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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



Craft your Recyclables

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Ice Breaker

get to know your fellow sisters

Art Activity

time to get your hands busy

Teatime & Presentation

showcase your final artwork while we munch away

Photo Taking

memory capturing before we part our ways

Date: 13th July 2019

Time: 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Venue: LAPCOC Auditorium

p.s. for ladies ONLY

bring some items from your home that you'd like to recycle

Join us for an afternoon filled with fun, food and
wonderful combined fellowship between LAPCOC & JCOC



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Rom 10:17 ***So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***

How is one saved? It is by the gospel. How does one come to know the gospel? Someone has to preach to him or bring the gospel to him. How does the gospel get into his heart? He has to hear the preaching of the gospel. What is the result of him hearing the gospel message? It produces faith.

"This saving faith which brings righteousness and salvation does not arise out of the mere act of hearing but out of what is heard, namely the gospel itself, which men are always made to hear." (Romans, Lenski Comm, page 667).

In the parable of the sower, Jesus said: **"The seed is the word of God"** (Luke 8:11). There is only one kind of preaching that produces true faith and it is the word of God. Today, men have been hearing the wrong things and as a result, place their faith on the wrong things. It is not that men do not want to hear, the problem is that they are not hearing the truth. False teachings cannot save anyone from hell fire. Only the word of God has the saving power: **"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth"** (Rom 1:16).

A Baptist preaching will only produce another Baptist. A Catholic preaching will produce another Catholic. But only the true preaching of the word of God will produce a Christian. Only the truth can give eternal life (John 6:68). Only the truth can set us free from condemnation (John 8:32).

The Jews had a zeal for God; there's no doubt about it. Paul said: **"For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge"** (Rom 10:2). The sad part is that their zeal was not according to knowledge. It means they had a misguided zeal.

It is the same for many today. It is not that they do not have zeal for God. They have, albeit, a misguided zeal. They are sincere, but sincerely wrong in their belief. They are not hearing the truth and as a result, have believed a lie. One cannot be saved by

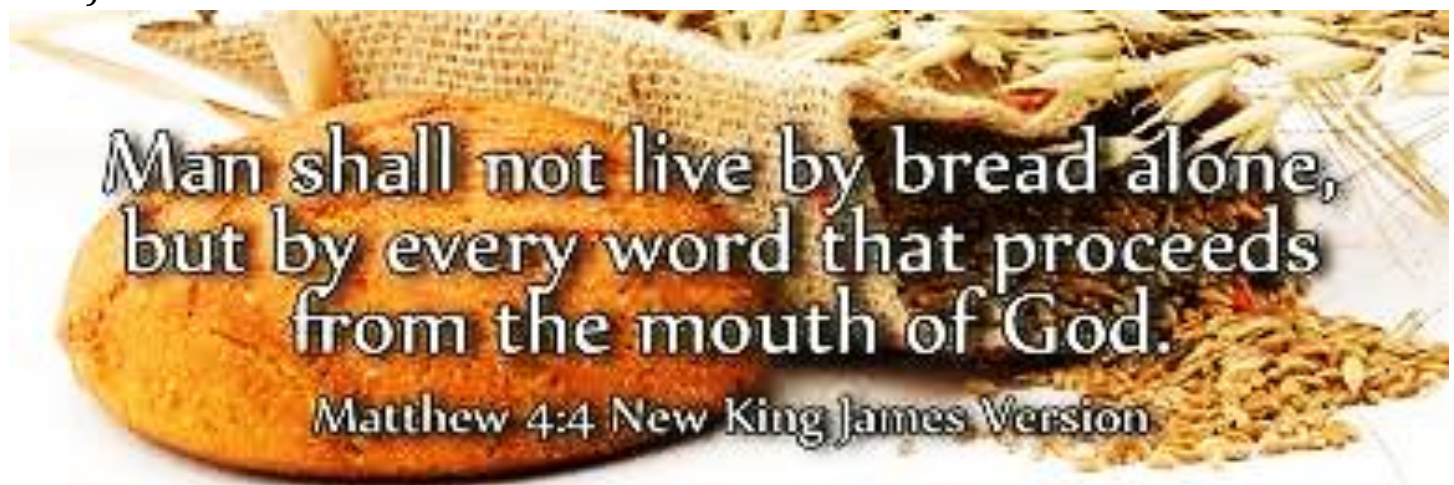
believing a false doctrine. The apostle John says those who believe in a false doctrine have no God (2 John 9-11). It means they are not saved.

