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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 CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS

Reasons to Believe

11 – 13 APRIL 2018

7:45 PM – 9:00 PM

CONCORDE HOTEL

100 Orchard Road Singapore 238840

SPEAKER

JOHN MOORE

REASONS TO BELIEVE IN
THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

11 APRIL, WEDNESDAY,
7:45 PM

REASONS TO BELIEVE IN
JESUS AS THE SAVIOUR

12 APRIL, THURSDAY,
7:45 PM

REASONS TO BELIEVE IN
LIFE AFTER DEATH

13 APRIL, FRIDAY,
7:45 PM



Sermon outline

A DAY OF GOOD TIDINGS

Sermon outline by Alvin Lin

Text: 2Ki 7:9

I. THE SITUATION.

A. For the lepers (2Ki 6:24-25).

1. They were under siege.
2. They were suffering a great famine.
3. They were in deep poverty.

B. For us.

1. The world is under siege of sin (1Jo 5:19).
2. The world is suffering a great famine of God's Word (1Co 1:21).
3. The world is in deep spiritual poverty (Eph 2:12).

C. "If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee?" (2Ki 6:27).

1. God sent Jesus to die for us (Rom 3:25).
2. Jesus died to redeem us from sin (Tit 2:14).
3. The Holy Spirit revealed the plan of salvation to us (1Co 2:12).

II. THE SOLUTION.

A. For the lepers (2Ki 7:6-8).

1. The siege was lifted.
2. There was plenty of food.
3. There was much gold, silver, and clothing.

B. For us.

1. Christ has released us from the bondage of sin (Heb 2:15).
2. Christ has removed our hunger and thirst (Joh 6:35).
3. Christ has made us rich (2Co 8:9).

C. "Why sit we here until we die?" (2Ki 7:3).

1. We have to obey the "form of doctrine" (Rom 6:17).
2. We have to seek for "righteousness" (Mat 5:6).
3. We have to be "in Christ" (Eph 1:3).

III. THE SELECTION.

A. For the lepers (2Ki 7:9).

1. The lepers could have kept silent.
2. The lepers could have waited till morning.
3. The lepers could have informed the king's household immediately.

B. For us.

1. We can choose to keep silent (Eze 3:18).
2. We can choose to wait (Joh 4:35).
3. We can choose to act immediately (Act 9:20).

C. "We do not well." (2Ki 7:9).

1. There will be some who will reject the good news (2Ki 7:2).
2. There will be some who will ridicule the good news (2Ki 7:12).
3. There will be some who will receive the good news (2Ki 7:13).



The Value of Gospel Meetings

Adapted from David Dann

(http://www.knollwoodchurch.org/yr2012/d03_gospel_meetings.html)

The apostle Paul writes, *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes"* (Rom. 1:16). The gospel message is the power that God has decided to use to work on the hearts and lives of men and women in order to draw them to Himself. But in order for the gospel to do any good, it must be preached (10:13-14).

The book of Acts demonstrates that the gospel was preached to those who were already Christians, as well as to those who were not, by preachers who traveled to various places. The Scriptures describe various preachers traveling and preaching for various congregations for short periods of time in order to reach the lost and build up the saved with the gospel of Christ (Acts 14:21-22; 15:36, 40-41; 20:6-7). An incredible amount of good was accomplished through the efforts of these churches and preachers as the saving message was spread. Many local churches and preachers engage in something similar today. We commonly refer to these modern efforts as "gospel meetings."

It seems that many brethren have grown weary of "gospel meetings." Meetings are becoming shorter in length, less frequent in number, and are not as well attended as they used to be. Furthermore, for those that have not abandoned the practice of having gospel meetings altogether, there exists the danger of continuing to have meetings each year simply out of habit. In addition to these concerns, the question is sometimes raised as to whether or not there is really any value in having gospel meetings anymore. For these reasons, we would do well to give some much-needed consideration to the subject of gospel meetings.

What is the value of a gospel meeting?

1. The value of reaching the lost with the gospel of Christ. Jesus is the only hope of salvation for the sinner (John 14:6; 8:24). In fact, the apostle Paul states that the Lord will one day come *"in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on*

those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 1:8). In order for a lost sinner to obey the gospel he must first hear the gospel. Many of our religious friends regularly attend religious groups in which they hear the opinions and doctrines of men, rather than the gospel. They may never visit the services of a church that is serving as *"the pillar and ground of the truth"* (1 Tim. 3:15) in their community on a Sunday morning due to obligations already in place. But they may be willing to come visit one of our services during a gospel meeting, since the gospel meeting presents opportunities in addition to our normal meeting times on Sunday. There are people all around us who are in dire need of hearing the gospel and, contrary to what many seem to believe, lost sinners do still attend gospel meetings when invited by members of the church. A gospel meeting is used as a valuable tool for evangelism when the lost are invited to hear the good news.

