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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



*Be kindly affectioned  
one to another with  
brotherly*

**Love**

*in honour preferring  
one another*

*Romans 12:10*



# *Elder's exhortation*

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

***Jdg 1:3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.***

In a census recorded in Numbers 26, Judah with 76500 had the most fighting fit men above twenty one years old, and Simeon had the least with 22200. Yet, we see Judah forming a league with the Simeon to fight against the Canaanites. What are the lessons for us?

**1. CO-OPERATION** – They cooperated and worked together. It was a true spirit of brotherhood. Both might have failed had they acted alone. But unity is strength and their united effort ensured them victories in their encounters.

The same applies to Christian work. The church work cannot be done by a single person. If a church only has its preacher who is working, it is destined to fail. Paul wrote: ***“For we are labourers together with God,”*** (1 Cor 3:9). Paul worked with Barnabas, Silas, Mark, Epaphroditus and others. Every Christian is a living stone that builds up a spiritual house (1 Pet 2:5). A single stone is not a house. A stone by itself is useless. But when we gather the stones together, we can build a house. Likewise, much work will be done when brethren work together.

**2. UNITY** – Before Judah and Simeon could co-operate, they must first be united. They must share the same goal and interest.

*“It is an example to our brethren, and a witness before the world to the unity of God’s people. Spiritual men above all others should not first ask, “What is our right?” but, “What is our obligation, and how can we best illustrate the spirit of the Master?”* (Pulpit Comm).

Our Lord prayed for unity (John 17:21). The apostle Paul wrote: ***“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing,***

***and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment***” (1 Cor 1:10).

Barnes’ comment on 1 Cor 1:10: *“The church was to be regarded as one and indivisible, and not to be rent into different factions, and ranged under the banners of different leaders.”*

Let us always remember and practice Phil 2:2: ***“Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”***

**3. BEARING** – Judah was the strongest but he begged Simeon who was the least among all the tribes to join him in the war against the Canaanites. Why didn’t Judah engage Dan who had a much bigger army than Simeon? I can think of one good reason: Judah was helping Simeon.

Perhaps Judah saw that Simeon, being the weakest, would not be able to do it alone, and so he joined himself to Simeon to help him. It was brotherly love and affection. Brother Judah saw that Simeon needed help and he offered himself to him.

Paul exhorts: ***“We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves”*** (Rom 15:1).

Judah with his 76500 warriors had no problem defeating the Canaanites. But when he looked at his brother Simeon, he said, “This brother needs help.” So he said to Simeon: “Come with me into my lot, and then I will go with thee into thine.”

The scripture says that we are to bear one another’s burden (Gal 6:2). On this occasion Judah lost nothing, and Simeon secured a powerful ally to ensure success in his conquests. I love this exhortation from Paul: ***“Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others”*** (Phil 2:4).

Judah does not care about his rights; he cares about his obligations. And one of his obligations is to care for his weaker brother. He has brotherly love for his brethren. He shows us that the strong needs to bear the infirmities of the weak.

*“Lend a hand to help a brother who is struggling hard and true. Don’t forget that in the valley there is someone needing you.”*

Judah called on Simeon and they worked together in brotherly love and unity. Let us always remember the brotherly love we should have for one another: ***“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another”*** (Rom 12:10).

# From the Brotherhood



## What Will Build a Strong Church?

*Adapted from Maxie B. Boren*

*(<http://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2018/sep/page8.html>)*

Not sensationalism! Not gimmicks! Not more committees, mere programs or a “fun and games” emphasis! These things may be “right-on” for civic clubs, social clubs and country clubs, but not for the Lord’s church! What does it take to build a strong church? I believe with all my heart that the following things are essential!

- **Strong Bible preaching and teaching!** God’s Word, when it is disseminated plainly, forcefully, uncompromisingly and yet kindly, will **build up!** Paul said, “**I commend you unto God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up...**” (Acts 20:32).
- **Exemplary leadership!** Men who make themselves “**examples to the flock**” and who are careful in tending it (1 Peter 5:2-3) will build a strong church. To grow, the church must have quality leadership—men who know how to lead and will do so!
- **Christian living on the part of every member!** Unimpeachable conduct clearly evidenced in the lives of Christians will illuminate the way for many in the realm of darkness (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:15).
- **Congregational warmth and love!** The fellowship of the Lord’s church should be so sweet and precious that the whole community takes notice and observes, “See how they love each other!” Without this, a congregation will never be what God would have it to be!
- **Compassionate hearts!** The church of Christ needs to be known as the most tender-hearted bunch of people in all the world, ready and willing to help all, but especially those of the household of faith (Galatians 6:9-10).



