8 JULY 2018

# 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)

### **Elders**

Bro Jimmy Lau Bro Lee Tian Seng

# **Deacons**

Bro Henry Leow Bro Jerry Cheong

### **Preachers**

Bro Alvin Lin Bro Ernest Lau

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# CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS

# WHY IS THE BIBLE A "MUST-READ" BOOK?

Speaker: Lee Tian Seng 29 July 2018, Sunday | 9.30am | 20 Lim Ah Pin Road



# THREATS TO THE CHRISTIAN HOME – ATHEISM & HUMANISM

Sermon outline by bro Alvin Lin

Text: Rom 1:21-25

# I. **DEFINITION**

# A. Atheism

- 1. The doctrine or belief that there is no God (WordWeb).
- 2. The atheist believes that God does not exist.
- 3. We can know that God exists because of the evidence in nature (Rom 1:20).

### B. Humanism

- 1. The doctrine emphasizing a person's capacity for self-realization through reason; rejects religion and the supernatural (WordWeb).
- 2. The humanist believes that man is an authority unto himself.
- 3. We can know that man cannot be the standard of authority because man is imperfect (Pro 14:12).

# II. MOTIVATION

- A. Atheists believe that there is no God, while humanists believe that man is his own god.
- B. Man do not want to believe in a Supreme God, because he would then have to subject himself to a higher authority (Luk 6:46).

- C. Only by denying the existence of God, man can do as he wishes and indulge in the "lusts of [his] own [heart]" (Rom 1:18-32).
- D. Atheism and humanism are concerted efforts by man to escape any ultimate responsibility for his sins (Pro 30:20).

# III. IMPLICATION

# A. For the atheist

- 1. He would have to believe in the eternal existence of matter (Psa 102:26).
- 2. He would have to believe in the spontaneous generation of life from non-life (Gen 1:12,21,25).
- 3. He would have to believe that the order in nature is the result of luck (Heb 3:4).

# B. For the humanist

- 1. He would have to believe that man can only depend on himself.

  Humanist Manifesto II (Article 1, Religion): "While there is much that we do not know, humans are responsible for what we are or will become. No deity will save us; we must save ourselves."
- 2. He would have to believe that there is no hope beyond this life.

  Humanist Manifesto II (Article 2, Religion): "Promises of immortal salvation or fear of eternal damnation are both illusory and harmful.
- 3. He would have to believe that there is no right and wrong."

  Humanist Manifesto II (Article 3, Ethics): "We affirm that moral values derive their source from human experience. Ethics is autonomous and situational needing no theological or ideological sanction. Ethics stems from human need and interest."
- 4. He would have to believe that sexual promiscuity is fine.

  Humanist Manifesto II (Article 6, The Individual): "In the area of sexuality, we believe that intolerant attitudes, often cultivated by orthodox religions

and puritanical cultures, unduly repress sexual conduct. The right to birth control, abortion, and divorce should be recognized. While we do not approve of exploitive, denigrating forms of sexual expression, neither do we wish to prohibit, by law or social sanction, sexual behavior between consenting adults. The many varieties of sexual exploration should not in themselves be considered "evil." Without countenancing mindless permissiveness or unbridled promiscuity, a civilized society should be a tolerant one. Short of harming others or compelling them to do likewise, individuals should be permitted to express their sexual proclivities and pursue their lifestyles as they desire."

5. He would have to believe that life has no inherent value.

Humanist Manifesto II (Article 7, Democratic Society): "It also includes a recognition of an individual's right to die with dignity, euthanasia, and the right to suicide."

# **IV. DESTRUCTION**

- A. If man can only depend on himself, children would have no obligation to obey parents (c.f. Eph 6:1).
- B. If there is no hope beyond this life, fathers would have no duty to take care of their families (c.f. 1Ti 5:8).
- C. If there is no right and wrong, mothers would have no responsibility to train their children (c.f. Pro 22:6).
- D. If sexual promiscuity is fine, couples would have no motivation to keep the family together (c.f. Mat 19:6).
- E. If life has no inherent value, parents would have no qualms about aborting their children and children would have no qualms about euthanizing their parents (c.f. Gen 9:6).

# WEEKLY NEWS

# **Birth of baby Abigail!**



Our heartiest congratulations to **sis Debbie and Kenny** on the birth of their baby girl, Abigail Kee, on 3 July 2018. Please continue to pray for the health of both mother and child.

# **Health**

- 1. **Bro Jimmy's** recovery from the surgery to remove abscess from his foot
- 2. **Bro Soon Heng's** recovery from surgery to remove a tumour from his brain and subsequent chemo treatment

# <u>Travels</u> (Please pray for travelling mercies)

- 1. **Bro. Peter & sis. Pooi Fun** are worshipping with the brethren at Sabal Kruin, Sarawak this morning. Bro. Peter is preaching to the congregation in the Malay language
- 2. **Bro Tian Seng & bro Jong Wah** in Philippines till 16 Jul

# **Guest Last Week**

- 1. Sis Paige Stevenson (USA)
- 2. Sis Yeoh Swee Teen & family (Canada), Stephanie (bro Martyn's wife), Regina & Charyl (sis Swee Inn's helpers)
- 3. Bro Ullas & family (Jurong COC)
- 4. Kenny Kee (sis Debbie's husband)
- 5. Alexis (bro Samuel's wife)
- 6. Triston
- 7. Jonalyn F Poalaget

# **Youth Fellowship**

Date: 8 July, Sun Time: 1:30 to 3 pm Venue: LAPCOC

Agenda: What does God have to say about drinking

alcohol? Is social drinking acceptable?