Only the true preaching of the word of God will produce true faith. **“Faith comes by hearing the word of God”** (Rom 10:17).

The faith that saves is a faith that comes from hearing the word of God. A Baptist message will only produce a Baptist faith. And a Catholic message will produce a Catholic faith. But the word of God will produce a faithful Christian. **“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever”** (1 Pet 1:23).

The same gospel message that saves us is the same gospel message that will keep producing faith when we keep listening to it. **“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby”** (1 Pet 2:2).

The faith that comes by hearing the word of God applies to all Christians. **“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”** (Matt 4:4). The word of God should be our daily bread for spiritual growth (2 Pet 3:18).



If we want to grow in faith, we need the word of God. We need to meditate on the word of God: **“But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night”** (Psa 1:2). We also need to keep hearing the word of God (Rom 10:17). That means, we have to seize every opportunity to listen to the word of God. We have to be like Mary who chose to listen to Christ when He was in her house. She did not want to miss an opportunity to learn from the great teacher (Luke 10:38-39).

Bible classes are designed for us to grow in faith. Let us seize every opportunity to hear the word of God. We will grow in faith when we grow in our knowledge of the word of God (2 Pet 3:18).



Hymn #9

"A WONDERFUL SAVIOR"

"I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with My hand" (Exo. 33.22).

INTRO.: A song of joy that Christ is our Savior, based on the picture of God putting Moses in the cleft of the rock and covering him with His hand is "He Hideth My Soul" (#363 in "Hymns for Worship Revised" and #127 in "Sacred Selections for the Church"). The text was written by Fanny J. Crosby, who was born in a little cottage at Gayville in the community of Southeast, Putnam County, NY, on Mar. 24, 1820. At six weeks old she caught a cold, and when a country doctor mistakenly diagnosed her condition and prescribed a hot mustard poultice for her inflamed eyes, her eyes were scarred and she gradually lost her eyesight until she became blind at age five. However, at age eight, she produced her first poem. "Oh, what a happy child I am, Although I cannot see! I am resolved that in this world Contented I will be." She later said that she never held any resentment for that doctor and had resolved to leave all care to yesterday. On one occasion, as a young woman, she spoke before the United States Senate and moved many Senators to tears with the recital of one of her poems, proving that blind people can be educated if they have the proper training.

"He Hideth My Soul" was penned in 1890. At that time Fanny was living in a New York City apartment and attending the John St. Methodist Episcopal Church. She received a visit from hymn composer William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921). Many of his melodies are well-known, including one for another of Fanny's texts, "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It." He had just completed a new tune (Kirkpatrick) which he felt needed suitable words. When he played the melody for her, Fanny's face lit up, she knelt in prayer, and soon gave Kirkpatrick the lines of "He Hideth My Soul." It first appeared in "The Finest of the Wheat, No. 1," which Kirkpatrick compiled with George D. Elderkin, R. R. McCabe, and John Robson Sweney in 1890. The phrase, "Rivers of pleasure I see," illustrates Fanny's triumph over her blindness. During her lifetime, Fanny Crosby authored over 8,000 hymns before her death at age 95 in Bridgeport, CN, on Feb. 12, 1915. Most hymnbooks in this nation contain more hymns by her than any

other single author, and this hymn has been in almost every single songbook used among churches of Christ in the twentieth century.

The song suggests that Jesus is a Savior who gives us numberless blessings.

I. According to stanza 1, He is the source for rivers of pleasure

*"A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, A wonderful Savior to me;
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the Rock, Where rivers of pleasure I see."*

- A. Jesus came to be our Savior: Matt. 1.21
- B. As God hid Moses in the cleft of the rock, so He provides a refuge for our souls when our lives are hidden in Christ: Col. 3.3
- C. As a result, our lives can be filled with rivers of pleasure and we can rejoice in the Lord always: Phil. 4.4

II. According to stanza 2, He takes our burden away

*"A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, He taketh my burden away;
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved, He giveth me strength as my day."*

- A. The most important burden that He takes away is sin: Matt. 11.28-30; another burden or bondage that he removes is the fear of death: Heb. 2.14-15
- B. Having taken our burden away, He holds us up so that we need not be moved away from the hope of the gospel: Col. 1.23
- C. And he gives us the strength that we need: Col. 1.10-11

III. According to stanza 3, He fills us with His fulness divine

*"With numberless blessings each moment He crowns, And filled with His fulness divine,
I sing in my rapture, O glory to God, For such a Redeemer as mine."*

