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# LAP BULLETIN

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## Worship Schedule

### SUNDAY

9.30 am  
Worship  
(English)

11.15am  
Bible Class  
(English)

3.45pm  
Bible Class  
(Mandarin)

5.00pm  
Worship  
(Mandarin)

7.00pm  
Worship  
(English)

### THURSDAY

7.45pm  
Bible Class  
(English/Mandarin)

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### **Elders**

Bro Jimmy Lau  
Bro Lee Tian Seng

### **Deacons**

Bro Henry Leow  
Bro Jerry Cheong


### **Preachers**

Bro Alvin Lin  
Bro Ernest Lau

### **Administrator**

Sis Goh Ser Ern

**LET LOVE BE WITHOUT  
DISSIMULATION. ABHOR  
THAT WHICH IS EVIL;  
CLEAVE TO THAT WHICH  
IS GOOD.**



**BE KINDLY AFFECTIONED ONE TO  
ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY  
LOVE; IN HONOUR PREFERRING  
ONE ANOTHER**

**ROM 12:9-10**



## **EMPOWERING THE CHRISTIAN HOME – LOVE**

*Sermon outline by bro Alvin Lin*

**Text: Rom 12:9-10**

### **I. FLESHLY LOVE.**

- A. “érōs” – love, mostly of the sexual passion.
- B. Describes the love between opposite genders.
- C. A relationship usually starts off with physical attraction between a man and a woman – “love at first sight”.
- D. Husband and wife should continue to have “érōs” love for each other throughout their marriage – e.g. Isaac and Rebekah (Gen 26:8).
- E. In fact, your spouse should be your greatest desire.

### **II. FRIENDLY LOVE.**

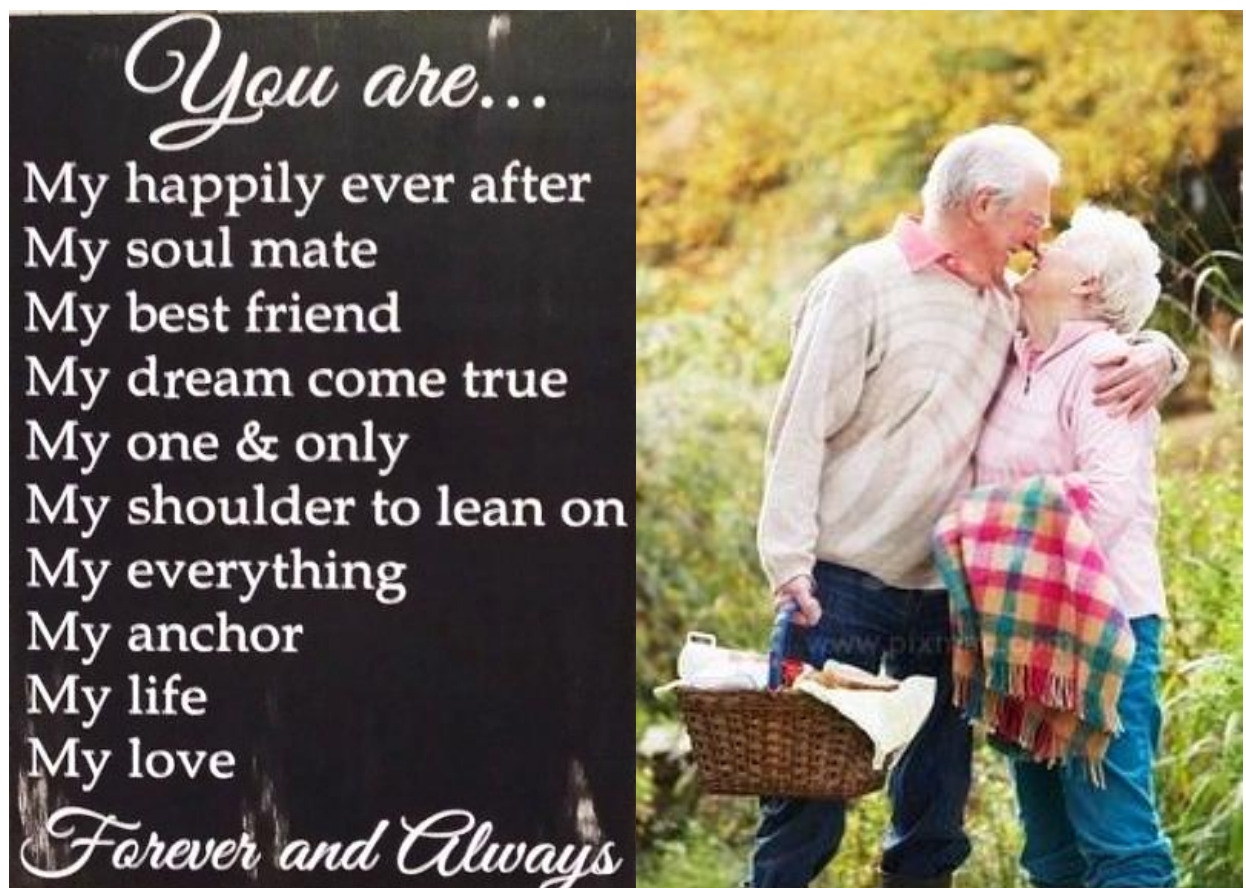
- A. “phileō” – to treat affectionately or kindly, to welcome, befriend.
- B. Describes the love between close friends.
- C. The relationship progresses from physical attraction to social association between a man and a woman (Rom 12:10).
- D. Husband and wife should continue to have “phileō” love for each other throughout their marriage – e.g. Aquila and Priscilla (Act 18:2-3).
- E. In fact, your spouse should be your best friend.

