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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

**Whosoever therefore shall
confess me before men,
him will I confess also
BEFORE MY FATHER
WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.**

MATTHEW 10:32



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

2Ki 5:3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

I just love to talk about this maid that Naaman, the captain of the Syrian army, had. Those were the few words she uttered and the Holy Spirit reckoned they were important enough to be recorded for all mankind. Those words tell us a lot about this maid.

The first thing we know about her is that she was a captive from the land of Israel. She was a young Hebrew girl in a foreign land. She was not a guest but a prisoner. It was even probable that her parents were killed by the Syrians and she was forcibly taken from them. Can you imagine how bewildered, frightened and tearful this lone and sorrowful figure must have been when Naaman brought her to his house?

If you were in her position, what would you be thinking? Revenge and escape, of course. Who would want to serve the enemy? None! What will be your top priority? Freedom! How will you feel if your captor is sick with leprosy? With pleasure! You will be glad. You will think it is retribution for all the evil the enemy has done. Would you care to help him?

But this maid was no ordinary person. She showed no bitterness and resentment towards her master. She did not rejoice that her enemy had fallen sick with a dreadful disease. Instead, she showed love and concern. She offered her help.

This little Hebrew girl came from a Hebrew family. She knew Jehovah. Now, brought to live among idolaters, she clung to her own faith in the living God and sought to share her knowledge of Him with others. Her love for God inspired her to love her masters and to win her way into their affection and confidence. She never hid her

light under a bushel. Although only a maid, this godly girl did not feel she was too unimportant to influence others.

Her example teaches us that one does not need to be high up to do great things for God. The twelve apostles of Jesus came from lowly background. But they were able to do great things because they believed in Jesus. This little Hebrew girl was just a lowly servant in a rich household. But she was able to use the little light that is in her to light up the house. **“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven”** (Matt 5:16).

This Hebrew slave didn't have a choice; she was a war victim. Yet, her changed environment did not cause her to change her attitude. She served her master with care and concern. As she dutifully waited upon Naaman's wife, and saw her grief for her husband, she said: **“Would God my Lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy”** (vs 3).

Because of her concern, her master was healed. And not only so, Naaman became a believer of Jehovah because of her (vs 17).

This little girl's faith humbles us. Are we using our positions in society to bring the gospel to those around us? Most of us wield greater influence and power in our hands than this little Hebrew servant. Are we using them to the glory of God? Are we letting our light shine before men? God can work great miracles with just a little bit of faith. The faith of this Hebrew girl made a great impact and change to a great household.

No position would seem more desolate than this defenceless Hebrew girl in the house of her proud captors. Her environment was changed overnight. But it did not change her attitude. It didn't change her character: she did not become bitter and revengeful. She was still that little sweet girl in the enemy's household.

We need to examine our work attitude. Few will say they love going to work. Some hate their work and it is written all over their faces. Their countenance and actions show they dislike their work. How can they bring the *glad tidings* of Christ to their colleagues with the *sad countenances* they are having? It goes without saying that only good workers, colleagues, and bosses will be effective in bringing the gospel to their workplaces.

Let us be like this little Hebrew servant who brought a little light to her workplace.



Teaching Others

Adapted from Gene Taylor

(<http://www.centervilleroad.com/articles/teaching.html>)

As a faithful member of the church, you need to be impressed with the great opportunity and responsibility you have to teach another person the word of truth that you have learned. God wants all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of truth (1 Timothy 2:4). How will that happen? Since it is by the preaching and teaching of the gospel, God's power unto salvation (Romans 1:16), that people are saved (1 Corinthians 1:21), Christ wants all of His disciples to be teaching it to others (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; 2 Timothy 2:2).

Why You Should Teach Others

You are a Christian. You have been created in Christ Jesus for good works (Titus 2:14). As a matter of fact, you are to be "zealous" for them. If you are not accomplishing any of them, of what value are you to the Lord? Every Christian is expected to bear fruit (John 15:1-6).

