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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

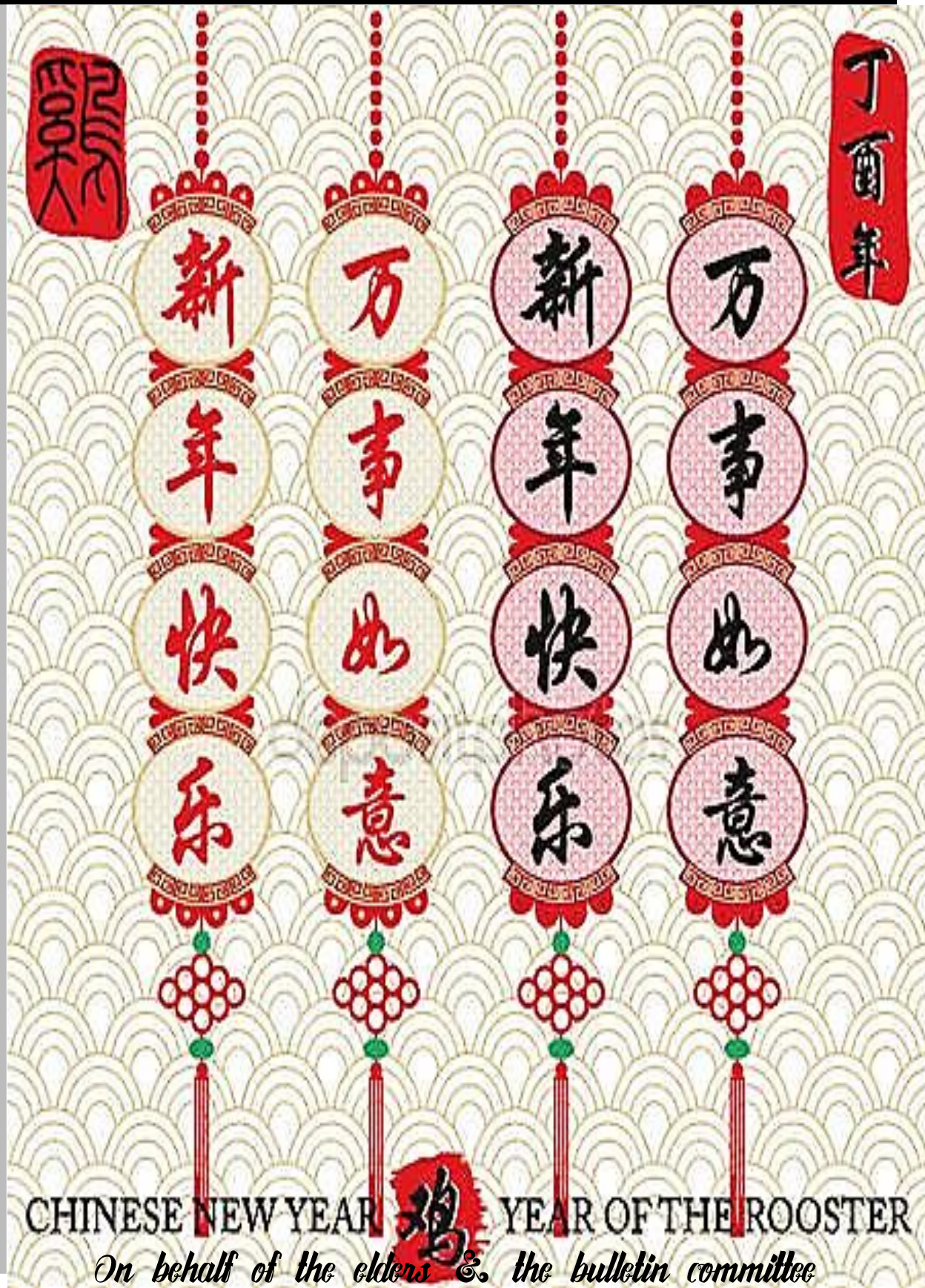
Bro Henry Leow  
Bro Jerry Cheong

### Preachers

Bro Alvin Lin  
Bro Ernest Lau

### Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern







# ELDER'S EXHORTATION

BY BRO JIMMY LAU

***Proverbs 30:7 Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die.***

There are many things we would want to do before we die. Unfortunately, many are earthly desires. Life is short, and pleasing God should be our greatest ambition, but only few use their lives well in pursuing this noblest of goals. Agur expressed himself strongly to God for two crucial factors in living a life to honour God. Admitting the brevity of life, he appealed aggressively for these two important things: **Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me** (Pro 30:8).

What was his request? It can be summarised in one word – Moderation. He didn't ask to be poor for in that case, he would steal and shame the name of God (God Pro 30:9). He didn't ask to be rich for he would be lifted up in his own success and forget God (Pro 30:9). He said all these are vanities and lies. Vanity is anything futile, profitless, worthless, or empty. Yes, riches is both vanity and deceitful. In the parable of the sower, Jesus has this to say about riches: **"He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful"** (Matt 13:22).

