

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

ARE DINOSAURS REAL?

Did they walk on earth with
man? How can man possibly
co-exist with them?

22 APR '17

10 AM - 12 NN

PAUL & SIEW SIEW'S HOUSE

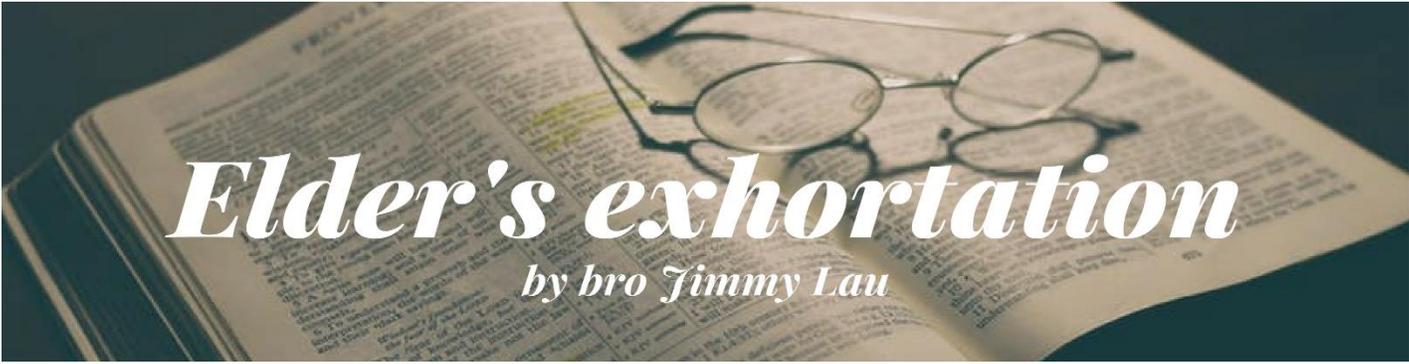
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Find out these and more as we
watch a video exposing the
myth of evolution on "Dinosaurs:
The Poster Child of Evolution".
All youths are invited to join us
for a great time of learning, fun,
and fellowship.

YOUTH HOMEZONE



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

1Ki 8:63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

1 Kings Chapter 8 is known as Solomon's dedication of the temple to God. The temple construction was completed. It was its inauguration; or opening ceremony. It was a day of dedication. The scripture says that "**the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD**" (1 Kings 8:63).

When the exiled returned and had completed the repairs on the temple of God, the Holy Spirit wrote: "**And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy**" (Ezra 6:17; see also vs 17). That was the second dedication of the temple of God.

When the Jews had completed rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, they too dedicated it to the LORD (Neh 12:27). The Babylonians built a great image of their king and they dedicated it to the king (Dan 3:2). The children of Israel dedicated all the spoils they won in the battles from their enemies to maintain the house of God (1 Chron 26:7). Solomon declared: "**Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to him,**" (2 Chron 2:4).

Hence, what does it mean to dedicate something to God? The vocabulary.com defines dedication as "*committing yourself to something, like your dedication to marathon training that had you running every single morning for four months.*" The Oxford says: "*The quality of being dedicated or committed to a task or purpose.*"

The Longman Dictionary says it clearer:

1. To give all your attention and effort to one particular thing.

Eg. The actress now dedicates herself to children's charity work.

2. To say at the beginning of a book or film, or before a piece of music, that it has been written, made, or performed for someone that you love or respect.

Eg. The book was dedicated to her husband.

3. *To state in an official ceremony that a building will be given someone's name in order to show respect for them.*

4. *To use a place, time, money etc only for a particular purpose.*

Eg. The company dedicated \$50,000 for the study.

Therefore, when Solomon dedicated the temple to God, he devoted, committed, and gave it to God. It was built for God only and now he was handing it to God. It was a demonstration of his respect and honour for God.

When we talk about a wife or husband's dedication, we are referring to their devotion and commitment to the family. When someone is dedicated to his job, he is spending a lot of time and energy on it. When a Christian says that he is going to dedicate his life to serving God, he means he is committing his life to serving God full-time; the work of the Lord is going to be his life's ambition and devotion.

When we talk about a Christian's dedication, we are referring to his devotion to God. Is he a dedicated Christian? We mean has he been spending time studying the word of God? Is he a man of prayers? Has he been serving God and attending worship services faithfully? Is he enthusiastic about telling someone about Jesus?

When the apostle Peter said to Jesus: "**Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee**"; that's total dedication (Matt 19:27). When Paul said: "**But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ**"; that's total dedication (Phil 3:7).