- A. This fulness divine entails all spiritual blessings in heavenly places: Eph. 1.3
- B. And these blessings include grace and truth by which we can be filled with God's fulness: Jn. 1.14-18
- C. Therefore, we can sing with rapture and give God glory for such a Redeemer: Col. 3.16

IV. According to stanza 4, He will transport us to meet Him

*"When clothed in His brightness, transported I rise To meet Him in clouds of the sky;
His perfect salvation, His wonderful love, I'll shout with the millions on high."*

- A. Someday, when He comes again, we shall be clothed in His brightness and transported to meet Him: 1 Thess. 4.16-17
- B. We shall meet Him in the clouds because He will come with the clouds just as He went into heaven: Acts 1.11
- C. Then we can shout eternally with the millions on high about His perfect salvation and His wonderful love: Rev. 1.5-6, 5.8-13

CONCL.: The chorus expresses the joy that the believer has because of all these blessings:

*"He hideth my soul in the cleft of the Rock That shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He hideth my life in the depths of His love, And covers me there with His hand."*

Indeed, why should not my heart be filled with overwhelming joy when I can be thankful to God that, whatever happens to me in this life, "He Hideth My Soul"?

Adapted



Guests last week

1. Sis Michell Loh (*Section 17 COC, Malaysia*)
2. Gan Sok Ting (*bro Reuben's friend*)
3. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
4. Gideon Law (*bro Timothy's friend*)
5. Gan Sok Ting (*bro Reuben's friend*)
6. Joycelin Tok (*bro Gideon's friend*)
7. Grace Tan (*bro Gavin's friend*)
8. Benedict Foo & Chan Wei Xin (*sis Siew Siew's friends*)
9. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)
10. Nimpha Pallasique
11. Roselyn Cardona

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

Singing Fellowship

Date & Time: **14 Jul, Sun @ 1.30pm-3pm**

Venue: **LAP Church Building**

Col 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Tracting

Date & Time: **20 Jul, Sat @ 4.30pm**

Meeting Point: **Blk 239 Hougang Street 22**



Bible Quiz

Date & Time: **9 Aug, Fri @ 10am**

Venue: **LAP Church Building**

Book: **John 1-11**

Lunch: Potluck

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Thursday Bible Class

"I AM the Door and I AM the Good Shepherd"

(John 10:1-21)

by bro Timothy Ng

Next Sunday Sermon

Being a Elder

by bro Andrew Chan

Birthdays this week

9 Jul (Tue) –

Swee Inn & Debbie

12 Jul (Fri) – Kim Tian & Lois

13 Jul (Sat) – Victor

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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 and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan, bro Siang Yee, sis Farah** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Jeshua** in Switzerland (till 27 Sep) and UK (till 30 Apr'20)

Health

- **Bro Philip Vanwinkle's, sis Suan Kiang's & sis Linda's** health
- **Bro Kian Hong's** recovery from his eye surgery
- **Bro Wee Sin's** recovery from surgery for his right shoulder tendon
- **Sis Shu Fang's father's** recovery from angiogram
- **Bro David Sum's father's** recovery from spine surgery
- The health of **Justina** (sister-in-law of sis Tuan Sang)

Pregnancy

- Sis Deborah (Aug'19)

NSF

- Bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict, bro Titus, bro Shawn, bro Zachary

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		7-Jul-19	14-Jul-19	21-Jul-19
Song Leader		Jeremy Kwan	Ernest Lau	Benedict Yo
Opening Prayer Leader		Peter Chin	Victor Lee	Low Chong Ping
Preacher		Paul Goh	Andrew Chan	Jerry Cheong
Lord's Supper Text		Mar 14:22-25	Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Nicodemus Oey	Titus Goh	Yew Tian Geng
	Prayer: Bread	James Mira	Wong Sek Hoong	Reuben Lim
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	John Goh	Lau Jeng Sang	Farand Lim
	Prayer: Offering	Isaac Chua	Gordon Loo	Henry Leow
Assistant		Roberto Pascual	Alvin Foo	Ng Wei Jie
Announcer		Benjamin Kwan	Charlie Teo	Timothy Ng
Greeters		Naomi Leow Christine Phang	Jonalyn Balagot Ludina Carrido	Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Benedict Yo	Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau
Speaker		Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin	Timothy Ng
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Benjamin Tan	Nicodemus Oey	Jerry Cheong
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			11-Jul-19	18-Jul-19
Opening Prayer Leader			Jimmy Lau	Peter Chin
Teacher			Henry Leow	Chua Kian Hong
Closing Prayer Leader			Timothy Ng	Timothy Ng
			Gavin Cheah	Yew Tian Geng