We see that in this request, Agur desired to be in the right relationship with God. He wanted to avoid both poverty and wealth, knowing that each has its own set of temptations and trials. He realised that riches could puff up his mind and turn his heart away from God, and poverty could lead him to steal and disgrace the name of God. Agur wanted God more than anything else. He knew how deceitful riches can be.

Agur sought moderation in all things: **feed me with food convenient for me** (Pro 30:8). Our Lord said: **"Give us this day our daily bread"** (Matt 6:11). Agur did not use prayer to satisfy his lusts but just that God fulfilled his daily necessities. Agur wanted to be saved from wasting his life chasing the illusion of riches and success (I Tim 6:6-10). He knew that worldly success does not equate to spiritual success. He wanted to spend time with God and not in earthly pursuits.

How do you pray? Do you pray more for carnal or spiritual things? When did you last pray for wisdom (James 1:5), a single heart to fear God (Psalm 86:11), the one desire to dwell in

the house of the Lord (Psalm 27:4), to be diligent in studying the word of God (2 Tim 2:15), or to give yourself to serving God (Matt 16:24).

Many in this world around us adore riches! They are sacrificing their lives to vanity and lies. They are not like Agur. They are like the rich young ruler who went away sorrowfully because he loved his riches more than he loved God (Matt 19:22).

Paul wrote: **But godliness with contentment is great gain** (1 Tim 6:6). We see this demonstrated in the prayer of Agur. His concern was that in wealth he might be tempted to leave God, or that in poverty he might be tempted to sin against God. Therefore, he desired moderation.

We know we should be seeking contentment, but we are not doing it. **“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”** (Matt 6:33). How many are like Agur whose sole purpose in life is to seek God first?

What are the things you would want to do before you die? Some want fame, some riches, and others adventure. David’s wish was: **“One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple”** (Psalm 27:4). What is yours? What is mine?



## **Lunar New Year – Family Ties**

*by sis Teo Kim Tian*

Well, it’s Chinese New Year today. I love the Lunar New Year because it is a time for family members to get together and partake of the traditional reunion dinner, giving hongbao (literally “red-packet”) to children and other unmarried folks. The colour red signifies auspiciousness. It is a time when we greet one another and a special time of showing respect and honour to our parents and close relatives. It is a time where we wear new clothes and put on the best attire for every member of the family. It is also a time to open our homes and share rich cultures and festive joys with friends and neighbours of other races.

I guess it is a time for get-togethers and renewal of ties during the Lunar New Year. The main purpose is to strengthen family ties and friendship. The Chinese New Year marks the

beginning of a New Year as we have a good spring cleaning and stock up on goodies and delicacies.

In the year 1994 which is hailed as “The International Year of the Family”, its aim is to instil a strong family cohesion in the society. Five core values were singled out for fostering family ties. They are :

1. Love, Care and Concern
2. Filial Piety
3. Mutual Respect
4. Commitment
5. Responsibility



### 1. Love, Care and Concern

Love is the crown of all virtues. First, there must be love in the family. Then the other virtues will follow. As we show love, care and concern to our family members, likewise we should also show them to our brethren. In John 13:34,35, we are admonished to love one another. ***“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.”*** 1 John 4:7.

We are also to care one for another (I Cor 12:25) and bear ye one another’s burdens (Gal 6:2).

### 2. Mutual Respect

There should be no backbiting in the family. That is, every member in the family should have the same respect and honour for one another. In this case, there will be no evil speaking against one another. Paul exhorts us ***“to be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.”*** (Rom 12:10). As we show mutual respect for one another, we will be able to practise what James had taught us in James 4:11 (***“speak not evil one of another ...”***) and 5:9 (***“grudge not one against another...”***).

### 3. Filial Piety

That is, giving honour to our parents, showing filial piety at home to our parents and fulfilling our responsibilities as children. We are to obey our parents in the Lord and honour them. (Eph 6:1,2). ***“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise.”***

### 4. Commitment

That is, giving ourselves to the nurturing of the family. Every member should involve himself in the activities of the family. They are to be committed before they are united as a family. We are to have a submissive spirit. ***“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist***

***the devil, and he will flee from you***" (James 4:7). We are to seek what God wants us to do (Col 3:1).

## 5. Responsibility

There are responsibilities to fulfil. They are :

- a) Parents are to provide for and train up their children in the right path. ***"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*** Prov 22:6
- b) Children are to do well in their studies and work.

There is nothing stronger than family bonds. And there is nothing better than family unity. Therefore, as the church is a spiritual family of God (I Pet 2:5), may we as brethren (Matt 23:8) be united in the family of God. ***"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"*** (Psalms 133:1)

May we strive towards family unity, both physically and spiritually in this New Year.