Our Lord said: "**If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.**" (Luke 9:23). He is seeking for dedication.

You may be a dedicated husband, or wife, or student, or an employee; but are you a dedicated Christian? What have you dedicated to God?

Paul wrote: "**I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service**" (Rom 12:1). God wants us to dedicate our bodies to serve Him.

How did the Macedonian Christians have such an excellent faith? The answer is here: "**They... first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God**" (2 Cor 8:5). They were dedicated Christians.

Are you a dedicated Christian? Where is your dedication to God? What have you dedicated to God? "**Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more**" (Matt 25:20). That is dedication. Do we have it? Do you?



Blood Donation Drive

By sis Rachel Poo

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Gal 6:10)

It is with a grateful heart that I write this recollection on the Blood Drive that took place last Sat, 8 April 2017. All glory and praises to God, He was indeed with us through the planning of the event and on the day itself.

The day began with thundery showers and dark skies which dampened spirits as the weather would deter people from coming to donate. Thankfully, by noon the rain had subsided. God had given us the cool weather.

To coordinate the shuttle service that we provided, we had a team on rotational shift stationed at the MRT station to draw attention to the public of the blood drive that was ongoing. Surprisingly, there were many people who were willing to come.

We saw at least 40 visitors who were introduced to our Church for the first time and we were able to invite them to our services. Here are some memorable donors that we met:

- *There was a lady who sent her child to Kovan for tuition class and had 45 mins till she had to pick him up. We gave her an "express pass" to donate and she was done in 40 mins! A little late in picking up her child, but she was glad she managed to donate in that time.*
- *Families who were just done with their shopping or picking up their child.*
- *Some saw the team at the MRT station, took the address and drove in on their own.*
- *Some drove/walked past the building, saw the banner and came in.*
- *One stayed next door.*
- *Some have been coming for the past blood drives and have always been keeping a lookout for it.*
- *Some saw the Facebook post on the Red Cross page and had made plans to come.*
- *Many who are first time donors but were encouraged by our team to come in to try!*
- *Friends of our members.*
- *Jurong Church of Christ members.*
- *Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ members.*

There was a constant stream of donors through the day and giving no opportunity of rest to the Health Science Authority (HSA) staff. However, they were overjoyed at the end of the day as we had brought in a good number of bags of blood, much more than they expected! The staff who have been coming for the past few blood drives shared that they remember us for always being hospitable, organized and united. This year was no exception.

Even with a very low pre-registration list of participants of 77, we broke another personal best of having the most number of registered participants who came to donate. We were close to having the highest number of bags collected as well. However, what matters most is that we could give back to the community and save lives through this event.



Year	Registered Participants	Successful Donations	Deferral
2014	59	48	19%
2015	83	68	18%
2016	68	54	21%
2017	86	67	22%

Last weekend I have my second blood donation through the blood drive organised by Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ. As I sat in the chair waiting, I felt a little uneasy because of my fears of needle and the pain. I'm grateful to have the brothers and sisters crowded around me, distracting me from the needle. In the midst of the conversation, Uncle Danny exclaimed that one bag of blood could save 3 lives. He got me thinking about the significance of what we were doing. Who would be helped by it? A person battling cancer or maybe a person involved in a car accident? A chill ran down my spine as I thought about the lifesaving power that blood donations have for people who need transfusions. Blood-derived therapies continue to be a life-saving medical intervention in many indications. I'm glad to be part of the effort. *(sis Sarah Ho, Blood Donor)*

I would like to sincerely thank the following:

- **HSA** for coming to execute this event.
- **Four Seas College students** for coming early to donate and to help out.
- **Members who helped at MRT tracting to raise awareness of the event and on that day:** Ernest & David for driving the van; Alan, Ben Kwan, Canida, Cornelius, Danny, Geok Eng, Grace, Joan, John, Jonathan, Jun Wei, Linda, Ludina, Sarah, Sharyl, Shermin for helping in various areas
- **The Church** for your prayers and for inviting your friends.
- **The Blood Drive team** (Alvin, Andy, Bernice, Christine Aguisando, David, Eunice, Hwee Chin, Jeremy, Jeshua, Ser Ern, Ting Wei, Tian Seng) for your support, contributions and effort in making this event a success!



WEEKLY NEWS

Baby Joy!

Our heartiest congratulations to **Bro Andy and Sis Adeline** over her pregnancy! Please keep Sis Adeline in prayers for her smooth pregnancy and safe delivery.

