspired Book because they are accustomed to people at home who love and obey and meditate on this glorious Book (Joshua 1:8).

**3. The Priority of Sharing the Gospel with them.** A Christian home is known to be committed to declaring the gospel to all those within and without. Do not take salvation of your children for granted for we never know or we cannot be presumptuous to think that they are definitely saved. Timothy for his younger days was told of the great Saviour through a godly mother and grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5).

Tell them about the person Jesus and the consequences of sin when they offend God. As soon as they are able to grasp our great need for faith and forgiveness, teach them to seek this sovereign forgiver who will forgive when we confess and repent of our sins (1 John 1:9). As soon as they are enabled to express and demonstrate their saving faith, show them who to place their faith in, in Christ Jesus and confess their faults to Him. They should be grounded in the faith and know God personally as Saviour and Lord as we are a covenant people who belong to our great God.

**4. The Priority of Bringing them to Church as a Family.** Hebrews 10:24-25, *'And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.'* To be leading a Christian home is to be responsible to bring our children into a local community of believers in regular worship and fellowship. They will grow up with blessed memories of Christian churches and Christian worship, thanksgiving through hymns, listening to sermons and partaking of the sacraments. It may take more than a village to raise a child. It takes the whole church.

Let us faithfully attend the Sabbath worship service, Sunday School Class and fellowships and the Wednesday Prayer Meeting. In a lively and edifying Christian fellowship, we are blessed to meet people committed to Christian worship and fellowship.

**5. The Priority of Instilling the Fear of God and Holiness.** A Christian home is to be a place full of examples of godliness and piety. Their faith with their words, under our care, showcase godly fear and reverence for God, for the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom for them (Proverbs 9:10). Do they see sin daily being mortified in us, righteousness upheld and holy attitudes and godly examples of Christian wisdom and character displayed? Not constantly bickering, with jealousy and harsh words in our quarrels that is exhibited to discourage them. A good example is invincible and it can transform hearts.

We need to be examples of holy living and godliness as parents and siblings, for these are people we want to impact them spiritually for the Lord.

## **Conclusion**

The Lord says in Genesis 18:19 of Abraham, *'For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.'* Abraham did the right thing in his family and God was well pleased with him. In all of these directives and sacred plans, we need to humbly seek the Lord's wisdom guidance and grace and be blessed by the great joy of a vibrant and edifying covenant family life. It is not impossible if God be for us and we be for Him, then all can be well in the home. Let us strive to have a God- honouring family life ahead.

- 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 22nd Mar	7pm	<b>Mid-Week Outreach Bible Study</b>	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.	
Fri 24th Mar	7pm	<b>Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony</b> <i>The Glory of God - Studies in Ezekiel</i>		
Sat 25th Mar	4pm	<b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b>		
Next Lord's Day		Morning Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES	
<b>Preacher</b>		Dr David Allen	<b>TODAY: 19/03/2017</b>	
<b>Message</b>		Consider Christ	<b>Chairman:</b>	Jonathan / Keene
<b>Text</b>		Hebrews 12:1-29	<b>Organist:</b>	Anthony
		Evening Service	<b>Pianist:</b>	Anthony
		Dr David Allen	<b>Ushers:</b>	John / Yetta
		Even the Death of the Cross	<b>Sunday School:</b>	Hannah / Rachael
		Philippians 2:1-30	<b>Lunch:</b>	Maureen
			<b>Washing Up:</b>	Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b>	Scott / John
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No Pre-lunch Bible Study.</b></li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and for the continuation of his PhD studies.</li> <li>• <b>Study of the Book of Psalms:</b> at 3pm, 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.</li> <li>• <b>The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after morning service.</b> Please see Jonathan or John for more information.</li> <li>• <b>Church Maintenance Fund:</b> The Church is currently undergoing some significant repairs; a Maintenance Fund has been set up for anyone wishing to offer a love gift to assist with the costs.</li> <li>• <b>Ladies Fellowship:</b> This will be held after lunch next Lord's Day.</li> <li>• <b>Easter Camp, 14th-17th April 2017:</b> Camp theme - "God's Grace in our Daily Lives". Please see Yetta for more information.</li> </ul>				
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> – Last Sunday: £477.70; Lunch: £52.20 <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 40 (A) 12 (C), Evening: 16 (A) 3 (C)			<b>Church Maintenance Fund Total:</b> <b>£3,020</b>	

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 58

**Q: Which is required in the Fourth Commandment?**

**A:** *The Fourth Commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.*

Comments:

The Sabbath is an emblem of heaven, and a pattern and example for all days. Every day should be holy unto the Lord. Inasmuch, however, as in this world we must engage in worldly business, the Sabbath was instituted to prevent our thoughts from dwelling too much on worldly matters. It is intended for man's good, and it is our own loss if we disregard it.

Scriptural Reference:

Leviticus 19:30

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hebrews 12:2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Titus 2:13</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>"In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Psalms 56:11</b></p>