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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 Michael Yeo

Deacons

Bro Benjamin Tan
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preacher

Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern



Organised by Senior Fellowship Committee

All are welcome!

MINI COFFEE WORKSHOP

7 Sep, Sat
10am-12nn
LAPCOC



Fellow Kidz

7 SEP, SAT
11AM - 5PM
SIS SARAH'S
HOUSE

BLK 201C
COMPASSVALE DRIVE
#14-547 S (543201)

ICE BREAKER GAMES

8 SEP, SUN
1.30PM - 3PM
LAPCOC

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SINGING

(COMBINED)
21 SEP, SAT
10AM - 3PM
LAPCOC





Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

1Th 1:3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.

There are many believers, but not all are disciples. There are three things that characterises a true disciple of Christ. A true disciple has:

1. Work of Faith.
2. Labour of Love.
3. Patience of Hope

“Faith is the commencement of the spiritual life, love its progress and continuance, and hope its completion. Faith is seen by its works; love, by its self-denying exertions; and hope, by its patience and endurance,” (Pulpit Comm).

1. Work of Faith.

Works don't save, but saved men and women work! Works of faith are works which result from faith. A living faith works: **“Show me thy faith by thy works,”** (James 2:18). It is hard to comprehend why a Christian would not want to serve his Lord. A true disciple is one who wants to serve His Master.

The Christians at Thessalonica manifested their faith by their works: **“show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works”** (Jas 2:18).

2. Labour of Love.

“Labour of love” is the labour that loves prompts. It is labour that is motivated by love. It is work done from a heart that is filled with love. When you are in love with a person, you will do anything for that person. Yet, why is there some who profess to love the Lord but are unwilling to do anything for Him? **“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”** (Luke 6:46).

We see that nothing was too much trouble to those in the church at Thessalonica. They loved the Lord and they would not stop demonstrating their love for Him. Their love for the Lord could be seen by their labour of love for the brethren.

Labour of love could be seen by the love for the brethren. We serve God by serving one another: **“by love serve one another”** (Gal 5:13). The Christians at Thessalonica would gladly toil for others because of their love for them and for Christ. When others see them, they could exclaim, “How they loved one another!”

Can others see your love for God? Can they see your love for the brethren? Will you walk a second mile for a brother or a sister? Those who shun trouble for others love little. I am so glad we have many fine examples among us who show us that they love God. For example, those who teach bible classes, those who get the meeting place ready by putting the seats out, those who welcome people at the door of the church with a smile, those who are involved in the youth work and member care, those involved in outreach work, those who help bring the physically challenged brethren to worship and send them back, those who visit the sick, those who help count the collection, those who prepare the Lord’s Supper and many others. These are all labour of love done in Jesus’ name, by people who love the Lord and one another.

3. Patience of Hope

It was the hope of heaven that gave the Thessalonians the patience to endure and wait for the fulfilment of their hope. It was endurance that is inspired by hope. Ask anyone who has an earnest hope for something and you can see his patience. The farmer has to wait for months and endure a lot of hardship because he looks forward to the reward of harvest.

Likewise, we need patience as we continue to work and serve our Lord and one another. **“For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise”** (Heb 10:36).

Brethren, whatever we do, let us do it all for the glory of God. May we abound in our work of faith, labour of love and have the patience of hope. God be with you.



Preacher's exhortation

The Queen's Quest

By bro Ernest Lau

The word “quest” is not a word we use very often. A quest is a search for something noble and important. We may think of a knight’s quest to save the damsel in distress; or the quest to find the cure of cancer. In 1 Kings 10:1-9, we read of the quest of the queen of Sheba to discover the wisdom of king Solomon. She had heard tales of his wisdom and desired to find out if the tales were true. As we follow the queen on her quest, we will find some important learning points about wisdom.

The Purpose of Wisdom

It is interesting and important to note that when the queen heard of Solomon’s fame, it was a fame “concerning the name of the Lord” (v.1). It was obvious to all that the wisdom that Solomon had was not just any worldly wisdom; it was not about knowing many scientific facts and theories. This was a wisdom that relates to God, and a wisdom that came from God Himself. There is a difference between worldly wisdom and godly wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:18-20). The wisdom that we ought to seek after is godly wisdom, because that is the wisdom that is ultimately superior, and it is the wisdom that can give us purity, peace, and the fruit of righteousness (James 3:13-18).

