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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

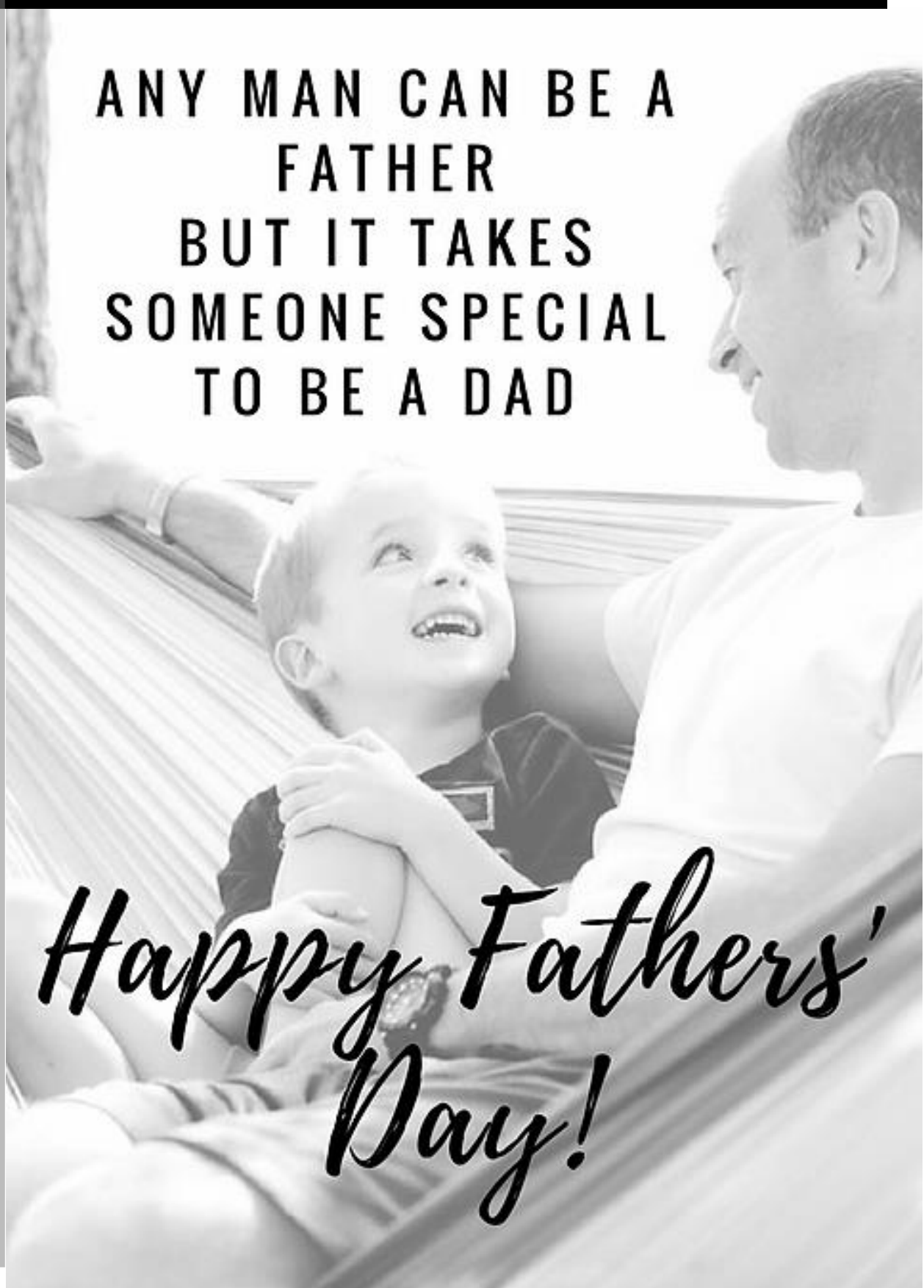
Bro Henry Leow
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preachers

Bro Alvin Lin
Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern



ANY MAN CAN BE A
FATHER
BUT IT TAKES
SOMEONE SPECIAL
TO BE A DAD

*Happy Fathers'
Day!*



Let's Restore Father to His Place in the Family

Adapted by Tommy Thornhill

(<http://lavistachurchofchrist.org/LVarticles/LetsRestoreFatherToHisPlace.htm>)

The words training and admonition (nurture and admonition-KJV) in Ephesians 6:4, deal with two different thoughts. The training is discipline by demonstration (action and example), while the admonition is discipline by reason (using the word). A father teaches a child how to serve God, both by example and persuasion.

A father's role, as designed and defined by God, is to be the primary provider for the family, both physically and spiritually. A mother can do some of the things fathers do, but not like a father. The greatest mother cannot replace a father in the home. Neither can boyfriends or other males.