One of the greatest joys a Christian can have is that of teaching and converting another person (3 John 4).

You will be following the example of Jesus. He loved people (John 15:13). One of the ways He showed that great love was by personally teaching men and women the truth (Luke 19:10).

Christ commanded it in the great commission given in Matthew 28:18-20. Those who have been taught and baptized are, in turn, to teach others.

You will be following the example of the first century Christians who "went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). Not even persecution stopped them from reaching out to those in need of Christ.

You will be considered a faithful Christian because faithful children of God are to teach others (2 Timothy 2:2).

Self-preservation. Teaching others is vital to your growth and development as a child of God (Hebrews 5:12-14). By constantly teaching others you maintain an interest in spiritual things.

You can increase the teaching power of your local congregation. Though members might differ as to knowledge and/or ability, all should be actively teaching (1 Corinthians 12:12-27). At the present time, though, you may feel your knowledge is too limited and that you cannot possibly teach someone else. If you knew enough to become a Christian, you know enough to tell others what you did and why you did it.

It is the greatest work in the world -- saving a soul (Matthew 16:26). Nothing else you can do lasts forever. Your efforts in teaching others can have an eternal impact on their lives and yours.

Who Can You Teach?

Prospects abound. They are all around you every day. You need to heed the instruction Jesus gave to His disciples in John 4:35 and "lift up your eyes." Below is a very small list of some who need the gospel.

- Immediate family
- Relatives
- Neighbors
- Fellow-workers
- Fellow-students
- Members of clubs or other organizations of which you are a member
- Anyone who is not a Christian!

Conclusion

Every one of God's children should be willing to share the precious gospel with others. If the lost are going to hear the truth, they must hear from those who know it. Let each of us resolve to do our part and reach out to those who need us. Let us all be sowing the word of God.

WEEKLY NEWS



Guests Last Week

1. Bro John Grubb
(Chestnut Mountain COC, USA)
2. Sis Deborah Tan
(Tai Peng COC, Malaysia)
3. Sis Wendy Goh
(Jurong COC, Singapore)
4. Bro Samuel Lim
(bro Poh Teng's son)
5. Sis Yeoh Swee Teen
(sis Swee Inn's sister)
6. Sis Lea De Castro
7. Leonard Chia (sis Peiyi's husband)
8. Kenny Kee (sis Debbie's husband)
9. Caroline Chew (sis Susan Goh's niece)
10. Gavin Cheah (bro Reuben's friend)
11. Gan Sok Teng (bro Reuben's friend)
12. Stephanie Senna (bro Martyn's friend)
13. May (Triston's aunt)

Curriculum Meeting

Date: 22 October 2017, Sunday

Time: 1.30pm

All class ICs are requested to attend the meeting and get ready your class curriculum for 2018.

Health

1. Please pray for **sis Doris's** speedy recovery from her operation.
2. Please pray for **sis Doreen's** recovery from shingles
3. Please pray for **sis Wenyu's maternal grandmother** who suffered a fall and fractured her hips.

Away

1. **Bro Jun Wei & sis Ser Ern** will be travelling to Korea from 17 Oct till 4 Nov.
2. **Sis Diana** in USA for work till 16 Oct
3. **Bro Chong Ping & sis Suan Kiang** in San Francisco till 18 Oct

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

4 November 2017, Saturday

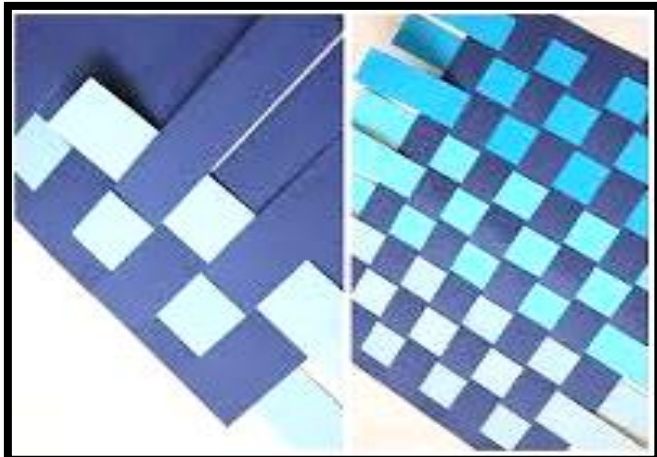
Senior Fellowship

Time: 10am – 12nn

Venue: LAP Church Building

Highlights: Making a paper weaving placemat

Please approach bro Alvin if you are interested to attend.



