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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

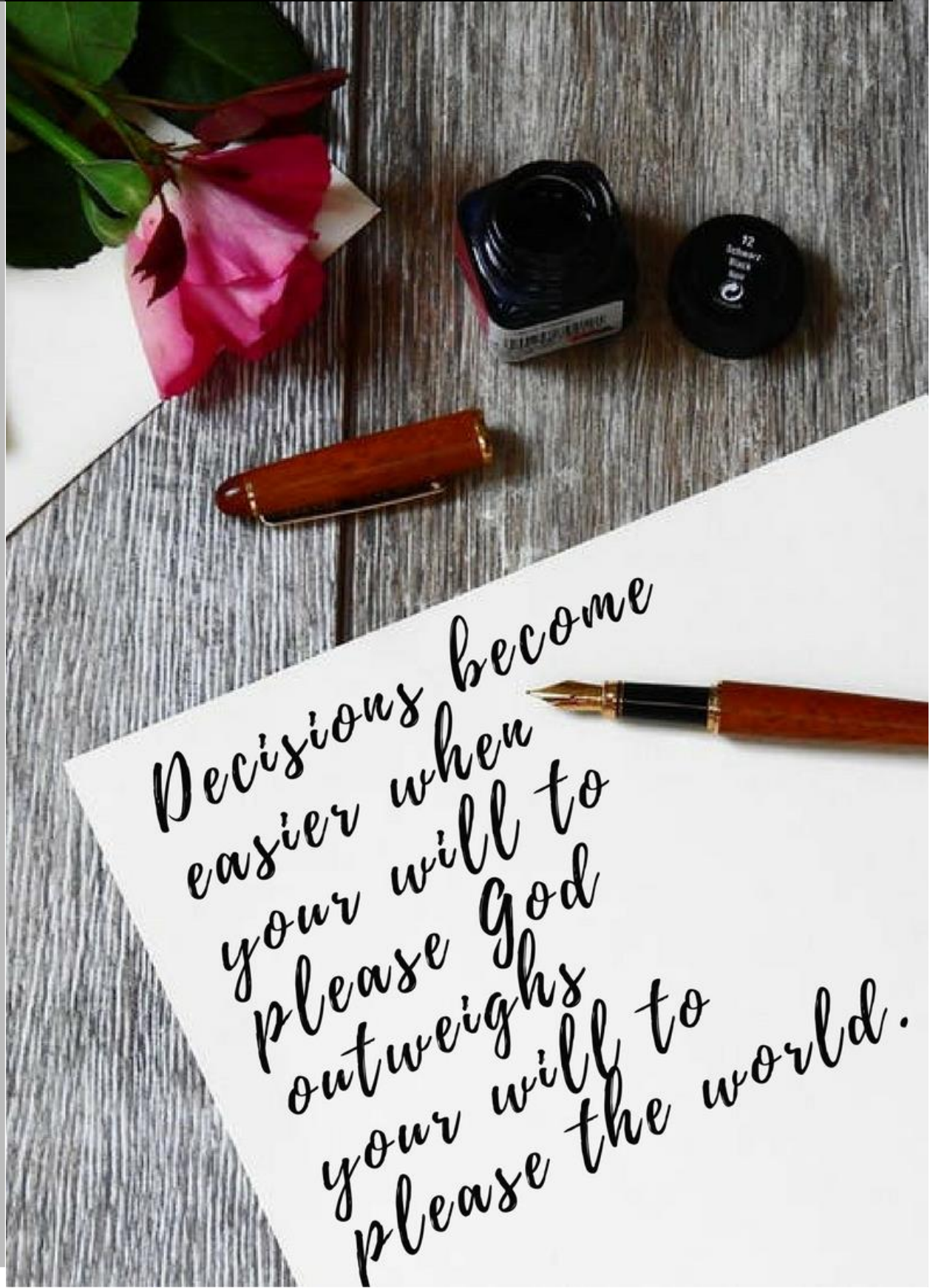
Bro Henry Leow
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preachers

