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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 Michael Yeo

Deacons

Bro Benjamin Tan
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preacher

Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern

The Church of Christ Presents

Answers to Life's Greatest Questions

Topics :

28 Nov (Thu)
Who am I?
(Roger Campbell)

29 Nov (Fri)
Where Did I Come From?
(Jonathan Burns)

30 Nov (Sat)
Why Am I Here?
(Tim Hayes)

1 Dec (Sun)
Where Am I Going?
(Billy Bland)

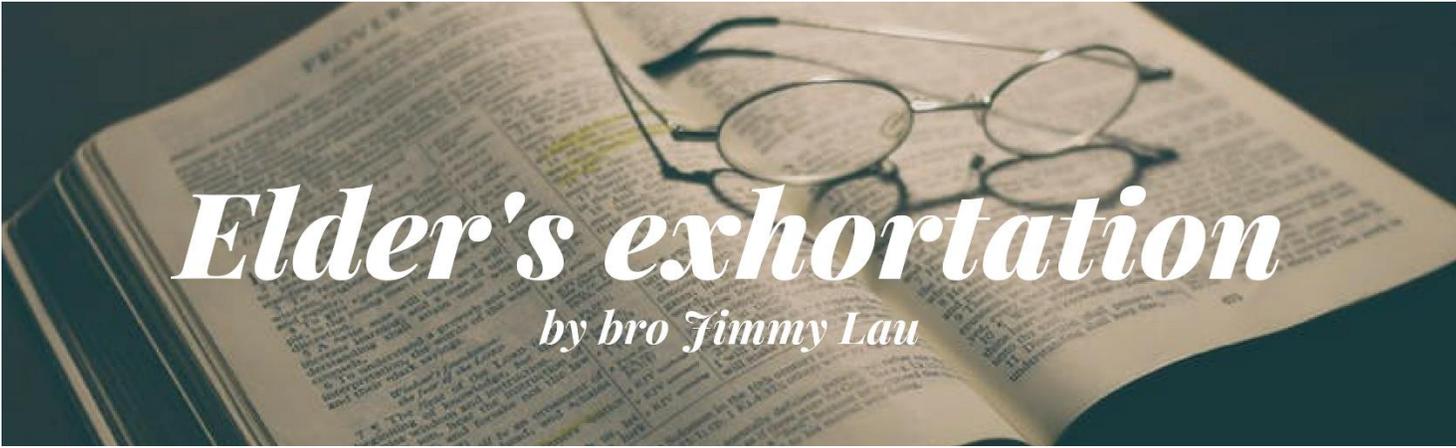


Venue : 20 Lim Ah Pin Road S(547839)

Date : 28 Nov - 1 Dec (Thu -Sun)

Time : 7:45pm (28-30 Nov)

9:30am (1 Dec)



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

2Th 2:15 *Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.*

What is a TRADITION?

The Dictionary.com has these definitions:

1. the handing down of statements, beliefs, legends, customs, information, etc., from generation to generation, especially by word of mouth or by practice: *a story that has come down to us by popular tradition.*
2. a long-established or inherited way of thinking or acting: *The rebellious students wanted to break with tradition.*
4. a continuing pattern of culture beliefs or practices.

To some, the word "tradition" sounds like a bad word. But there are good and bad traditions. Some traditions are worth preserving and observing. The Chinese tradition of paying respect to the elderly during Chinese New Year is a good tradition. The tea ceremony carried out in a Chinese wedding is another good tradition which is also a show of respect to the elderly family members and relatives. I am very sad when a younger generation finds it embarrassing to kneel in front of so many relatives in the tea ceremony and prefer to do it standing. It does not matter how much education you have received from the West; but follow the good traditions which differentiate you from the rest. Traditions keep a people together; they form its identity.

In the New Testament, the word "tradition" also has reference to that which has been passed down. There are traditions that are from God and those from men. It is clear that some things (doctrines, rituals) passed down by man are contrary to the Word of God, and should be forsaken (Mark 7:13). The fact that something is passed down from one time to another does not mean it must be forsaken. However, if it is contrary

to the Word of God (whether traditional or contemporary), it should be forsaken (Col. 2:8).

Paul makes reference to the traditions that are from God. He was referring to the teachings that the Christians at Thessalonica had received from him, whether orally or through writings. Those traditions were the inspired words taught by Christ from the inspired apostles and men. They became the doctrines of the early churches.