*Date*

Nov. 22-25, 2017 (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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23-25 Nov 2017, Thursday - Saturday**Gospel Meeting**

Time: 7.45pm – 9pm

Venue: LAP Church Building

Speaker: Bro Tim Hayes

Topics:

23 Nov (Thu) – *Do You Know God?*24 Nov (Fri) – *Do You Know The God of Hope?*25 Nov (Sat) – *Do You Know The God of Love?****Invite your family & friends to hear the gospel!***28-30 Nov 2017,Tuesday - Thursday**Vacation Bible School**

Time: 9am – 5pm

Venue: LAP Church Building

Age range: 4-9 years old

Theme: Prayer

Please sign up at<http://bit.do/2017VBS>***Please approach sis Ser Ern or
sis Sydney if you have any
queries.***18-21 Dec 2017, Monday - Thursday**30th Annual Youth Development Programme
(YDP)*****Venue:*** Port Dickson Golf & Country Resort***Age range:*** 12 - 23 years old***Theme:*** Life's Choices***Cost:*** RM 330***Please sign up at the noticeboard in the kitchen******or at*** <http://bit.ly/2017YDP>***For queries, please approach bro Alvin or contact
the organisers at
ydp2k17@gmail.com***

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

By bro James Andrew

Birthday of the week

16 Oct (Mon) – Jun Wei

17 Oct (Tue) – Alvin Foo

18 Oct (Wed) – Phoebe

20 Oct (Fri) –

Bee Hoon & Annie Lim



Please send any news &
prayer requests to
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong for work
- **Sis Joann** in Perth, Australia, for studies
- **Sis Farah** in London, UK, for studies
- **Bro Long Jun** in China

Health

- **Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Peiyi's & bro Ivan's** health
- **Bro Roberto's** recovery from his knee surgery
- **Bro Capi's mother's** health

NSF

- Bro Joel Lee, bro Kevin, bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		15 Oct 2017	22 Oct 2017	29 Oct 2017
Song Leader		Amos Yang	Justin Kwan	Jonathan Yang
Opening Prayer Leader		Danny Poo	Low Chong Ping	Peter Chin
Psalms Text		Psa 43:1-5	Psa 44:1-8	Psa 44:9-17
Preacher		Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin	Lee Tian Seng
Lord's Supper Text		Mar 14:22-25	Matt 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Zachary Ling	Soo Kok Leong	Axel Chee
	Prayer: Bread	Farand Lim	Victor Lee	Chua Kian Hong
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Lau Jeng Sang	Wong Sek Hoong	Kenneth Quek
	Prayer: Offering	Alan Poon	Henry Leow	Kenneth Liong
	Assistant	Yew Tian Geng	Ng Wei Xiang	Gordon Loo
	Foundation Class	Wee Hooi Kok	Kenneth Liong	Benjamin Tan
Announcer		Benjamin Kwan	Lee Tian Seng	Timothy Ng
Greeters		Ludina Carrido Susan Cheong	Jeshua Lin Nicodemus Oey	Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Alvin Lin	Jimmy Lau	Ernest Lau
Speaker		Jimmy Lau	Jerry Cheong	Alvin Lin
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Henry Leow	Lee Tian Seng	Jerry Cheong
Thursday Midweek Service			19 Oct 2017	26 Oct 2017
Song Leader			Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin
Opening Prayer Leader			Alvin Lin	Low Chong Ping
Closing Prayer Leader			Danny Poo	Benjamin Tan