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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



TRUSTING GOD
COMPLETELY MEANS HAVING FAITH
that he knows what's
BEST FOR your life.



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

2Ki 3:14 And Elisha said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.

Jehoram, the son of Ahab, was king of Israel. He did not serve Baal. But he did not serve Jehovah either but the golden calves of Jeroboam. Under his reign, the king of Moab rebelled against Israel. Jehoram gathered Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, and the king of Edom to fight against Moab.

The three kings marched towards Moab. They passed through the wilderness of Edom. There, they ran out of water. They panicked. Jehoram thought it was divine judgement that the three kings should die in the wilderness. But the pious Jehoshaphat inquired for a prophet of Jehovah. He was informed that Elisha was nearby. The three kings went down to see Elisha.

Elisha rebuked Jehoram for his idolatry: **“Why did you come to me? Go talk to the prophets of the foreign gods your parents worshiped”** (vs 13, CEV). He would not have attended to Jehoram or see him if not for the presence of Jehoshaphat: **“As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee”** (vs 14, KJV).

Elisha showed a great respect to the godly king of Judah. Because of Jehoshaphat's presence, he enquired of Jehovah for them all. He helped them only for the sake of Jehoshaphat.

Friends can either be a cursing or a blessing. When you mix with the wrong company, you get into trouble with them. Be in a car with a few drunkards and

driven by one and you are in for trouble which may even result in death. Be in a party where drugs are freely used and you are in for trouble with them when the police raid the place. Wrong place plus wrong time plus wrong companion equals trouble. **“Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals”** (1 Cor 15:33, ASV).

But be with the right kind of people and you will be blessed. When you are with happy people, you will be happy. Be with those who do good and you will be like them. When you are in the company of the saints that are faithful, you will be faithful like them. **“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works”** (Heb 10:24).

We should be very careful regarding our associations. Jehoshaphat should have distanced himself and his descendants from the idolatrous house of Ahab. He was rebuked by the prophet Jehu for helping those who hate the Lord: **“Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? Therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD”** (2 Chron 19:2).

Jehoshaphat could have gotten himself into trouble with his evil association with the house of Ahab. In fact, he was almost killed by the king of Syria when he was with Ahab if not for divine intervention (1 Kgs 22:32). Wrong company equals trouble.

Jehoram was blessed to have Jehoshaphat with him. Will others be blessed because of your presence? Or, will they be in trouble because of you?

It is also about you, and not about them. Are you a good influence or a bad one? Will your presence be a blessing or a cursing? You may be the one who gets everyone into trouble. Hence, they are in trouble, maybe with the law, because of your mischief or foolish action.

As children of God, we must be different. Our actions must bring glory to God. Our actions must bring others closer to God. The brethren in the family of God should love to have you with them because you are a source of encouragement and a good influence.

As a children chorus goes: *“This little Christian light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.”* So our Lord says: **“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven”** (Matt 5:16).



Struggles in Life

Adapted from Mark T. Tonkery

(<http://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2017/mar/page12.html#article2>)

A little girl walking in a garden noticed a particularly beautiful flower. She admired its beauty and enjoyed its fragrance. “It’s so pretty!” she exclaimed. As she gazed on it, her eyes followed the stem down to the soil in which it grew. “This flower is too pretty to be planted in such dirt!” she cried. So she pulled it up by its roots and ran to the water faucet to wash away the soil. It wasn’t long until the flower wilted and died.

When the gardener saw what the little girl had done, he exclaimed, “You have destroyed my finest plant!” “I’m sorry, but I didn’t like it in that dirt,” she said. The gardener replied, “I chose that spot and mixed the soil because I knew that only there could it grow to be a beautiful flower.” Often, we murmur because of the circumstances into which God has placed us. We fail to realize that He is using our pressures, trials and difficulties to bring us to a new degree of spiritual beauty.

The apostle Paul reminded in 2 Corinthians 5:1-7,

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always

of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Christian, there will be struggles, trials, temptations and moments of pain in this life. It is important to develop and maintain a Christian attitude in the midst of our suffering. Remember in Romans 8:37, "... in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. Every day, he prayed intently for God to rescue him, but it seemed He just wasn't listening. He eventually managed to build himself a hut out of driftwood to protect him from the weather and store what few possessions he had managed to salvage. Then, one day after scavenging for food, he arrived 'home' to find his hut was on fire after being struck by lightning. The worst he could imagine had happened. Everything he had was lost. He would surely just give up and die now.