2. The value of spending more time together worshipping God. It is obvious that the early disciples of Christ spent as much time as possible together praising the Lord and studying His word (Acts 2:42, 46-47). Gospel meetings provide an opportunity to take time out of our busy schedules in order to spend some more time worshipping God and studying His word together. Are you interesting in doing that? Gospel meetings provide those who have a sincere interest in spiritual things with a great opportunity to meet together more often in order to glorify God. Time spent stirring one another up to *"love and good works"* is valuable time (Heb. 10:24).

3. The value of edifying the members of the church. One of the primary responsibilities of each local church is to edify, or build up its members (Eph. 4:14-16; cf. 1 Cor. 14:26). Each local church of Christ is responsible for seeing to it that each of its members is built up and strengthened spiritually. Edification takes place when we worship together in spirit and truth and study God's word together. Gospel meetings provide a great opportunity for edification as the members of the church gather each night to sing, pray, and listen to God's word being taught. Those who are bored with gospel meetings, or who ignore gospel meetings are sure to discourage their brothers and sisters in Christ. Any time spent in the interest of edifying the saints is time that is spent in a valuable pursuit.

4. The value of learning and growing. The apostle Peter charges God's people with the responsibility to *"grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (2 Pet. 3:18). A gospel meeting provides a great opportunity for the local church to hear a faithful man preach the word of God. While we may have the opportunity to hear eight or ten sermons in an average month, a gospel meeting may present the opportunity to hear that many lessons over the course of only one week. Do not forget that *"faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"* (Rom. 10:17). What value can be placed upon an opportunity to learn and grow by hearing the word of God proclaimed?

5. The value of putting spiritual things ahead of worldly matters. Jesus expects those who follow Him to seek the kingdom of God first in life (Matt. 6:33). A gospel meeting provides a unique opportunity to focus on spiritual matters and to put the kingdom of God ahead of other things. In many ways, a gospel meeting also exposes one's priorities in life. We will prepare for social occasions, weddings, fun events, and holidays and circle them on our calendars so that we will be sure to set time aside for them even if it means booking time off of work. How many of us place the same emphasis on setting time aside to attend a gospel meeting? There is inestimable value in laying aside worldly matters in order to focus on things of eternal importance.

Conclusion: Gospel meetings are certainly not the only method by which the local church may seek to reach the lost and edify the saved. But at the same time, gospel meetings can be used as a very effective tool in accomplishing the Lord's work once we recognize the potential value of such concentrated efforts to *"proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light"* (1 Pet. 2:9). Don't give up on gospel meetings!



Combined Gospel Meeting Briefing

Date: 8 April, Sunday (**TODAY**)

Time: 12.30pm

Venue: Church building (Hall)

All servers and receptionists are requested to attend this short briefing after Bible Class.

Reminder

Please note that there will be no midweek Bible at the church building during the Gospel Meeting on 12 April.

Health

Please pray for the health of:

1. **Sis Molly** who will be going for a surgery regarding her ovarian cancer on 11 Apr
2. **Sis Sarah Ho's grandmother** from her bladder operation.

Business Meeting Result

Resolution: To approve the proposed budget for FY2018/2019

Total 94 voters

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>93</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>

Therefore, the proposed budget for FY2018/2019 is approved.

Travels (Please pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Sis Susan Ng** will be travelling to Korea from 14-21 Apr
2. **Sis Mergie** in Philippines till 20 Apr
3. **Bro Shawn** away in Europe till 25 Apr

Guests last week

1. Sis Yeoh Swee Teen (*Canada*)
2. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
3. Jason Lam (*sis Sarah's fiancé*)
4. Shalen Manuel (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)
5. Triston
6. Narette Cuplang

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

Youth Fellowship

Date: 8 April, Sunday (TODAY)

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Venue: Church building (Hall)

Topic: Miracles

Ever wondered what purpose miracles served in the past? Do miracles still exist today? Why do some believe miracles still exist?

Join us for a discussion on this topic. All are welcome, young or old.