Why do we want to have such a wisdom? It is not to show off to others how knowledgeable we are. The wisdom of Solomon was not for his own glory, but for the glory of God, and it was evident to all that Solomon’s wisdom came from God. The true purpose of wisdom is for God’s glory, and we are reminded that as we preach the gospel, we are not preaching ourselves, but God (2 Corinthians 4:5).

The Proving of Wisdom

After hearing the tales of Solomon’s wisdom, the queen came to prove him with hard questions (v.1). We can only imagine what questions the queen had asked king Solomon. Perhaps about the meaning of life? Life after death? Ethics? Today, there may be those

who will test us with difficult questions also. Some will ask foolish and insincere questions: these we ought to avoid (2 Timothy 2:23). But some will ask genuine questions about our faith. Will we be prepared as Solomon was?

The answers to life's difficult questions can only be found in God: "*For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding*" (Proverbs 2:6). To obtain this wisdom from God, it begins with a fear and reverence for God (Proverbs 1:7). When we have set God apart in our hearts, then we can be ready when others test us with hard questions, and God expects us to be ready to give an answer and a defence of our faith when others ask us (1 Peter 3:15).

The Price of Wisdom

When the queen went to Jerusalem to prove king Solomon, she brought with her a great train of valuable items, including spices, gold, and precious stones (v.2). Why did she bring all these? She obviously regarded the wisdom of Solomon to be something of great value. She was willing to spend all these to hear of his wisdom. In this world, we appreciate and respect those who are well educated, and have obtained degrees and PhDs. We put a high value on education. Do we value spiritual education?

The wisdom of God is the one wisdom that can give us happiness, life and grace, and our greatest desire (Proverbs 3:13-24). The wisdom of God is the only wisdom that can give us salvation for our souls (2 Timothy 3:15). The apostles forsook everything to learn the words of Jesus (John 6:68). If we value God's wisdom, we need to ask God for it (James 1:5-8). We need to desire and continually meditate on God's word so that we can grow thereby (1 Peter 2:2).

The Propagation of Wisdom

After the queen had tested and seen the wisdom of Solomon, what was her response? She had initially not believed the tales, but when she saw it for herself, she realized that "*the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard*" (v.7). Likewise, others may have heard of us, but they may not have an accurate or full picture of who we are unless we show them.

This is a reminder that wisdom is meant to be heard. The Proverbs writer personified wisdom as a lady who is calling out to everyone to embrace her (Proverbs 8:1-4). Wisdom is not something that we keep to ourselves, but we are meant to share it. Of course there will be those who will not be interested to hear. However, there will be those, who like the queen of Sheba, will pay a high price to hear it. God has given Christians the responsibility to go out and spread the gospel, and impart God's wisdom to the whole world, that all can hear and be saved (Matthew 28:19-20).

The Queen of Sheba was on a quest to find out the wisdom of God. She came sceptical and unbelieving, but she left happy and fully satisfied. Will you follow on the same quest to obtain God's wisdom? It is more valuable than anything else on this earth: it can save you, and give you access to great Heavenly riches. Let us not neglect to continue our daily quest to grow in God's wisdom, to ask God in prayer, to meditate on His word, and to share it with others.



Annual General Meeting

Date & Time: 1 Sep, Sun @ 12.30pm

The agenda is pinned on the noticeboard.

Travelling (Pray for safety)

Sis Eunice in France till 31 Aug.

Baby Joy

Our heartiest congratulations to **sis Olivia and her husband** over her pregnancy (baby boy!)
Please keep sis Olivia in prayers for her smooth pregnancy and safe delivery.

Guests last week

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| 1. Sis Jenny (<i>Lavender COC</i>) | 6. JQ (<i>sis Jaslyn's friend</i>) |
| 2. Bro Sheng Liang (<i>sis Annie Chee's brother</i>) | 7. Joycelin Tok (<i>bro Gideon's friend</i>) |
| 3. Sis Irene Kwek | 8. Glaiza Tolentino (<i>sis Stephanie's cousin</i>) |
| 4. Kenny Kee (<i>sis Debbie's husband</i>) | 9. Lay Lay (<i>sis Lydia's helper</i>) |
| 5. Gan Sok Ting (<i>bro Reuben's friend</i>) | 10. Sulis (<i>sis Baby's helper</i>) |
| | 11. Tan Kwang Han |



Blood Drive @ JCOC

Date & Time: **14 Sep @ 11am-5pm**

Venue: 120 Boon Lay Drive S(649924)

Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the hall by 8 Sep.

Tracting

Date & Time: **21 Sep @ 4.30pm**

More details will be published.