- **Evangelistic fervor!** The emphasis of the early church was soul-winning! The church will grow when we cease not to “**teach and to preach Jesus as the Christ**” every day, wherever we have opportunity (Acts 5:42)!
- **An “I want to serve” attitude permeating the congregation!** People serving the Lord because they love Him, and they want to serve—and not out of a spirit of drudgery—will build a strong church.
- **An atmosphere of happiness, friendliness, cordiality and hospitality!** No stranger should ever come into the midst of the Lord’s church without being graciously greeted and welcomed by a happy, friendly membership! We must reach out to others and not just “visit” with friends only.

It is my conviction that these ingredients will build a strong church! I pray fervently that all eight points will become a reality in every congregation more than ever before!



October			
Tan-Ho Seow Hui	3	Lau-Tan Bee Hoon	20
Ng Chee Beng	6	Lim-Teo, Annie	20
Ling Xiwen, Zachary	10	Yeo-Peh Kwee Eng	20
Kwan Jing Jie, Benjamin	13	Hoe-Seo Hyea Sook	23
Ang Xin Yee, Tricia	14	Su Jieying, Charlene	23
Ong Jun Wei	16	Lau Theng Sang, Jimmy	25
Foo Wei Liang Alvin	17	Teo Aiting, Melissa	30
Wu Sining, Phoebe	18	Cao Peiyi	31



#### **Guests Last Week**

1. Sis Julia Ng (*Wahfu COC, Hong Kong*)
2. Sis Lee Yok Hoon (*Malacca COC, Malaysia*)
3. Bro Paul & sis Ivy Tan (*sis Baby's family*)
4. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
5. Shalen Manuel (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)
6. Emily Chong (*Cheshire Home*)

#### **Travelling (Pray for safety)**

1. **Bro Tian Geng** is travelling for work this morning till 14 Oct
2. **Sis Candice & sis Mary Ann** in Vietnam till tomorrow

### **Enlistment**

**Bro Shawn** will be enlisting to the army on 2 October, Tuesday. Please pray for his faith and safety while serving the nation.

### **Annual General Meeting 2018**

**Date:** 30 Sep, Sun (TODAY)

**Time:** 12.15pm (*All classes to end at 12.10pm*)

#### **Agenda:**

1. To receive and adopt the auditor's report and financial statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.
2. To approve the appointment of Messers Kreston David Yeung PAC (Public Accounting Corporation) as auditors for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.
3. To approve the removal of the following MC members:  
***Lee Tian Seng, Lim Keng Soon, Paul & Yang Shi Jie Amos***
4. To approve the appointment of the following men into the Management Committee:  
***Yeo Siew Wah (Michael), Ng Yi Peng Timothy & Ong Jun Wei***
5. To approve the removal of Lee Tian Seng & Peter Kwan from cheque signatories & approve **Kenneth Quek & Andy Lin** as new cheque signatories



### **Youth Homezone**

**Date:** 20 October, Sat

**Time:** 3 pm to 6 pm

**Venue:** Church building

**Activities:** Board games & pizza

*All youths are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!*

### **Fishers Of Men Graduation**

**Date:** 21 October, Sun

**Time:** 1pm

**Venue:** Church building

*The graduation ceremony is open to all. Please indicate your attendance on the sign up sheet by 14 Oct as lunch will be provided.*