Bro Alvin Lin
Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern



The Spiritual Bread of the day

by bro Jimmy Lau

1Ki 22:8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

Ahab suggested to Jehoshaphat that they joined forces to go to war with Syria. Jehoshaphat suggested that they should enquire of the word of the Lord concerning it. Ahab gathered his four hundred prophets of Baal. Those false prophets pretended to speak the word of God. They encouraged Ahab to go ahead and fight and the victory would be his. The pious Jehoshaphat wasn't quite convinced. He enquired if there was a prophet of Jehovah in Israel. Ahab replied there was one but he didn't like him and put him in prison. And the reason he did so was: **"I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil"** (vs 8). And sure enough, Micaiah, the prophet of Jehovah, prophesied that Ahab would suffer defeat and be killed in the battle. Ahab was devastated when he heard it. It only confirmed what he had expected coming out from the mouth of Micaiah.

We love flattering words. *"That was a good sermon."* *"The food was wonderful."* *"You look gorgeous."* When we have decided on a course of action, what we want to hear is approval and praises. Ahab had decided to attack Syria. The four hundred false prophets were men-pleasers. Of course, they knew the king's desire and went along with him. They sang his tune.

Micaiah was different. He spoke the truth. And the truth hurts. Who loves criticisms? Nobody! Even if we call it constructive criticism, many will still take it personally, reacting more with emotion than logic and allowing what others have said to hurt their self-esteem. Even if they consciously or subconsciously are willing to accept whatever the other person says as being truth, they are not about to love and embrace that person.

Ahab hated Micaiah because he never prophesied good concerning him but evil. And whose fault was it? Ahab did not think it was his own fault and so, he imprisoned the good prophet.

If someone said something which we dislike, do we regard him as a personal enemy? “I don’t like him; he never speaks good about me.” Sometimes, friends become enemies because they tell the truth about us. Paul asked the Christians at Galatia: **“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?”** (Gal 4:16).

Ahab hated Micaiah. Why? Because Micaiah told him his campaign against Syria would fail and he would die in the battle. It was against his own wish and plan. What he wanted to hear was agreement to his plan and not against opposition; it was foolish of him.

It is the same reason why many hated the gospel of Christ: they don’t like the message because it tells them they have sinned. They don’t like the message about hell and judgment. They don’t like the messages that tell them they are living in sin and need to repent. They love what they are doing and they cannot accept any disagreement. Many will find a church that will embrace their lifestyle and which says they have committed no sin.

I have made a few enemies through my preaching and writing. Some think I was writing about them in some of my articles and were offended by the sins which I made mention of and condemn. Some don’t agree with the sins that I made mention of in my articles and think I am forcing my opinions even when I quoted it out from the scripture. I become their enemy when what I have written was quoted from the word of God.

When we pick and choose what we like to hear, we don’t love the truth but ourselves. Remember Ahab lying dead on the floor of his chariot in a pool of his own blood? It was the result of someone who had rejected the truth. Ahab didn’t believe the truth; he believed in himself.

What will be the outcome of those who reject the truth? **“In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power”** (2 Thess 1:8-9).

As Ahab died because he chose to believe in himself than in the truth of God’s word, many will die for rejecting the truth. Many love sermons that say they are doing just fine and not those which condemn them. Do they love the truth or themselves?

This quote was attributed to St Augustine and he said it well: *“IF YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU LIKE IN THE GOSPELS, AND REJECT WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE, IT IS NOT THE GOSPEL YOU BELIEVE, BUT YOURSELF.”* Think about it.



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

The Importance of Mid-Week Bible Class Attendance

bro Jimmy Lau

For most of us, we would never consider letting our children miss school. We get them there, demand a thorough education and support the teachers by requiring homework to be completed and turned in. We would be worried if the teachers do not give homework to our children. But when it comes to spiritual education, many have a different opinion. Children are allowed to decide for themselves if they want to attend bible class. Parents aren't too concerned if their children miss a class or two and almost never encourage them to do their bible class homework. The parents themselves are giving mid-week bible classes a miss.

Everyone is tempted to do something other than go to mid-week bible study. If mid-week bible study is in your lower list of priorities, you can find a thousand and one excuses not to attend. Or you may want to participate in another activity, sometimes related to school or work, rather than assembling with the saints for bible study.