Evangelism Sunday

Date & Time: **29 Sep @ 9.30am**

Venue: LAPCOC

Topic: Do I Need to be Baptised?

Invite your family & friends to hear the gospel!

Announcer Training

Date & Time: **22 Sep @ 1.30pm**

Venue: LAPCOC

Trainer: Peter Chin

All men are invited to attend.

Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

September 2019

Sunday	1 Sep	8 Sep	15 Sep	22 Sep	29 Sep
Worship Sermon	Free Topics				Evangelism Sunday: Do I Need to be Baptized?
	Trent Kennedy	Low Chong Ping	Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau	Alvin Lin
Men's & Ladies Class	Woman in Adultery & Opposing Sin	Character Counts in Civil Rulers	Attitudes and Overcoming Temptation	Introduction and Outline to the Book of James	Living One's Faith Amid Trials
	Charlie Teo			Timothy Ng	
	Seow Hui	Annie Teo	Kim Tian		
Young Adult Class	Sermon on the Mount Benjamin Kwan				
Foundation Class	Christian Living - Roles in the Church Benjamin Tan & Ernest Lau				
Upper Primary Class	Good News For All	Spiritual Sacrifices	A Christian's Attitude	Good Citizens Obey	Steps to Unity
	Shu Fang				
Lower Primary Class	God is with His people	The King sends for Balaam	Balaam, Good or Evil?	The Israelites are Numbered	Moses shows Love for his People
	Peck Lian				
Nursery Class	Aquila and Priscilla	Lois and Eunice	Mary and Martha	Peter and John	Review
	Jasmine Kwan				
Cradle Roll	Creation Mary				
Thursday	5 Sep	12 Sep	19 Sep	26 Sep	
Adult Class	"Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet" (John 13:1-17)	"Jesus Prepares for His Betrayal" (John 13:18-38)	"I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:1-11)	"Seven Great and Precious Promises" (John 14:12-31)	
	Jimmy Lau				
Children Class	Solomon Becomes King; God's Promises to Solomon	Great Wisdom of Solomon; Queen of Sheba's Visit	Solomon's Temple Built for, and Dedicated to, God	Solomon's Proverbs about the Tongue	
Primary	Guek Hoon				
Nursery	Chee Ming				

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Thursday Bible Class
"The Rejection of Jesus"
 (John 12:37-50)
 by bro Ernest Lau

Birthdays this week
 30 Aug (Fri) – Sharyl
 31 Aug (Sat) – Suzanne

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Please send any news &
 prayer requests to
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Rezoning

We are presently in the process of applying to have our premises rezoned for worship. Please pray for the success of this project!

Overseas

- **Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Jeshua** in Switzerland (till 27 Sep) and UK (till 30 Apr'20)

Health

- **Bro Philip Vanwinkle's, sis Suan Kiang's & sis Linda's** health
- **Bro Wee Sin's** recovery from surgery for his right shoulder tendon
- **Sis Shu Fang's father's** recovery from angiogram
- **Bro David Sum's father's** recovery from spine surgery
- The health of **Justina** (sister-in-law of sis Tuan Sang)

Pregnancy

- Sis Olivia (Dec/Jan)

NSF

- Bro Titus, bro Shawn, bro Zachary

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		25-Aug-19	1-Sep-19	8-Sep-19
Song Leader		Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau
Opening Prayer Leader		Michael Yeo	Timothy Ng	Peter Chin
Preacher		Ernest Lau	Trent Kennedy	Low Chong Ping
Lord's Supper Text		Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Shawn Wong	Axel Chee	Gordon Loo
	Prayer: Bread	Dave Tapiru	Yew Tian Geng	Soo Kok Leong
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Ling Leong Dak	James Mira	Lau Jeng Sang
	Prayer: Offering	Alvin Chan	Henry Chee	Reuben Lim
Assistant		Melvin Tan	Alvin Foo	Ng Wei Jie
Announcer		Jimmy Lau	Charlie Teo	Ernest Lau
Greeters		Jonalyn Balagot Ludina Carrido	Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Shum Chee Ming Lim Poh Im
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Jimmy Lau	Ernest Lau	Benjamin Kwan
Speaker		Farand Lim	Martyn Gostelow	Alvin Lin
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Ling Leong Dak	Benjamin Tan	Nicodemus Oey
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			29-Aug-19	5-Sep-19
Opening Prayer Leader			Peter Chin	Reuben Lim
Teacher			Kenneth Quek	Dave Tapiru
Closing Prayer Leader			Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau
			Ong Jun Wei	Charlie Teo