### III. FAMILIAL LOVE.

- A. “storgē” – cherishing one’s kindred.
- B. Describes the love between family members.
- C. The relationship progresses from social association to emotional attachment between a man and a woman (Rom 12:10).
- D. Husband and wife should continue to have “storgē” love for each other throughout their marriage – e.g. Abraham and Sarah (Gen 23:2).
- E. In fact, your spouse should be your closest family member.

### IV. FAITHFUL LOVE.

- A. “agapaō” – to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly.
- B. Describes the love between God and man.
- C. The relationship progresses from emotional attachment to mental affirmation between a man and a woman (Rom 12:9).
- D. Husband and wife should continue to have “agapaō” love for each other throughout their marriage – Jacob and Rachel (Gen 33:1-3).
- E. In fact, your spouse should be your dearest companion.







## *Preacher's exhortation*

### **Saving Keilah**

*by bro Ernest Lau*

In the movie “Saving Private Ryan,” a group of 8 soldiers, led by Captain Miller (played by Tom Hanks), were on a mission to save Private Ryan. During the mission, the team debated over whether they should even save Private Ryan. Ultimately, to save one man, it cost the lives of 6 soldiers, including Tom Hanks himself. At the end of the movie, we are left wondering: was it worth saving Private Ryan?

Many times in our own lives, when we have the opportunity to help others, we may ask ourselves the same question: is it worth it? It might be an opportunity to help a beggar. It may be an opportunity to help a brother-in-Christ. It could be an opportunity to help the church. Sometimes we may decide against helping because we think to ourselves it is not worth our time and effort.

In 1 Samuel 23:1-13, we read of another movie, “Saving Keilah.” In the passage, we read of David who was on the run from King Saul, along with 600 of his men. However, he heard that the city of Keilah was being besieged by the Philistines (v.1). He was therefore faced with that dilemma: should he help them or not? At the end of the account, we see that David decided to help and save the city of Keilah, despite the misgivings that he and his men had. Here are 3 things we can learn from David, in making the decision to help others:

#### **1. LOOK BEYOND MYSELF**

David and his men had their own worries to settle: they were struggling to stay alive and not get killed by King Saul; even in Judah they did not feel safe (v.3). To go outside to the city of Keilah and put their lives in greater danger by fighting the Philistines; that did not seem like a good idea. Furthermore, if King Saul were to ambush them at Keilah, they would be hard pressed to escape; they would be facing 2 enemies at once! Despite these misgivings, David looked beyond his own problems and went to help Keilah when they were in need.