## SUNDAY PREACHING SCHEDULE

Date	Theme	Topic	Speaker
5-Feb	Life of Men Who Know God	Abraham	<b><i>Kwan Tai Choom</i></b>
12-Feb		Moses	<b><i>Danny Poo</i></b>
19-Feb		Peter	<b><i>Alvin Lin</i></b>
26-Feb		Paul	<b><i>Jerry Cheong</i></b>

## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Adult Class		Young Adult Class	
	Topic	Teacher	Topic	Teacher
5-Feb	1 Corinthians 16	<b><i>Jimmy Lau</i></b>	What Lack I Yet? (1 Thess. 3:6-10)	<b><i>Ernest Lau</i></b>
12-Feb	The Assyrian Empire	<b><i>Alvin Lin</i></b>	What Is The Will Of God? (Eph. 5:17)	
19-Feb	The Babylonian Empire		Don't Worry (Phil. 4:6-7)	<b><i>Ben Kwan</i></b>
26-Feb	The Medo-Persian Empire		We Cannot Control Anything (James 4:13-15)	<b><i>Alan Poon</i></b>

Date	Foundation Class		Teenager Class	
	Topic	Teacher	Topic	Teacher
5-Feb	Compelling Evidence for Creation and the Flood	Paul Lim	“The Very Works that I Do Bear Witness of Me”	Benjamin Kwan
12-Feb			Jesus Christ — Dead or Alive?	
19-Feb		Amos Yang	Introduction	Ernest Lau
26-Feb			Acts 1 & 2	
Date	Upper Pri Class		Lower Pri Class	
	Topic	Teacher	Topic	Teacher
5-Feb	Doing Good To All	Eunice Chua	Joshua Speaks to Israel	Susan Ng
12-Feb	Envisioning Ephesians		Israel Needs Judges	
19-Feb	Look, Learn, Live		The Call of Gideon	
26-Feb	Music In The Church		Gideon Learns to Trust God	
Date	Nursery Class		Cradle Roll	
	Topic	Teacher	Topic	Teacher
5-Feb	God Never Changes	Seow Hui	Baby Jesus	Ting Wei
12-Feb	What is Forgiveness?			
19-Feb	God loves Everybody!			
26-Feb	Heaven			Suzanne

## THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Main Class		Primary Class		Nursery Class	
	Topic	Teacher	Topic	Teacher	Topic	Teacher
2-Feb	What Is Prayer	<b>Ong Jun Wei</b>	Possessing the Land	<b>Fong Yoke</b>	The Philistines take the ark	<b>Rachel Quek</b>
9-Feb	The Power of Prayer		Keeping the Land		Israel's first king	
16-Feb	Things for Which to Pray		God Appoints Judges		Saul disobeys God	
23-Feb	Keys to Acceptable Prayer		Deborah Fights for God		A shepherd boy becomes king	

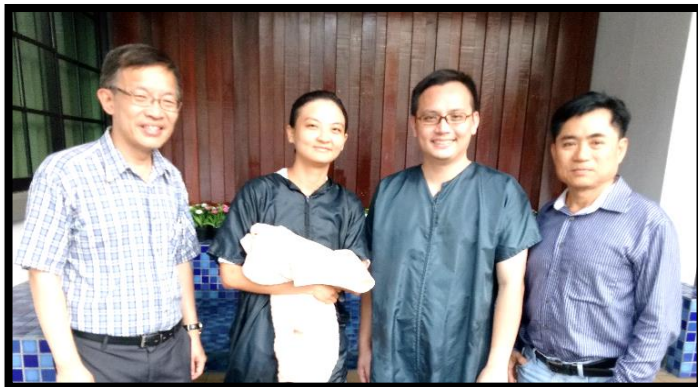
*Happy Birthday!*

### February

Shum Chee Ming	1	Axel Timothy Chee	10
Ong Siew Siew	2	Chua-Lau Kia Sang	15
Wong-Teo Ailin, Dawn	4	Lin Min Xuan, Jeshua	18
Tan Wei Ling, Eileen	6	Lee Tian Seng	19
Foo Jock Chin, Jane	7	Wang Teng Wee, Adeline	20
Ting Yang Ying, Rachel	9	Yeo Siew Wah, Michael	20
Leow Wen Xin, Naomi	9	Ho Chong Tat, Ivan	21
Ng-Quek Lie Hui, Patricia	9	Tan Yan Ling	25
Poo Ruixian, Rachel	10		



# Weekly News



## **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD!**

We rejoice over the baptism of **sis Charlene** on 20 January! Let us give her a warm welcome into the family of God. Her particulars are as follows:

*Name: Su Jieying, Charlene*

*Hp: 9661 7315*

*Birth date: 23 Oct 1984*

*Email: charlene.su.05@gmail.com*

## **Guests Last Week**

1. Bro Sim Boon Quang & sis Mui Hoong  
(*Lavender COC, S'pore*)
2. Bro Alex Hong & sis Rui Shan  
(*Columbia Heights COC, San Francisco*)
3. Paul & Ivy (*sis Baby's family members*)
4. Arielle Pascual (*bro Roberto's daughter*)
5. Kok Wei & Iris Lee (*bro Henry & sis Lois' friends*)
6. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's friend*)
7. Teng Cheng Chong & Hong Siok
8. Boo Chye & Rosie

## **Away**

**Bro Peter & sis Pooi Fun** are away for the CNY holidays in Kuala Lumpur till 30 Jan. Bro Peter is preaching at Kota Kemuning COC this morning. Please keep them in prayers for their safe return.

## **Note of thanks from our Mission Workers**

Our mission workers – *bro Kwan (China), bro Bob Xiang (China), bro George Zhang (China), John Yo (Taiwan), bro Wang (Taiwan), bro Hai (Vietnam) & bro Glen (Australia)* would like to convey their appreciation for your angbaos and would like to wish all a very happy Chinese New Year.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

## **4 February 2017, Saturday (THIS SAT)**

### **CNY Youth Visitation**

Meeting Time & Venue:

**9.30am at church building OR**

**10am at Auntie Baby's house**

*Come join us in visiting our older brethren and in celebrating Chinese New Year together!*

## **12 February 2017, Sunday**

### **Singing Fellowship**

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Venue: Church Building

*Come join us as we spend an afternoon praising God in song! Open to all members, young and old.*

## NEWS

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### Thursday Bible Class

#### What is Prayer

By bro Ong Jun Wei

### Birthday of the week

31 Jan (Tue) –

Ben Tan & Teng Pei

1 Feb (Wed) - Chee Ming

2 Feb (Thu) – Siew Siew

4 Feb (Sat) - Dawn

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Overseas:

- **Bro Mitchell** in Perth, Australia for studies
- **Sis Rachel Ting** in UK for studies
- **Our supported missionaries:**  
Bro Kwan, bro Bob & bro George (*China*), bro Glen (*Australia*), bro John Yo (*Taiwan*), bro Hai (*Vietnam*)

### Health

- **Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & Kwan Mama's** health
- **Sis Susan Goh's mother's & sis Doreen's mother** health
- **Sis Kim Tian's** recovery from her skin problem
- **Sis Jasmine Lim's** recovery from her eye problem
- **Sis Sharon (Jurong COC)'s** recovery from her surgery
- **Sis Annie Cheong's husband's, bro Jose Cardoza's father's** health and salvation
- **Sis Susan Goh's** recovery from her fractured ribcage

### Expectant Mothers

- Cynthia Lee (Mar'17), Daryl Cheong (May'17)

### NSF

- Bro Gideon, bro Joel Lee, bro Kevin

## MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		29 Jan 2017	5 Feb 2017	12 Feb 2017
<b>Song Leader</b>		Isaac Chua	Jeremy Kwan	Joel Lee
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Reuben Lim	Charlie Teo	Benjamin Tan
<b>Psalms Text</b>		Psa 18:37-50	Psa 19:1-14	Psa 20:1-9
<b>Preacher</b>		Ernest Lau	Kwan Tai Choom	Danny Poo
<b>Lord's Supper Text</b>		Isa 53:4-9	Mark 15:24-37	1 Cor 11:23-29
<b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>	Scripture Reader	Zachary Ling	Soo Kok Leong	David Chua
	Prayer: Bread	Chua Kian Hong	Victor Lee	Benjamin Kwan
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Wee Hooi Kok	Henry Chee	Kenneth Quek
	Prayer: Offering	Timothy Ng	Ong Jun Wei	Andy Lin
	Assistant	Melvin Tan	Titus Goh	Gideon Quek
Foundation Class		Arthur Yap	Justin Kwan	Kenneth Liong
<b>Announcer</b>		Benjamin Tan	Paul Lim	Jimmy Lau
<b>Greeters</b>		Lim Poh Im Shum Chee Ming	Ludina Carrido Susan Cheong	Wang Teng Pei Eunice Chua
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>		Ernest Lau	Reuben Lim	Ernest Lau
<b>Speaker</b>		Jerry Cheong	Benjamin Kwan	Alvin Lin
<b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b>		Alvin Lin	Ong Jun Wei	Lee Tian Seng
Thursday Midweek Service		2 Feb 2017	9 Feb 2017	16 Feb 2017
<b>Song Leader</b>		Andy Lin	Ernest Lau	Timothy Ng
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Kenneth Quek	Jimmy Lau	Jeshua Lin
<b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>		Benjamin Tan	Henry Leow	John Goh