When God says, "**Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is**" (Heb. 10:25), is He referring only to Sunday worship and bible classes? There is nothing in the verse that says it refers to Sunday worship only. When a Christian forsakes the assembly, he is making a deliberate choice to stay away. He is telling God: I prefer to be somewhere else.

Top Ten Excuses Given By Those Who Do Not Attend Mid-Week Bible Study

1. **I do not get anything from it** - Have they put anything into it? They are self-serving. They look for returns without putting in an investment.
2. **The teacher is boring** - Well then, why don't YOU be the bible class teacher?
3. **The lessons are boring** - Are they here to learn God's words or to be entertained?
4. **I am busy** - Everyone is busy. Many busy Christians have managed to attend mid-week bible class.
5. **I am tired** - Me too; and that's why I choose to attend a spiritual feast to be recharged.
6. **I live far away** - Well; they took a plane for their vacation.

7. **My children have homework** – The most important homework for our children is the preparation for eternity.
8. **It's dark when I go home** – You mean they never venture out at night? The word of God will be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path (Psalm 119:105).

Whenever we are tempted to forsake the assembly, remember that Jesus died on the cross so that we could go to heaven. He forsook heaven so that we could go to heaven. If assembling with the saints was important enough for Jesus to die on the cross, it's important enough for us to do whatever is necessary to be there! We cannot go to heaven until we first assemble with the church (Heb 10:25).

When Christians start missing the assembly, it's the beginning of an end to come. Unless they repent and again become faithful in their attendance, they soon fall away. From my observations, strong Christians are faithful in their attendance, and weak Christians are lax.

Strong Christians are strong because they love to listen to the word of God. They are strong because they choose to be in faithful attendance in all worship and bible classes. They are like Mary who seized every opportunity to hear the word of God (Luke 10:39-42). Jesus said Mary had chosen the good part which shall not be taken from her. Mary had chosen to be on the side of eternity with Jesus than to be busy with the temporary things of this life.

Weak Christians are weak because they are not feeding themselves with the word of God: **“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby”** (1 Pet 2:2).

Therefore, weak Christians struggle in this life. They complain it is hard to live a Christian life. They have trouble deciding if God or their businesses come first. They even have trouble deciding on moral issues. Why?? It's because they have not made the right choice. If they had made up their minds to be on the side with Jesus, everything else becomes clear. The choice becomes simple – do the things that Christ would do.

Just think: If Jesus were here today; would He miss the mid-week bible class? I can guarantee you that Jesus would be at church if He were here today.

The scripture says: **“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another,”** (Heb 10:24-25a).

A Christian cannot encourage his brothers and sisters in Christ without being in their presence. Our attendance will encourage the bible class teacher and the Christians to

faith. Our attendance exhorts one another and conversely, our absence destroys another brother or sister's faith.

Attending mid-week bible class is about setting AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW. What kind of example is a Christian setting by missing bible class? He is telling the new converts that bible study is not important. He is telling the bible class teacher that he is not worth listening to. He is telling the elders he is not interested in the bible.

Reasons Why I Attend Mid-Week Bible Class:

1. Jesus would want me to be there. Heb 10:25
2. I want to set a good example. 1 Tim 4:12
3. I want to grow in faith and knowledge of the word of God. 1 Pet 2:2
4. I want to grow in my relationship with God. James 4:8
5. I want to help my children to grow in faith. Eph 6:4
6. I don't want to be a stumbling-block to a new Christian. Matt 18:6
7. I want to do the things that please God. Col 3:17

Think for a moment: what effect would your absence have on your family, other believers, new Christians, children and the youth of your church? Most of all, think about how this will affect you spiritually!



