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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

Everyday
is God's way
of saying
ONE MORE TIME
Go, live life, make a
difference,
touch one's heart,
encourage one's mind,
inspire one's soul



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

2Ki 11:1 *Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal family.*

What kind of grandmother will kill her grandchildren? A very wicked one. Who was Athaliah?

She was the daughter of the wicked Israelite king Ahab and queen Jezebel (2 Chro 21:6). Like her mother Jezebel, she was a devoted follower of Baal and introduced his worship into the Southern kingdom, much like her mother had done in the Northern Kingdom (2 Chro 24:7). She married Jehoram, son of Jehoshaphat. Jehoram had a short reign of only eight years (2 Kgs 8:16). Upon his death, his son Ahaziah reigned in his place. He reigned for only one year (2 Kgs 8:26). She was her son's counsellor and caused him to do evil in the sight of the Lord (2 Chr. 22:2-4). He was killed by Jehu when he visited Joram, king of Israel (2 Kgs 9:27-28).

When Athaliah saw that her son Ahaziah was dead, "*she arose and destroyed all the seed royal.*" These innocents were her grandchildren. And she killed them and boldly seized the crown. No queen had ever reigned alone either in Israel or in Judah; she was the first woman with ambition. She reigned for six years in Judah.

The prophet Ezekiel said, "**Like mother, like daughter**" (Eze 16:44). Athaliah was the image of her mother Jezebel. Brought up at her wicked mother's feet in the palace of Jezebel, taught by the prophets of Baal, saw the murderous acts of her mother, it is not surprising that Athaliah turned out to be a wicked and evil woman just like her mother.

Jezebel was the daughter of the king of Sidon (1 Kgs 16:31). She had ambition. She married another king, king Ahab of Israel. Ahab was a weak king. Though Ahab was the king, it was Jezebel who ruled Israel. Not content with just having Israel, Jezebel

married her daughter to Jehoram, king of Judah. Jehoram was a weak king and so was his son Ahaziah. Athaliah was the one who was ruling Judah.

When her son was dead, in order to solidify her claim to the throne, she immediately put all of her grandchildren to death along with anyone who carried the bloodline of David. This was a wicked and evil woman who evidently grew tired of manipulating and controlling husbands, sons and kings, and so she decided to do away with them all together and just rule the Kingdom on her own. What a woman! What an ambition!

Athaliah is the spirit that attacks our generations. This woman Athaliah wanted all eyes upon her and she wanted the glory so badly she was willing to murder her own flesh and blood. This spirit of wanting power and get it by all means is not just found in men but also in women. Women can be every bit as power crazy, tyrannical, and cruel as men; and maybe even more so. Some men are evil because of the women behind them; we see it in Ahab and Ahaziah (1 Kgs 21:25; 2 Chron 22:3).

Women have great influence over their husbands and sons and can use that influence for great good or great evil. We see the evil influences of Jezebel and Athaliah on their husbands and sons. We see those two women would do anything to get whatever they wanted. We see their power hunger, ambitions, and their abilities to manipulate their husbands and sons to do evil.

Sisters, what kind of daughters are you bringing up? Are you a Jezebel yourself? Or, are you Sarah? When the apostle Peter remembered the holy women who trusted God and were submissive to their husbands, he quoted Sarah as the example and not Jezebel: **“For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well,”** (1 Pet 3:5-6).

Check your ambition. We live in a lust filled world. And one of the lusts is ambition, which is the lust for power. Some will get it any cost – murder, lies, sex, betrayal. Like Jezebel and Athaliah, they will do anything to get it. What are you teaching your daughters? A Jezebel will produce an Athaliah.

Let our Christian ladies be the worthy woman in Proverbs chapter 31. Read it once a month to remind yourself what kind of a woman the Lord wants you to be.

Memorise that chapter; it has only thirty-one verses. Be the godly woman that God created you to be.

Peter said that you are daughters of Sarah (1 Pet 3:6). You are not daughters of Jezebel. Therefore, learn from Sarah. Be the help-meet to your husband that God created you to be (Gen 2:18). **“The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life”** (Pro 31:11-12).