One of the things that prevent us from helping others, or helping the church, is that we are too worried about ourselves to think of others. However, as Christians, we ought to look out for the needs of others, instead of our own (Philippians 2:3-4). The Macedonian Christians gave generously to those in need, despite their own poverty (2 Corinthians 8:1-4). Jesus Himself overlooked His own needs, and came to earth to minister to mankind (Philippians 2:5-8). God expects us to help others, and we will be judged at that last day based on whether or not we have helped others (Matthew 25:31-46). We need to look beyond ourselves, and look out for the needs of others.

## **2. LOOK PAST THEIR FLAWS**

David helped Keilah despite the possibility of them betraying him. When he enquired of God, God told him that, yes, when Saul comes over, Keilah would indeed deliver David to Saul. What a betrayal! If you were David, would you have been angry with Keilah? We would probably regret saving Keilah in the first place!

One of the things that prevent us from helping others, or helping the church, is we fear our efforts will not be appreciated; or that the other party is not deserving of our help. However, as Christians, we are expected to do good to others, without expecting any reward or appreciation, and without regard for the person's character (Galatians 6:10). In fact, Jesus exhorts us to love our enemies, and do good to those who hate us (Matthew 5:44)! Jesus Himself came to help humanity, despite knowing that they would crucify Him (Matthew 16:21; Psalm 22:16). We need to look past their flaws, and look out for them in their time of need.

## **3. LOOK TO GOD**

Despite the concerns that David had regarding Keilah, he always enquired of the Lord and did whatever God instructed. When God told him to save Keilah, David went. Furthermore, David trusted God, that He would deliver on His promise to deliver the Philistines into his hand. That is faith: to trust and obey.

One of the things that prevent us from helping others, or helping the church, is our lack of faith in God. We are sometimes too worried about our own situation, when instead we should be trusting God to take care of things. As Christians, we need to put God first in our lives, and trust Him to take care of us (Matthew 6:33). The Macedonian Christians are commendable in this aspect, that they gave generously to others despite their poverty; this was possible because they "first gave their own selves to the Lord" (2 Corinthians 8:5). Jesus Himself, despite His fear of impending death, committed Himself to the Father's will in trusting obedience (Luke 22:42). We need to look to God in trusting obedience even as we look out for the needs of others.

So, was it worthwhile saving Keilah? David certainly had his reservations. However, he committed himself to helping Keilah because he looked beyond himself, looked past their flaws, and looked to God. Let us do the same, so that we can be more generous in helping others, and to be more courageous in doing the work of the Lord, and in helping the church. Let us not forget that we ourselves had been saved by Jesus, because he also looked beyond Himself, looked past our flaws, and looked to God.



### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW ELDER & DEACON**

With the impending departure of bro Lee Tian Seng to the new work, and with bro Henry Leow stepping down from the role of deacon, we are pleased to inform that **bro Michael Yeo and bro Benjamin Tan** have agreed to fill in the roles of elder and deacon, respectively. If there be any objections to the appointment of these men, please send your feedback to the elders by email to [limahpincoc@gmail.com](mailto:limahpincoc@gmail.com) by **21 October 2018**. For your reference, the qualifications for elders, deacons and their wives are found in 1 Timothy 3:1-13.

### **AGM Results**

The resolutions for last week's AGM have been approved. Please refer to the noticeboard for the detailed results.

### **Meeting Reminder**

Curriculum 2019 Meeting

Date: 7 Oct (**TODAY**)

Time: 1.30pm

Venue: Foundation classroom

### **Travelling (*Pray for safety*)**

1. **Bro. Peter and sis. Pooi Fun** are away in Malaysia for the weekend. Bro. Peter is teaching and preaching for the Klang congregation this morning.
2. **Bro Tian Geng** is travelling for work till 14 Oct
3. **Bro Jong Wah, sis Nancy, sis Esther, sis Doreen, sis Hwee Chin & sis Fong Yoke** in Croatia, Bosnia & Slovenia till 15 Oct.
4. **Bro Chong Ping & sis Suan Kiang** are in San Francisco till 22 Oct.