### **Youth Development Programme**

**Date:** 17-20 December 2018

**Venue:** El Sanctuary, Melaka

**Theme:** Building Bridges

**Cost:** RM 285

*Please inform bro Alvin if you are interested to attend by 28 Oct.*

# Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

## October

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7 Oct</b>	<b>14 Oct</b>	<b>21 Oct</b>	<b>28 Oct</b>
<b>Worship Sermon</b>	Empowering the Christian Home			
	<b>Love</b> <i>Alvin Lin</i>	<b>Discipline</b> <i>Timothy Ng</i>	<b>Respect</b> <i>Peter Chin</i>	<b>Commitment</b> <i>Ernest Lau</i>
<b>Adult Class</b>	<b>Steps of Salvation</b> <i>Soo Kok Leong</i>			
<b>Young Adult Class</b>	<b>Church History</b> <i>Benjamin Kwan</i>			
<b>Foundation Class</b>	<b>Nehemiah and the force of a mourning spirit</b> <i>Alvin Lin</i>		<b>Elijah and the test of integrity</b> <i>Ernest Lau</i>	
<b>Upper Primary Class</b>	<b>The Queen Who Disobeyed The King</b>	<b>The Search For A New Queen</b>	<b>A Plot For Revenge</b>	<b>A Time For Prayer And Fasting</b>
	<i>Lois</i>			
<b>Lower Primary Class</b>	<b>Be unselfish</b>	<b>Be content</b>	<b>Be courageous</b>	<b>Be truthful</b>
	<i>Kia Sang</i>			
<b>Nursery Class</b>	<b>The Twelve Apostles</b>	<b>The Disciples Pick Grain On The Sabbath Day</b>	<b>Jesus Healed A Man's Hand</b>	<b>A Story About A Sower</b>
	<i>Constance</i>			
<b>Cradle Roll</b>	<b>Family</b> <i>Siew Siew</i>			
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4 Oct</b>	<b>11 Oct</b>	<b>18 Oct</b>	<b>25 Oct</b>
<b>Adult Class</b>	<b>Recognizing &amp; Finding Fulfillment For Our Basic Human Needs</b>	<b>Challenges To Fulfilling Our Needs / Physical Needs</b>	<b>The Need for Spirituality</b>	
	<i>Ong Jun Wei</i>		<i>Jimmy Lau</i>	
<b>Primary Class</b>	<b>By Putting On God's Armor</b>	<b>By Loving Your Neighbour as Yourself</b>	<b>By Choosing Good Companions</b>	<b>By Using Your Talents Wisely</b>
	<i>Sharyl</i>			
<b>Nursery Class</b>	<b>Lost Things</b>	<b>Parable of the Seeds and Soil</b>	<b>Workers in the Vineyard</b>	<b>Jesus Died for Our Sins</b>
	<i>Wai Kheng</i>			



**Thursday Bible Class**  
**Recognising & Finding**  
**fulfilment for our Basic**

**Human Needs**  
by bro Ong Jun Wei

**Birthday of the week**

30 Sep (Sun) – Amberlyn

3 Oct (Wed) – Seow Hui

6 Oct (Sat) – Chee Beng



Please send any news &  
prayer requests to  
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# PRAYER REQUESTS

**Overseas:**

- **Bro Kwan** in China
- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Kevin** in New York for studies
- **Bro Siang Yee** in UK for studies

**Health**

- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Molly's & bro Soon Heng's** health
- **Bro Martin's** recovery from stroke

**Pregnancy**

- Sis Stephanie (Dec'18), sis Christine (Apr'19)

**NSF**

- Bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict, bro Titus

## MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		30-Sep-18	7-Oct-18	14-Oct-18
Song Leader		Ernest Lau	Amos Yang	Ernest Lau
Opening Prayer Leader		Timothy Ng	Low Chong Ping	Michael Yeo
Psalms Text		Psa 76:1-12	Psa 77:1-10	Psa 77:11-20
Preacher		Jimmy Lau	Alvin Lin	Timothy Ng
Lord's Supper Text		Mar 14:22-25	Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Gideon Quek	Shawn Wong	Nicodemus Oei
	Prayer: Bread	Farand Lim	Andy Lin	Jeremy Kwan
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Alvin Chan	Reuben Lim	Kenneth Quek
	Prayer: Offering	Ong Jun Wei	Benjamin Tan	Alan Poon
	Assistant	Roberto Pascual	Ng Wei Xiang	Leonard Chia
Foundation Class		Lau Jeng Sang	Arthur Yap	Lau Jeng Sang
Announcer		Benjamin Kwan	Paul Lim	Jimmy Lau
Greeters		Grace Ler Lois Chee	Constance Lau Wu Wenyu	Lim Poh Im Shum Chee Ming
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Amos Yang	Jimmy Lau	Timothy Ng
Speaker		Hong Hai	Benjamin Tan	Jeshua Lin
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Henry Leow	Paul Lim	Alvin Lin
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			Alvin Lin	Benjamin Kwan
Opening Prayer Leader			Lee Tian Seng	Peter Chin
Closing Prayer Leader			Kenneth Quek	Jimmy Lau