Sin Wears a Mask!

Adapted from Rodney Nulph

(<http://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2017/oct/page2.html#article2>)

“But exhort one another daily, while it is called To Day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end” (Hebrews 3:13-14). The exhortation and warning was given to Christians to remind us of the possibility of becoming “hardened” through the deceitfulness of sin. The word “deceit” means to “give a false impression, whether by statement, appearance, or influence.” Sin is altogether deceitful! It never parades itself in its true light. In fact, **sin wears a mask to fool its victims.**

Sin wears a mask of **beauty**. On the outside, sin is very attractive. Consider the serpent’s appeal to Eve, “...ye shall be as gods...” (Genesis 3:5b). That sounds great! Interestingly, the serpent also used an item that was apparently good to view, “And when the women saw that the tree was... pleasant to the eyes...” (Genesis 3:6b). This fruit, whatever it was, was attractive. It looked good and something that Eve desired. On the outside, it was beautiful, but inside its appearance was dreadful!

When was the last time this world has ever portrayed sin for its ugliness? Satan paints alcohol as cool and inviting, pornography as sexy and alluring, affairs as exciting and youthful, drugs as sophisticated and wise, and fornication as hip and happening. However, once the mask is removed, the real picture is horrible. Homeless people addicted to drugs and alcohol without a family, love or even the basic necessities of life. Once the mask of pornography is removed, one can clearly see a devoted wife who feels she must fit a certain “mold,” a husband whose mind is consumed with lust, a family whose faces remain red with shame and pain. Pornography starts at a very young age have sold their bodies to the devil and will never fully recover from that devastation! Beware, under the surface, sin is ugly!

Sin wears a mask of a **buddy**. If sin portrayed itself as two-faced or a “fair weather friend,” mankind would be much more aware of its real colors. However, sin confronts its victims with a “big hug” in a “great to meet you” kind of way! In fact, sin looks for the lonely to “befriend.” Again, consider Eve. When did the serpent approach her? Was it when Adam was present? Was it when she and her husband were busy tending the garden? The serpent came when Eve was alone and apparently idle! Consider Joseph. When did Potiphar’s wife attempt to seduce Joseph? “But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, **and none of the men of the house was inside**, that she caught him by his garment, saying, ‘Lie with me’” (Genesis 39:11-12). Sin “buddied” up to David when he was all alone (2 Samuel 11). Sin portrays itself as a buddy, but beware, it is not interested in anything but destruction!

Sin wears a mask of **bounty**. Satan wants to portray sin as a “big payday.” If you really want to succeed, then you must live it up is Satan’s motto. Sin promises to reap joy, happiness, youthfulness, excitement and peace. However, when one sows the seed of sin, sin’s fruit will surely be the harvest! “Be not deceived, God is mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” (Galatians 6:7). One can **never** reap apples from a peach seed. Neither can one ever reap joy and happiness from the seeds of sin.

Sin promises great things, but it always leaves its victims at a loss. In this world, sin will cost a person more than he or she can ever imagine, but even more expensive is the eternal price paid for indulging in sin! “But exhort one another daily, while it is called To Day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (Hebrews 3:13). **Beware, sin wears a mask!**

WEEKLY NEWS



Baby Joy!

Our heartiest congratulations to **sis Lydia** & her husband over her second pregnancy! Please keep sis Lydia in prayers for her smooth pregnancy and safe delivery.

Health

Please pray for the health and recovery of the following:

1. **Bro Ivan**, who has been discharged from the hospital and is now recuperating at home.
2. **Sis Kia Sang**, who had a successful trigger finger surgery.
3. **Lisa** (daughter of bro David Sum & sis Jenny), who underwent an MRI scan at KKH. The results of her scan will be known on 19 Dec.

Travel (Pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro Danny & sis Linda** in Taiwan till 12 Dec
2. **Sis Debbie & Kenny** in Europe till 19 Dec
3. **Sis Yuet Ming** in Japan for 2 weeks.
4. **Bro Peter Chin and sis Pooi Fun** in Malaysia till the end of the month.