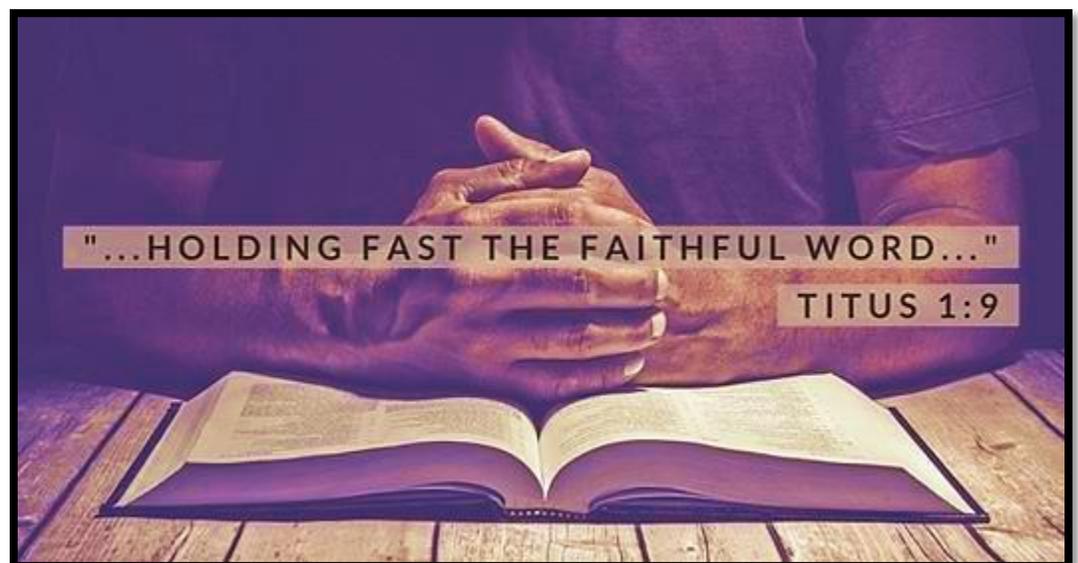
Most human traditions can be traced back to a particular time or source. We must be willing to let go of traditions that are only the philosophies or opinions of men. They serve no purpose except to draw men away from the worship of the true God (John 4:24; 2 John 9-11). They are men's ways of worshipping God and obtaining salvation. They belong to the devil. Paul said concerning their destiny: **That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness** (2 Thess 2:12).

But Paul encouraged the brethren at Thessalonica to "**stand fast and hold the traditions**" that were taught by the apostles. "Stand fast" means to be "stationary" (Strong's Definition). It means, "Do not move away" from the divine teachings. By standing fast in the teachings of God, the Bible, the identity of the church would be preserved.

Tradition is good as long as it can be backed up by scripture, but when it is not, let us be willing and eager to conform our practice and doctrine to God's word. Traditions that are based on the teachings of the Bible are to be protected and preserved. We are to seize or retain truths that have been imparted to us.

When tempted to relax our grip on God's Word, be reminded to "hold the traditions." Paul wrote to Titus: "**Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers**" (Titus 1:9).

Let us hold fast and never to move away from the teachings of the word of God.





THE WISE

by sis Poh Im

“Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.” Daniel 12:3

Does reading this verse make you want to be wise? For movie stars, I believe they yearn to hear themselves being described as “shining stars” because the word “shine” gives the impression of being outstanding. For those who love God, we will be delighted if our Lord describes us as “shining like the brightness of the firmament” or “shining like the stars forever and ever”.

Who are the wise? Paul, in writing to the Corinthians asked this question (1 Corinthians 1:20). Men have often thought themselves to be wise but have forgotten that the wisdom of the world is often at enmity with God. This is because earthly wisdom is demonic, sensual and cannot understand God (James 3:15). The wisdom in Proverbs has taught us not to be wise in our own eyes (Proverbs 3:7). The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom (Psalms 111:10) and life-giving wisdom can only come from above. God tells us that he who wins souls is wise (Proverbs 11:30). This is because when a man learns that his whole purpose in life here is in preparation for an eternity with his Creator, he will wisely make all effort to prepare both himself and his family and friends. Both sower and reaper will rejoice in the blessedness of eternity if they obey the wisdom of God.

As a soul winner, our main priority in life is reaching out to the spiritually lost and caring for our Christian family. This is wise because there is no purpose in life that is more noble than this. A wise man knows what is temporal and what is eternal and will set his priorities aright to achieve that which is eternal. His daily living, thoughts, preparations and planning will centre around and aim towards this goal. He plans

diligently for himself, his family and his friends to aim likewise, giving diligence to overcome whatever obstacles that may hinder him from reaching his final abode.

Knowing the corruption in the world, the wise man will guard himself in soul, spirit and body in order to avoid being complacent or falling back into the worldly standards of living. Meditating on God's wisdom found in His precepts and doing His will with gratitude will keep him focused on his aim in life. Paul told Timothy that the Holy Scriptures are able to make him wise unto salvation (1 Timothy 3:15). The parable of the wise and foolish virgins bring to mind the message of being prepared at all times (Matthew 25:1-13).

If we look at life seriously, we will realise that life on earth is a life of preparation. Christ has prepared a home for a prepared people, and those who live their lives wisely in readiness for eternity with God will be rewarded. When we allow our lives to drift in unpreparedness by procrastination, wrong priorities and worldly pursuits, we are unwise because we have been warned that eventually "both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10). What manner of persons then ought we to be in holy conduct and godliness?