"God, how could you do this to me!" he cried. Early the next morning, as he lay on the shore distraught, he was startled by a group of men who had arrived by boat to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" he asked. They replied, "We saw your smoke signal."

It is so easy to get discouraged when ***things are going wrong*** when we are facing many trials. We may even blame God for the things that happen, or complain because He doesn't answer our prayers in the way we want. However, God is always at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your ***hut is burning***, it may be a ***smoke signal*** given by the grace of God. He loves you and cares for you even if you can't always see it.



Guests Last Week

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| 1. Sis Deborah Tan (<i>Taipeng COC, Malaysia</i>) | 6. Peh Guang Rong (<i>sis Yan Ling's husband</i>) |
| 2. Sis Wendy (<i>Jurong COC, Singapore</i>) | 7. Kenny Kee (<i>sis Debbie's husband</i>) |
| 3. Bro Paul & sis Ivy | 8. Samuel Dela Cruz
(<i>sis Mergie's husband</i>) |
| 4. Bro Samuel Lim & Alexis
(<i>bro Poh Teng's family members</i>) | 9. Mdm Tan (<i>sis Siew Siew's mother</i>) |
| 5. Leonard Chia (<i>sis Peiyi's husband</i>) | 10. Ooi Yu Han |

MEETINGS

Extraordinary General Meeting (EOGM)

Date: 1 October 2017, Sunday

Time: 12.15pm

The agenda of the meeting is pinned on the noticeboard. All teachers, please end your lessons by 12.10pm.

Curriculum Meeting

Date: 22 October 2017, Sunday

Time: 1.30pm

All class ICs are requested to attend the meeting and get ready your class curriculum for 2018.

Birth of baby Angel!

Our heartiest congratulations to **bro Andy & sis Adeline** on the birth of their baby girl, Angel Lin Jing Xuan, on 27 September. Please continue to pray for the health of both mother and child.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

8 October 2017, Sunday

Youth Fellowship

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Venue: LAP Church Building

Highlights: Games

Please approach bro Benjamin Kwan if you have any queries.

22 Lectures

Q & A Forum

Special classes for Men & Women



Date

Nov. 22-25, 2017 (Wed – Sat)

Daily Chapel (3rd floor)

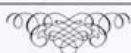
8.15am – 8.45am

Daily Lectures (2nd floor)

9.00am – 3.15pm

Venue:

120, Boon Lay Drive, S649924



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23-25 Nov 2017, Thursday - Saturday

Gospel Meeting

Time: 7.45pm – 9pm

Venue: LAP Church Building

Speaker: Bro Tim Hayes

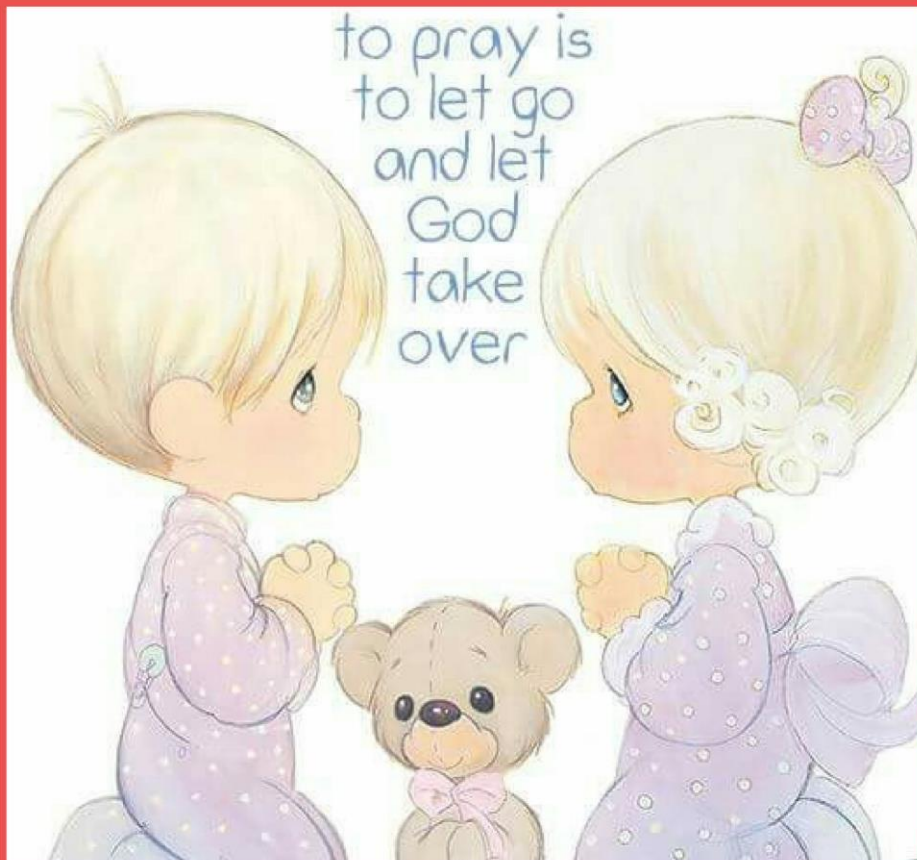
Topics:

23 Nov (Thu) – Do You Know God?

24 Nov (Fri) – Do You Know The God of Hope?

25 Nov (Sat) – Do You Know The God of Love?

Invite your family & friends to hear the gospel!



**JOIN US AT THIS YEAR'S
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

28-30 NOV 2017, TUE-THU

9AM - 5PM

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AGE RANGE: 4-9 YEARS

COST: FREE!

Registration is open till 22 Oct!

Sign up here (<http://bit.do/2017VBS>) today!

PLEASE CONTACT SER ERN OR SYDNEY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES

18-21 Dec 2017,
Monday - Thursday

**30th Annual
Youth Development
Programme
(YDP)**

Venue:

Port Dickson Golf &
Country Resort

Age range:

12 - 23 years old

Theme:

Life's Choices

Cost:

RM 330

***Please sign up at the
noticeboard in the
kitchen or at***

<http://bit.ly/2017YDP>

***For queries, please
approach bro Alvin or
contact the organisers
at***

ydp2k17@gmail.com

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

The Christian's Conduct in the Kingdom

By bro Reuben Lim

Birthday of the week

3 Oct (Tue) – Seow Hui

6 Oct (Fri) – Chee Beng



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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- *Sis Shuan Kwee* in Hong Kong for work
- *Sis Joann* in Perth, Australia, for studies
- *Sis Farah* in London, UK, for studies
- *Bro Long Jun* in China
- *Bro Wei Xiang* in China for a 6-week internship till 14 Oct

Health

- *Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's* health
- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Peiyi's & bro Ivan's* health
- *Bro Roberto's* recovery from his knee surgery
- *Bro Capi's mother's* health

NSF

- Bro Joel Lee, bro Kevin, bro Wei Jie

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		1 Oct 2017	8 Oct 2017	15 Oct 2017
Song Leader		James Medez	Alvin Lin	Amos Yang
Opening Prayer Leader		Benjamin Tan	Charlie Teo	Low Chong Ping
Psalms Text		Psa 41:1-13	Psa 42:1-11	Psa 43:1-5
Preacher		Eddy Ee	John Grubb	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper Text		Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Henry Chee	Jeshua Lin	Zachary Ling
	Prayer: Bread	Danny Poo	Jonathan Yang	Farand Lim
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Ling Leong Dak	Henry Leow	Lau Jeng Sang
	Prayer: Offering	Alan Poon	Joel Lee	Alan Poon
	Assistant	Cornelius Lee	Melvin Tan	Yew Tian Geng
	Foundation Class	Kenneth Liong	Arthur Yap	Wee Hooi Kok
Announcer		Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau	Benjamin Kwan
Greeters		Constance Lau Wu Wenyu	Lim Poh Im Shum Chee Ming	Ludina Carrido Susan Cheong
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Alvin Lin	Amos Yang	Alvin Lin
Speaker		Wee Hooi Kok	Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Jerry Cheong	Lee Tian Seng	Henry Leow
Thursday Midweek Service			5 Oct 2017	12 Oct 2017
Song Leader			James Medez	Jeshua Lin
Opening Prayer Leader			Peter Chin	Henry Leow
Closing Prayer Leader			Kenneth Quek	Ong Jun Wei