Men & Ladies Workshop

Date: 14 April, Saturday

Time: 10am – 3pm

Venue: Jurong church building

Program

10am – 12pm (bro John Moore):

Teacher training workshop (men & ladies)

1pm – 3pm (bro John Moore):

Teacher training workshop (men)

1pm – 3pm (sis Carla Moore):

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World (ladies)



SPECIAL SERIES OF STUDIES ON:

“THE BOOK OF REVELATION”

April 23 & 24 (9.30am – 2.30pm)

April 25 (9.30am – 11.30am)

“BIBLICAL GUIDANCE & AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN COUNSELING”

April 25 (11.30am – 2.30pm)

April 26 & 27 (9.30am – 2.30pm)



Speaker:
John Moore

A native of Dripping Springs, Texas, John has served as an evangelist, teacher, preacher and minister of the gospel for over 30 years. He and his wife, Carla are working with Bear Valley Bible Institute International, and serve as the Directors of Bible Land Passages Project, a ministry dedicated to training preachers, defending the faith, and guiding souls to Jesus.

John also serves on the advisory board of World Video Bible School and he is the narrator and author of both the book and video, “Searching for Truth” and the narrator and instructor of “Learning To Use The Greek New Testament” — a thorough study of New Testament Greek presented in 35 lessons on 13 DVDs. Since 1986, he has preached in gospel meetings in over 18 states, and has conducted or participated in yearly campaigns in various foreign countries including Jamaica, Tobago, Malaysia and Singapore.

Date: April 23 – 27, 2018 (Mon-Fri)

Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm

Venue: Lecture Hall, Four Seas College

To register:



admin@fourseas.edu.sg



62618507/91062794 by April 13, 2018.

‘Living Well with Diabetes’ Seminar

Date: 21 April, Saturday

Time: 9am – 12pm

Venue: Church Building (Hall)

Topics: Screening & prevention of diabetes, Advice on how to better control & Take charge of our diabetes

Register at <http://bit.do/hf18> or email your name & contact to lapcoc.health@gmail.com

Family Camp 2018

Date: 4 – 7 June, Monday - Thursday

Venue: Berjaya Waterfront Hotel

Theme: *Christians & Communications*

Cost:

\$190/adult

\$150/child with bed

\$90/child without bed

Please sign up on the events noticeboard in the hall by **6 May!**

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

Gospel Meeting @
Concorde Hotel

Birthday of the week

9 Apr (Mon) – Shuan Kwee

10 Apr (Tue) – Kok Leong

11 Apr (Wed) – Poh Teng

13 Apr (Fri) –

Jerry & Sau Ching

14 Apr (Sat) – Peter Chin,

Henry Chee & Jose Cardoza



Please send any news &
prayer requests to
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- *Sis Shuan Kwee* in Hong Kong
- *Sis Farah, bro Siang Yee, bro Gavin* in London, UK, for studies
- *Bro Long Jun* in China
- *Bro Nigel* in Dubai
- *Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris* in California, US

Health

- *Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's* health
- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Peiyi's & sis Molly's* health
- *Sis Molly's brother's* health
- *Bro Roberto's* migraine
- *Sis Doris'* recovery from her trigger finger surgery
- *Bro Capi's mother's* health
- *Sis Jenny's mother's, Sis Siew Siew's mother's, sis Shu Fang's mother's, sis Doris' mother's & sis Shermin's grandmother's* health
- *Lisa, bro David & sis Jenny's daughter,* from giddiness & headaches

Pregnancy

- Sis Lydia (Jun'18), sis Jasmine Chan (Jun'18), sis Debbie (Jun'18)

NSF

- Bro Kevin, bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		8-Apr-18	15-Apr-18	22-Apr-18
Song Leader		Jonathan Yang	Benjamin Kwan	Jeremy Kwan
Opening Prayer Leader		Low Chong Ping	Peter Chin	Danny Poo
Psalms Text		Psa 60:1-12	Psa 61:1-8	Psa 62:1-12
Preacher		Alvin Lin	John Moore	Michael Yeo
Lord's Supper Text		Mar 14:22-25	Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9
Lord's Supper Servers	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Nicodemus Oey	Marc Wee	Jeshua Lin
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Charlie Teo	Lim Poh Teng	Wong Sek Hoong
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Kenneth Quek	Paul Lim	Alvin Chan
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Timothy Ng	Alan Poon	Ong Jun Wei
	<i>Assistant</i>	Leonard Chia	Cornelius Lee	Gordon Loo
<i>Foundation Class</i>		Lau Jeng Sang	Justin Kwan	Benjamin Tan
Announcer		Ernest Lau	Lee Tian Seng	Benjamin Kwan
Greeters		Jessica Patete Maria Fu	Wang Teng Wee Teo Kim Tian	Malaphone Inthilath Lois Chee
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Jeremy Kwan	Jonathan Yang	Amos Yang
Speaker		Lee Tian Seng	Ernest Lau	Wong Sek Hoong
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Paul Lim	Ong Jun Wei	Alan Poon
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			Gospel Meeting	Jeshua Lin
Opening Prayer Leader				Lee Tian Seng
Closing Prayer Leader				Danny Poo