### **Guests Last Week**

1. Sis Julia Ng (*Wahfu COC, Hong Kong*)
2. Bro Paul & sis Ivy Tan (*sis Baby's family*)
3. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
4. Peh Guang Rong (*sis Yan Ling's husband*)
5. JQ (*sis Jaslyn's friend*)
6. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia's helper*)
7. Shalen Manuel (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)
8. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)
9. Emily Chong (*Cheshire Home*)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

### Youth Fellowship

**Date:** 14 October, Sun

**Time:** 1.30pm – 3pm

**Venue:** Church building

**Topic:** What's wrong with instrumental music in worship?

**All are welcome!**

### Youth Homezone

**Date:** 20 October, Sat

**Time:** 3 pm to 6 pm

**Venue:** Church building

**Activities:** Board games & pizza

**All youths are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!**

### Fishers Of Men Graduation

**Date:** 21 October, Sun

**Time:** 1pm

**Venue:** Church building

**The graduation ceremony is open to all. Please indicate your attendance on the sign up sheet by 14 Oct as lunch will be provided.**

22 Lectures

• Q & A Forum •

Special classes for Men & Women



## 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FOUR SEAS LECTURESHIP

Date: Nov. 28 – Dec. 1, 2018 (Wed-Sat)

← Daily Chapel (3rd floor) →

8.15am – 8.45am

← Daily Lectures (2nd floor) →

9.00am – 3.15pm

Venue: 120, Boon Lay Drive, S649924

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### Vacation Bible School

**Date:** 4 – 6 December, Tue – Thu

**Venue:** LAPCOC

**Age:** 4-12 years old

**Please inform sis Jacqueline or sis Ser Ern to sign up for your kid(s).**

### Youth Development Programme

**Date:** 17-20 December 2018, Mon - Thu

**Venue:** El Sanctuary, Melaka

**Theme:** Building Bridges

**Cost:** RM 285

**Please inform bro Alvin if you are interested to attend by 28 Oct.**

## NEWS



### Thursday Bible Class

#### Physical Needs

by bro Ernest Lau

### Birthday of the week

10 Oct (Wed) – Zachary

13 Oct (Sat) – Benjamin Kwan



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prayer requests to  
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# PRAYER REQUESTS

### Overseas:

- **Bro Kwan** in China
- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Kevin** in New York for studies
- **Bro Siang Yee** in UK for studies

### Health

- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Molly's & bro Soon Heng's** health
- **Bro Martin's** recovery from stroke

### Pregnancy

- Sis Stephanie (Dec'18), sis Christine (Apr'19)

### NSF

- Bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict, bro Titus, bro Shawn

## MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		7-Oct-18	14-Oct-18	21-Oct-18
Song Leader		Amos Yang	Ernest Lau	Benjamin Kwan
Opening Prayer Leader		John Goh	Michael Yeo	Danny Poo
Psalms Text		Psa 77:1-10	Psa 77:11-20	Psa 78:1-12
Preacher		Alvin Lin	Timothy Ng	Barry Hatcher
Lord's Supper Text		Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Wong Sek Hoong	Nicodemus Oey	Yew Tian Geng
	Prayer: Bread	Andy Lin	Jeremy Kwan	Charlie Teo
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Reuben Lim	Kenneth Quek	Alvin Chan
	Prayer: Offering	Benjamin Tan	Alan Poon	Marc Wee
	Assistant	Ng Wei Xiang	Leonard Chia	Cornelius Lee
Foundation Class		Arthur Yap	Lau Jeng Sang	Benjamin Tan
Announcer		Paul Lim	Jimmy Lau	Ernest Lau
Greeters		Constance Lau Wu Wenyu	Lim Poh Im Shum Chee Ming	Ludina Carrido Susan Cheong
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Jimmy Lau	Timothy Ng	Ernest Lau
Speaker		Benjamin Tan	Jeshua Lin	Alvin Lin
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Paul Lim	Alvin Lin	Lim Poh Teng
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			Benjamin Kwan	Jeshua Lin
Opening Prayer Leader			Peter Chin	Paul Lim
Closing Prayer Leader			Jimmy Lau	Danny Poo