Health

Please pray for **bro Roberto's son** who is diagnosed with kidney stones.

Travelling (Pray for safety)

1. **Bro Chong Ping & sis Suan Kiang** in San Francisco till 19 Oct
2. **Bro Kwan** away for mission work till 23 Oct

Enlisting

Bro Wei Xiang has enlisted to the army. Please pray for his faith and safety while serving the nation.

Guests last week

1. Bro Nimrod
2. Sis Julia Ng (*Wahfu COC, HK*)
3. Sis Midea (*Shanghai COC, China*)
4. Alexis Lim (bro Samuel's wife)
5. Bryan Chan (sis Chee Ming's son)
6. Glaiza Tolentino (*sis Stephanie's cousin*)
7. Lawrence & family (*sis Stephanie's friends*)
8. Joycelin Tok (*bro Gideon's friend*)
9. Gan Sok Ting (*bro Reuben's friend*)
10. Shang Loh (*sis Farah's friend*)
11. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia's helper*)
12. Sulis (*sis Baby's helper*)
13. Hampton
14. Tan Kwang Han

Major Examinations

Please pray for those taking major examinations ('O' & 'A' levels)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

Singing Fellowship

Date & Time: 13 October, Sun @ 1.30pm

Venue: LAPCOC

All are welcome to attend!

A time for sisters to gather
for fellowship and bonding.
Join us to eat, pray for each
other and love nature!

Eat Pray Love @ Botanic Garden

Date: 19 Oct 2019 Time: 4pm

**Meet at Botanic Gardens MRT exit B OR
Car park @ Jacob Ballas Children's Garden**

*Come prepared for a walk and some
light exercises, and bring along your
dinner and mat. Sign up with sis.
Eunice or Tingwei now!*

22 Lectures

• Q & A Forum

• Special classes for Men & Women

12th ANNUAL FOUR SEAS LECTURESHIP



Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow

Date

NOV 27 – 30, 2019 (Wed - Sat)

Daily Chapel (3rd Floor)

8.15 am - 8.45 am

Daily Lectures (2nd Floor)

9.00 am - 3.15 pm

Venue

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Vacation Bible School 2019 presents:

"I WILL DO IT!"

Taking the Initiative

3 - 5 December 2019 (Tuesday to Thursday)

9am to 5pm daily

Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ

20 Lim Ah Pin Road, Singapore 547839

(For children aged 4 - 12)



Please contact Daryl (9737 0441) or Ser Ern (9457 6057) to enquire. Registration closes on 1 October 2019.



Thursday Bible Class

"Love Versus Hate"

(John 15:9-27)

by bro Ernest Lau

Next Sunday's Sermon

"Dealing with Sin in

Our Family"

by bro Ernest Lau

Birthdays this week

6 Oct (Sun) – Chee Beng

10 Oct (Thu) – Zachary



Please send any news & prayer requests to limahpincoc@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rezoning

We are presently in the process of applying to have our premises rezoned for worship. Please pray for the success of this project!

Overseas

- **Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan, bro Jeshua** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong

Health

- **Sis Suan Kiang's & sis Linda's** health
- **Bro David Sum's father's** recovery from spine surgery
- **Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's** recovery from fractured ankle

Pregnancy

- Sis Olivia (Dec/Jan)

NSF

- Bro Titus, bro Shawn, bro Zachary, bro Wei Xiang

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		6-Oct-19	13-Oct-19	20-Oct-19
Song Leader		Benjamin Kwan	Jimmy Lau	Isaac Chua
Opening Prayer Leader		Kenneth Quek	Michael Yeo	Timothy Ng
Preacher		Peter Chin	Ernest Lau	Benjamin Tan
Lord's Supper Text		Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Gavin Cheah	Shawn Wong	Axel Chee
	Prayer: Bread	Soo Kok Leong	Alvin Chan	Wong Sek Hoong
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Melvin Tan	John Goh	Ling Leong Dak
	Prayer: Offering	Martyn Gostelow	Gordon Loo	Farand Lim
Announcer		Titus Goh	Ng Wei Jie	Yew Tian Geng
Greeters		Ernest Lau	Benjamin Tan	Jimmy Lau
		Jonalyn Balagot	Wang Tingwei	Shum Chee Ming
		Ludina Carrido	Teo Kim Tian	Lim Poh Im
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Jimmy Lau	Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau
Speaker		Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau	Kenneth Quek
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Gavin Cheah	Lim Poh Teng	Martyn Gostelow
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			10-Oct-19	17-Oct-19
Opening Prayer Leader			Peter Chin	Reuben Lim
Teacher			Kenneth Quek	Dave Tapiru
Closing Prayer Leader			Ernest Lau	Ernest Lau
			Gavin Cheah	Charlie Teo