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This morning God used a blind child to teach me a sighted adult a spiritual lesson. When we gather in His name, God has promised to be in our midst and He was.

Prayer: God, help us as your people to be still and know that you are God, for you have promised if our hope is in the Lord, you will renew our strength. Amen.

Elaine Ingalls Hogg



Pastor Jin Tianming

### Easter service blocked in Beijing

Authorities blocked over 500 Christians from attending an outdoor Easter service in Beijing, China, last week, and detained more than 36, including their pastor, Jin Tianming, under house arrest. Let us pray for them - and give thanks for our continued freedom.

Shouwang Church's senior pastor Jin Tianming is currently under house arrest by the authorities.

"More police have come to stand watch in front of my door in anticipation of Easter," Jin told CNN in a phone interview. "I've spoken to several of my fellow worshippers who attempted to attend our planned service this morning," but some were detained, Jin said.

"But we will not change our plans. We will not change our decision to worship as this is a matter of faith," Jin said.

The CNN story went on to say "A few worshippers were seen praying with bowed heads near Shouwang's proposed site for the service, but the site itself was sealed off by law enforcement. Vigilant plainclothes officers filmed passersby."

Shouwang means "to keep watch" in Mandarin.

### Today our Pastor celebrates

*38 Years as Pastor of the Berean Bible Church*

*May 1st 1973 - Present*



### May Birthdays

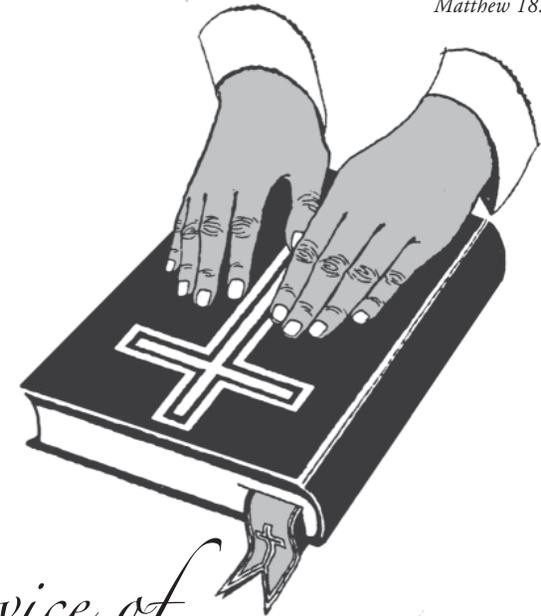
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|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4th - Marilyn Hinds    | 13th - Pamela Kellman    | 28th - Heather Payne  |
| - Joy Jackson          | 14th - Elkins Patrick    | 30th - Ronald Trotman |
| 5th - Joel Ellis       | 16th - Rachel Williams   |                       |
| 7th - Marissa Chandler | 19th - Harold Codrington | <b>June</b>           |
| 8th - Roslyn George    | 23rd - Rueben St.Cyr     | 2nd - Michelle Bayley |
| 9th - Julianne Johnson | - Jennifer Thompson      | 3rd - Wendene Wells   |
| 10th - Angela Ward     | 24th - Rhoda Thompson    | 6th - Owen Thompson   |

### Anniversaries

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| 5th - Collin & Chicako Jackson  | <b>June</b>                       |
| 17th - Ronald & Cynthia Trotman | 4th - Dolores & Harold Codrington |

And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:3 KJV



# Service of Worship & Communion

Sunday, 1st May, 2011



## Berean Bible Church

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. • Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

Midweek Service (Wednesday) - 7:30 p.m.

Passage Road, St. Michael • Rev. Ronald Trotman, Pastor

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ALL ARE WELCOME

# Order of Service

Song – “I Love You Lord”

Invocation

Hymn # 139

Hymn # 140

Hymn # 143

Scripture – # 46 page 770

Hymn # 155

Prayer

Notices – Offering

Ministry of Music – Sis. N. Williams

Hymn # 184

Message – Rev. Ronald Trotman

Hymn # 599

Distribution of Elements

Special Offering

Scripture – Gal 6: 6-18

Hymn # 789

Benediction

## Please remember to pray for:

- **11+ taking exams on Tuesday**
- **The Building Project**
- **The Persecuted Church**
- **The Outreach Ministry**
- **Our Shut-Ins**



## An A Little Child Shall Lead Them



**Isaiah 11:6 - The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. (KJV)**

I know that God has promised to be in the midst of His people when they gather in His name, but somehow that summer Sunday morning, I wasn't expecting much. Our pastor was away and so was half of our already small congregation. But I got ready, and, somewhere between home and church, God and I had a talk, and I found myself praying for a special revelation of His presence.

True to my expectations, the visitors outnumbered our regulars. "All the more reason that those of us who are home should keep the church going," I thought to myself, as I sang the hymns and listened to the scripture portions. About fifteen minutes into the service, two couples with six children entered the sanctuary and, as is often the case when people arrive late, they had to take the front seats. From their orderly conduct and ease of entering into the worship, it was easy to tell that they were used to attending church. Another affirmation of my prayer about why we should gather at church even in the summer, I decided: for our visitors.

The visiting pastor that morning chose to speak from a lectern at the front of the church in order to be nearer his small congregation. However, when it was time for the children's story, he called them to come forward to the platform. Until then, no one had noticed anything unusual about the small boy in the neat white shirt and navy shorts, but as he was moving forward, he stumbled. One of his friends came alongside and took his hand, "Timothy can't see," he said by way of explanation. The small child's compassion for his un-sighted friend spoke to the entire congregation of Christ's teaching: a little child shall lead them.

But it wasn't until the prayer time that the full meaning of our Lord's words, "A little child shall lead them" was fully illustrated. Just before the message, the pastor asked if anyone would like to say a word of prayer. Eight-year old Timothy didn't wait. Immediately he began to pray. "Thank you, God, for coming to church." His voice was loud and clear. "Thank you for this pretty day. And I'd like to pray for my aunt. Help her to get out of her coma. But if she doesn't, that's okay, God, because I know she'll be with you. Love Timothy."

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