Extraordinary General Meeting

Date: 17 December 2017, Sunday

Time: 12.15pm

Resolutions:

1. *To approve a sum of SGD7000 for the repair and waterproof treatment to concrete flat roof.*
2. *To approve a sum of SGD4000 for installing security cameras around the building.*

All bible class teachers, please end your classes at 12.10pm.

Guests Last Week

1. Bro Robbie & sis Judy Andrews (*Jurong Church of Christ*)
2. Sis Yeoh Swee Teen (*sis Swee Inn's sister*)
3. Peh Guang Rong (*sis Yan Ling's husband*)
4. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
5. Roland & Gwendoline Cheah (*bro Gavin's family*)
6. Jason Lam (*sis Sarah's friend*)
7. Chloe Neo (*sis Sydney's cousin*)
8. Shalen Manuel (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

Youth Fellowship/ Prayer Meeting

Date: 10 Dec, Sunday (**TODAY**)

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Venue: Church Building

*Come join us for the last youth
fellowship for 2017.*

*Let's set aside time to bond and pray
together, and thank God for His
blessings.*

30th Annual Youth Development Programme (YDP)

Dates: 18-21 Dec (Monday-Thursday)

Venue: Port Dickson Golf & Country Resort

Age range: 12 - 23 years old

Theme: Life's Choices

Cost: RM 330

*For all participants, please take note that there will
be a **short briefing on 17 Dec** in the Young Adults
classroom right after the Bible class.*



YOUTH COUNTDOWN

31 DECEMBER 2017 @ 8.30PM
LAP CHURCH BUILDING


Thanksgiving Day

1 JANUARY 2018, MONDAY
10 AM
LAP CHURCH BUILDING

Please submit your personal thanksgiving via

1. Hardcopy (Available at pulpit area)
2. Email to limahpincoc@gmail.com
3. Whatsapp to Ser Ern (9457 6057)

Kindly submit by 24 Dec'17, Sunday



NEWS

★★★★★★★★

Thursday Bible Class

2 Peter 1

by bro Peter Kwan

Birthday of the week

11 Dec (Mon) –

Kevin & Jeng Sang

12 Dec (Tue) – Pooi Fun

13 Dec (Wed) – Shu Fang &

Wei Xiang

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong for work
- **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
- **Sis Doris's** recovery from her surgery
- **Bro Capi's mother's** health
- **Sis Susan Goh's mother's, sis Jenny's mother's** health.
- **Sis Wenyu's grandmother's** recovery from her surgery.
- **Sis Diana's sister-in-law** recovery from her condition.

NSF

- Bro Kevin, bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict

Please send any news &
prayer requests to
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MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		10 Dec 2017	17 Dec 2017	24 Dec 2017
Song Leader		Kevin Lee	Ernest Lau	Amos Yang
Opening Prayer Leader		John Goh	Victor Lee	Charlie Teo
Psalms Text		Psa 48:1-14	Psa 49:1-9	Psa 49:10-20
Preacher		Timothy Ng	Kwan Tai Choom	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper Text		Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Shawn Wong	Axel Chee	Jeshua Lin
	Prayer: Bread	Nigel Poo	Henry Leow	Victor Lee
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Ling Leong Dak	Farand Lim	Kenneth Quek
	Prayer: Offering	Kenneth Liong	Ong Jun Wei	Alan Poon
	Assistant	Ng Wei Xiang	Zachary Ling	Jose Cardoza
Foundation Class		Lau Jeng Sang	Benjamin Tan	Arthur Yap
Announcer		Jimmy Lau	Amos Yang	Benjamin Kwan
Greeters		Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Constance Lau Wu Wenyu	Grace Ler Lois Chee
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Jimmy Lau	Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin
Speaker		Alvin Lin	Ong Jun Wei	Lee Tian Seng
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Jerry Cheong	Lee Tian Seng	Jerry Cheong
Thursday Midweek Service			14 Dec 2017	21 Dec 2017
Song Leader			Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin
Opening Prayer Leader			Kenneth Quek	Peter Chin
Closing Prayer Leader			Danny Poo	John Goh