Away (Please pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro Nicodemus** in London, UK, for exams till 12 Sep
2. **Sis Farah** will be leaving on 13 Sep to further her studies in London for 4 years. We wish her well in her stay there, and as she serves the Lord with Stockwell COC. ***Her flight details: SQ318 Terminal 3 departing at 12.35pm.***
3. **Bro Jimmy & family** will be away in the Philippines from 15-22 Sep
4. **Bro Kevin** is on outfield trip till 18 Sep
5. **Sis Eunice** in London till 19 Sep.
6. **Bro Wei Xiang** in China for a 6-week internship till 14 Oct

Guests Last Week

1. Bro David & sis Carla McHenry
(Marrrtown Rd COC, USA)
2. Bro Samuel Lim & Alexis
(bro Poh Teng's family members)
3. Leonard Chia
(sis Peiyi's husband)
4. Peh Guang Rong
(sis Yan Ling's husband)
5. Kenny Kee
(sis Debbie's husband)
6. Chua Siang Yee
(sis Jasmine Yong's friend)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

10 Sept 2017, Sunday

Youth Fellowship

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Highlight: Discussion on 'Coping with sadness'

Venue: LAP Church Building

Please approach bro Benjamin Kwan for more information.

16 Sept 2017, Saturday

Evangelism Sunday Tracting

Time: 4.30pm

Meeting Point:

Blk 438 Hougang Ave 8 Singapore 530438
(Nearest to Buangkok MRT)



Join us in spreading the gospel around our neighbourhood!

16 Sept 2017, Saturday

Combined Youth Fellowship (with Jurong COC & Lavender COC)

Time: 9am – 12nn

Venue: Pulau Ubin

Highlights:

Amazing Race @ Pulau Ubin

Please meet at Changi point ferry terminal at 8.45 am. Sign up now at the Events Notice Board.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
PRESENTS



"I NEVER KNEW YOU"

Speaker: Ernest Lau

24 September 2017, Sunday |
9.30am | 20 Lim Ah Pin Road

28-30 Nov 2017,

Tuesday - Thursday

Vacation Bible School

Time: 9am – 5pm

Venue: LAP Church Building

Age range: 4-9 years old

Please sign up at <http://bit.do/2017VBS>

Please approach sis Ser Ern or sis Sydney if you have any queries.

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

The Christian Man & the Home

By bro David Chua

Birthday of the week

11 Sep (Mon) – Annie Chee

12 Sep (Tue) – Grace Ler

14 Sep (Thu) – Capi



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
- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Sis Swee Inn** in Canada

Health

- **Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Peiyi's & bro Ivan's** health
- **Bro Chee Beng's & sis Susan Ng's mother's** recovery
- **Lisa's (bro David Sum's daughter)** recovery from ACM
- **Bro Roberto's** recovery from his knee surgery

Expectant Mothers

- Sis Adeline (Oct)

NSF

- Bro Joel Lee, bro Kevin, bro Wei Jie

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		10 Sep 2017	17 Sep 2017	24 Sep 2017
Song Leader		Joel Lee	Jonathan Yang	Isaac Chua
Opening Prayer Leader		Victor Lee	Jerry Cheong	Reuben Lim
Psalms Text		Psa 39:1-13	Psa 40:1-9	Psa 40:10-17
Preacher		Benjamin Tan	Lee Tian Seng	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper Text		Mar 14:22-25	Matt 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Cornelius Lee	Paul Lim	Shawn Wong
	Prayer: Bread	Charlie Teo	Nigel Poo	Wong Sek Hoong
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Ling Leong Dak	Farand Lim	Danny Poo
	Prayer: Offering	Kenneth Liong	Joel Lee	Ong Jun Wei
	Assistant	Shawn Wong	Zachary Ling	Gordon Loo
Announcer		Jimmy Lau	Amos Yang	Benjamin Kwan
Greeters		Grace Ler Lois Chee	Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Jeshua Lin Nicodemus Oey
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Jimmy Lau	Alvin Lin	Ernest Lau
Speaker		Ernest Lau	Lee Tian Seng	Alvin Lin
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Amos Yang	Henry Leow	Lee Tian Seng
Thursday Midweek Service			14 Sep 2017	21 Sep 2017
Song Leader			Alvin Lin	Andy Lin
Opening Prayer Leader			Lee Tian Seng	Kenneth Quek
Closing Prayer Leader			Danny Poo	John Goh