Fathers, in a special way have the ability to provide their offspring with identity, character, and competence. By providing a "name," children are given identity. Without fathers children have difficulty understanding who they are, and what they ought to be like. To see the significance of this, talk to a child who doesn't know who his father is, or where he is, or his mother who is wearing another man's name. Fathers are critical to the proper functioning of the family unit. It is the father who provides his wife and offspring with identity, character, and direction by giving them his "name" and all it stands for. To do this he must take his place as the head of the family. This is what God intended.

It is the man in his role as father that brings stability to the family. He is expected to be the leader, both physically and spiritually. This is exemplified by Joshua as he declared publically, *"And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."* Joshua 24:15. Joshua was not only providing spiritual guidance to his family, he was also doing something else that fathers are designed to do, providing leadership. He spoke with the kind of resolve needed by fathers today. He was ready and willing to fulfill his duty to God and his family. He not only had the courage to speak for himself, he had the courage to speak for his family. He had confidence that his family would follow his example. By providing spiritual leadership, he showed he was God's man, and also God's leader in his family.

Children do not ask to be brought into this world, but when in the course of human events they are born, the father and mother responsible for the conception and birth owe their children something. By becoming parents, they expose their children to the opportunity of being lost. To keep this from happening parents owe their children proper training and teaching. They must be guided in all aspects of growth and development, physical, mental, social and spiritual Luke 2:52. Being the head of the family, much of this responsibility rests with the father as is seen in Ephesians 6:4.

Most parents will make sure their children develop properly physically, mentally, and socially. They teach them the social graces, how to eat, how to dress, how to get along with other people. They will even provide for their secular education, and help them choose a lifetime career. But, then they will sadly neglect the most important aspect of their children's training, their spiritual development.

Being the head, the father owes his children the example, the leadership, the training, the discipline, the instruction that will provide them an opportunity to be saved, and go to heaven, rather than be lost and end up in hell. A god-fearing father does this. This ability to guide his family to

fear and serve the Lord is why Abraham was chosen to be the father of God's chosen people, and later to bless the world thru Christ. *"For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He had spoken to him."* Genesis 18:19. Even though this was said of Abraham, it also expresses what is expected of all fathers. Fathers owe this to their children.

Fathers are desperately needed in the home today. They perform a very critical role, not just in spiritual leadership, but also in other areas. As stated earlier, fathers help to provide a more stable environment. While women may be able to lead in some areas, there is an element of family leadership that uniquely belongs to fathers. A good father exhibits forethought, and a commitment to self-sacrifice for his family's well-being. Mothers are more prone to nurture their young through compassion and caring for the present moment. But, fathers seek to train them for the future. Mothers tend to shelter and over-protect the offspring, whereas the father may give them more latitude to encourage independent thinking and risk-taking. While doing this he will always act in the best interest of his family, by denying them the things which will be detrimental to their proper upbringing. He wants what is best, rather than what is popular, so he does not allow himself to succumb to the natural desire of his offspring to have and do what they want. As a result of such actions, when the children reach adulthood and are ready to leave the nest, they will be ready to take their places as competent adults.

When children reach the teen years there is an even greater need for a strong, authoritative father figure than when they were smaller. Many single mothers, while children are small, think they are doing a good job in raising their children without a father. But as the children reach teen years, mothers suddenly find themselves in a much different position. Statistics published a few years ago are very revealing. Sociologists, in their studies, have concluded that children reaching the teen years and raised in fatherless homes, are much more likely to suffer poverty, commit crimes, become victims of child abuse and become involved in teenage pregnancies.

It is during these years that a father yields a great influence for good to his offspring. A teenage boy may be tempted to sass his mother, but doesn't do it because he fears his father's wrath. He might rebell against mom, but he thinks twice before doing it to daddy's wife. A girl wanting to date a boy several years older may be able to persuade mother it is alright, but trying to convince daddy is ususlly more difficult. She usually finds that a good dad is not an easy pushover. You see, he understands what boys want on a date, and he is not wanting to see his daughter hurt. He wants to make sure his daughter understands she has value and needs to keep her virtue intact until she finds a man who will love and appreciate her for her Christian values. God bless such dads.



Additions to God's Family

We rejoice over two souls added to the Lord's kingdom during the Combined Camp!



Name: Tan Hui Xian Elsa
Mobile: 9338 2482
Birth Date: 5 December 2000
Baptism Date: 12 June 2017
Email address: elsachen05@gmail.com

Name: Phoo Wei Juan Diana
Mobile: 9770 6905
Birth date: 20 May 1982
Baptism Date: 13 June 2017
Email: wjphoo_diana@yahoo.com.sg



Welcome to God's Family

We rejoice over the baptism of sis Katie last Friday! Her particulars are as follows:

Name: Katie Zoey Ho

Mobile: 9687 1006

Birth date: 14 February 1981

Baptism Date: 16 June 2017

Email: katsigner@gmail.com

Health

1. **Sis Peiyi's** biopsy results show that she is suffering from stage 2 colon cancer and she will be undergoing chemotherapy after her recovery from her operation. Please keep sis Peiyi in prayers for strength as she undergoes the chemo treatment.
2. **Sis Pooi Fun** is warded in Ng Teng Fong Hospital for intestinal infection. Please keep sis Pooi Fun in prayers for her health and recovery.
3. **Lisa** was scheduled to go for head surgery on Monday, but the surgery has been put on hold as her condition had improved over the weekend after receiving massage on her acupuncture points. Please keep her in prayers that her condition will continue to improve.