Come and join us in a discussion on this topic.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

# **Evangelism Sunday Tracting**

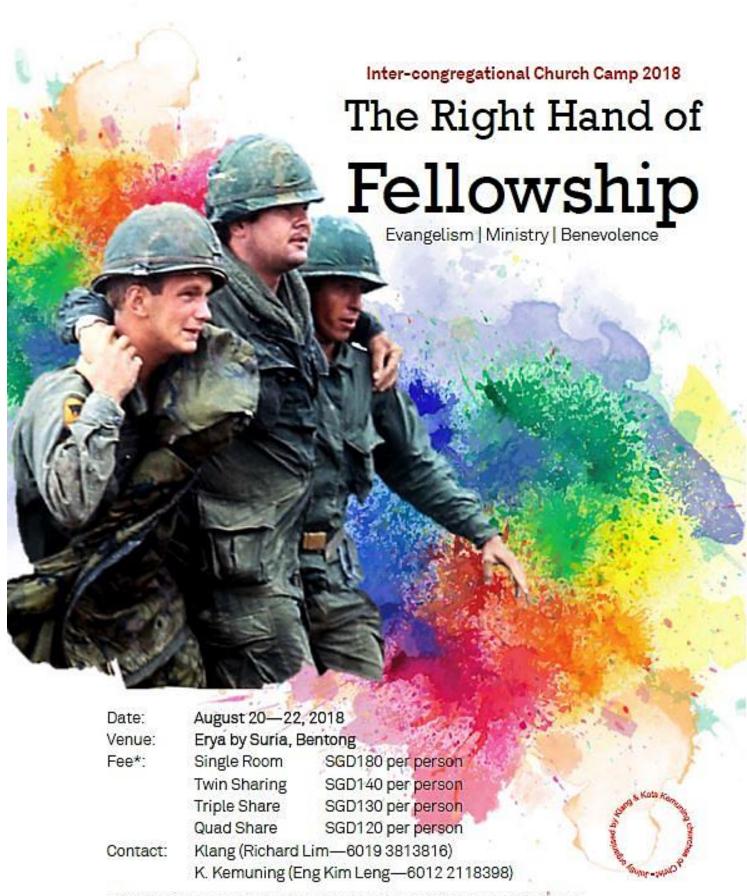
Date: 21 Jul, Sat Time: 4.30pm Meeting point:

Blk 274C Punggol Walk Singapore

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Join us to spread the good news!





<sup>\*</sup> Fee includes 2 nights accommodation, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners & tea breaks. Transport excluded.





# Thursday Bible Class How Can We Understand the Bible Alike?

by bro Peter Kwan

# Birthday of the week

9 Jul (Mon) – Swee Inn & Debbie

*12 Jul (Thu)* – Kim Tian & Lois ★★★★★★★

Please send any news & prayer requests to <a href="mailto:limahpincoc@gmail.com">limahpincoc@gmail.com</a>

# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

# **Overseas:**

- Sis Shuan Kwee in Hong Kong
- Sis Farah in London, UK, for studies
- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Bro Nigel** in Dubai
- **Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- Bro Ernest & sis Stephanie in Palau

## **Health**

- Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's health
- Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & sis Molly's health
- Sis Alice's recovery from a closed fracture
- *Lisa's (bro David Sum's daughter)* recovery from her surgery.
- Sis Molly's brother's health
- Bro Capi's mother's health
- Sis Siew Siew's mother's, sis Shu Fang's mother's, sis Doris' mother's, sis Shermin's grandmother's & sis Sarah's grandmother's health
- Bro Gideon's recovery from his jaw recovery
- Sis Germaine's chronic hives
- Bro Victor's recovery from his cataract operation

### **Pregnancy**

• Sis Stephanie (Dec'18)

# **NSF**

• Bro Kevin, bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict, bro Titus

# **MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE**

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Morning Worship @ 9.30am		8-Jul-18	15-Jul-18	22-Jul-18
Song Leader		Amos Yang	Justin Kwan	Jonathan Yang
Opening Prayer Leader		Michael Yeo	Danny Poo	Timothy Ng
Psalms Text		Psa 69:13-25	Psa 69:26-36	Psa 70:1-5
Preacher		Alvin Lin	Paul Lim	Amos Yang
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	Marc Wee	Henry Chee
	Prayer: Bread	Charlie Teo	Lim Poh Teng	Wong Sek Hoong
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Kenneth Quek	Paul Lim	Ling Leong Dak
	Prayer: Offering	Alan Poon	Ong Jun Wei	Andy Lin
	Assistant	Leonard Chia	Cornelius Lee	Yew Tian Geng
	Foundation Class	Lau Jeng Sang	Benjamin Tan	Arthur Yap
Announcer		Benjamin Kwan	Jimmy Lau	Lee Tian Seng
Greeters		Lim Poh Im	Ludina Carrido	Grace Ler
		Shum Chee Ming	Susan Cheong	Lois Chee
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Jeremy Kwan	Amos Yang	Kevin Lee
Speaker		Alvin Lin	Henry Leow	Alvin Chan
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Alvin Chan	Ling Leong Dak	Martyn Gostelow
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm			12-Jul-18	19-Jul-18
Song Leader			Alvin Lin	Jeshua Lin
Opening Prayer Leader			Peter Chin	Low Chong Ping
Closing Prayer Leader			Jimmy Lau	Danny Poo