Guests Last Week

1. Bro Edwin Lim & family (*Jurong COC, Singapore*)
2. Sis Woon Siew Choon (*JBCOC, Malaysia*)
3. Sis Yeoh Swee Teen (*sis Swee Inn's sister*)
4. Chia Yoke Ee (*bro Daniel's wife*)
5. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
6. Arielle Pascual (*bro Roberto's daughter*)
7. Michelle, Nicole & Bryan Chan (*sis Chee Ming's children*)
8. Stephanie Senna (*bro Martyn's friend*)
9. Shalen Manuel (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)

New Management Committee (MC) 2017/2018 Nomination

Please submit your nomination form for the new management committee in the MC nomination box at the pulpit area by **25 June**.

Away (Please pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro Benjamin Tan & family** in Malaysia till today.
2. **Bro Tian Seng, sis Geok Eng, bro Cornelius & bro Jeshua** in Vietnam for the mission trip till tomorrow.
3. **Bro. Paul & sis Siew Siew** in Taiwan till tomorrow.
4. **Bro Capi** in Taiwan till 21 June.
5. **Bro Henry Chee & family** in Taiwan till 22 June.
6. **Bro Nigel** in Hong Kong till 22 June.
7. **Bro Jong Wah, sis Nancy, sis Fong Yoke, sis Wai Kheng, sis Hwee Chin & sis Esther** in Scandinavia till 25 Jun
8. **Bro Benedict** in Taiwan till 29 June.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

8 July 2017, Saturday **Senior Fellowship**

Time: 10am-12nn

Venue: Church building

Highlight: Making no-sew Fleece Scarf



Please inform bro Alvin or sis Ser Ern if you are interested to attend.

9 July 2017, Sunday **Youth Fellowship**

Time: 1.30pm-3pm

Venue: Church building

Highlights:

Team games & prayer session

All are welcomed to attend. Please approach bro Benjamin Kwan if you have any queries.

Upcoming events!

9 Aug – Bible Quiz

27 Aug – Ladies Fellowship

1-6 Sep – Philippines Mission Trip

22-25 Nov – FSC Lectureship

23-25 Nov – Gospel Meeting

NEWS

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Thursday Bible Class

The Angel of the Lord

By bro Alvin Lin

Birthday of the week

23 Jun (Fri) – Molly

24 Jun (Sat) – Clara

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Please send any news &
prayer requests to
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- **Sis Joann** in Perth, Australia, for studies
- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Sis Swee Inn** in Canada

Health

- **Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & Kwan Mama's** health
- **Sis Kim Tian's** recovery from her skin problem
- **Bro Chee Beng's & sis Susan Ng's mother's** recovery
- **Lisa's (bro David Sum's daughter)** recovery from ACM
- **Bro Roberto's** recovery from osteoarthritis

Expectant Mothers

- Sis Siew Siew (Sep), sis Adeline (Oct)

NSF

- Bro Joel Lee, bro Kevin

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		18 Jun 2017	25 Jun 2017	2 Jul 2017
Song Leader		Jonathan Yang	Kevin Lee	Isaac Chua
Opening Prayer Leader		Jerry Cheong	Chua Kian Hong	Alvin Lin
Psalms Text		Psa 33:12-22	Psa 34:1-10	Psa 34:11-22
Preacher		Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin	Danny Poo
Lord's Supper Text		Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Shawn Wong	Paul Lim	Henry Chee
	Prayer: Bread	Nigel Poo	Wong Sek Hoong	Nigel Poo
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Farand Lim	Danny Poo	Ling Leong Dak
	Prayer: Offering	Martyn Gostelow	Ong Jun Wei	Timothy Ng
	Assistant	Zachary Ling	Gordon Loo	Jose Cardoza
Foundation Class		Benjamin Tan	Justin Kwan	Kenneth Liong
Announcer		Amos Yang	Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau
Greeters		Ludina Carrido Susan Cheong	Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Grace Ler Lois Chee
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Amos Yang	Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau
Speaker		Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau	Danny Poo
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Alvin Lin	Jerry Cheong	Henry Leow
Thursday Midweek Service			22 Jun 2017	29 Jun 2017
Song Leader			Timothy Ng	Ernest Lau
Opening Prayer Leader			Kenneth Quek	Ong Jun Wei
Closing Prayer Leader			John Goh	Reuben Lim