Health

Please pray for the **baby sister of Hariz** (boyfriend of bro Roberto's daughter, Arielle) who suffering from seizures due to rotavirus.

Leaving for Home

We congratulate **Margie Berdijo** and **Huynh Thi Nhanh** for completing their 2-year study at Four Seas College. They wish to thank the brethren for the love, fellowship, support, and encouragement extended to them during the past year as members of the LAP congregation. They count their study and experience at Four Seas a great blessing and are ready to apply their knowledge and skill to help teach children, ladies and be soul winners for the Lord.

Margie will resume her university study to get a degree in teaching. She will be with the Naga church of Christ (sis Ludina's home congregation) in Bicol, Luzon Island. She leaves Singapore on Apr. 24th.

Nhanh will secure gainful employment to support her aging parents. She will be involved in teaching children's and ladies' classes at Can Tho, Vietnam. She leaves tomorrow morning. We wish them Godspeed. Please keep them in prayers in their service to our Master.

Away (Please pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro Tian Geng, sis Jasmine, bro Jun Wei & sis Ser Ern** in Klang till tonight.
2. **Sis Sarah Ho** in Phuket till tonight.
3. **Bro Peter Chin & sis Pooi Fun** are Klang COC where bro Peter will be teaching and preaching. They will be back on 22 Apr.
4. **Bro Justin & sis Bernice** in Oman & Abu Dhabi till 23 Apr.
5. **Bro Chong Ping & sis Suan Kiang** in San Francisco till 1 May
6. **Bro Long Jun** is stationed in China for work.

Guests Last Week

1. Bro Warner & sis Erica Quarles (*Perth*)
2. Sis Cynthia & bro Izaac Lim (*Jurong COC*)
3. Paul & Ivy (*sis Baby's family*)
4. Chia Yock Ee (*bro Daniel's wife*)
5. Bernie Chia (*sis Rhui Yin's husband*)
6. Arielle Pascual
(*bro Roberto's daughter*)
7. Hariz (*Arielle's friend*)
8. Gifford Chuang (*sis Ser Ern's cousin*)
9. Yeo Boon Chiew
(*bro Peter Chin's friend*)
10. Irene Kwek
(*bro Vincent Kwek's sister*)
11. Jethro Lim (*Irene's Kwek's son*)
12. Rachel Ngoh (*Jethro Lim's friend*)
13. Jason Lam (*sis Sarah's friend*)
14. Bai Jia Wei (*sis Farah's friend*)

UPCOMING EVENTS
MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

GAMES, FELLOWSHIP & POT LUCK LUNCH!

Combined Outing

1 MAY 2017 | MONDAY | PUBLIC HOLIDAY
9.30 AM | BISHAN PARK

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

**COMBINED
CAMP
2017**

THEME: ONE BIG FAMILY

CLOSING DATE FOR
REGISTRATION:
7 MAY 2017, SUNDAY

WHEN

11-14 JUNE 2017, SUN-WED

WHERE

LOTUS DESARU BEACH RESORT

COST

\$230/ADULT
\$185/CHILD WITH BED
\$90/CHILD WITHOUT BED

PAYABLE TO

CHURCH OF CHRIST,
LIM AH PIN ROAD A/C 1

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

Increasing Opportunities to Share the Gospel

By bro Ernest Lau

Birthday of the week

22 Apr (Sat) -

Kristin Ting



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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- **Sis Joann & bro Mitchell** in Perth, Australia for studies
- **Sis Rachel Ting** in UK for studies
- **Bro Jong Wah & sis Nancy** in Perth, Australia
- **Our supported missionaries:** Bro Kwan, bro Bob & bro George (China), bro Glen (Australia), bro John Yo (Taiwan), bro Hai (Vietnam)

Health

- **Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & Kwan Mama's** health
- **Sis Susan Goh's mother's** health
- **Sis Kim Tian's** recovery from her skin problem
- **Sis Jasmine Lim's** recovery from her eye problem
- **Sis Doris'** recovery from her varicose vein surgery
- **Sis Shanice's** recovery from her eye surgery
- **Lisa's (bro David Sum's daughter)** recovery from ACM & sinusitis
- **Sis Pooi Fun's mother's** recovery from stroke

Expectant Mothers

- Sis Daryl Cheong (May), sis Siew Siew (Sep)

NSF

- Bro Joel Lee, bro Kevin

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		16 Apr 2017	23 Apr 2017	30 Apr 2017
Song Leader		Justin Kwan	Jeremy Kwan	Isaac Chua
Opening Prayer Leader		John Goh	Charlie Teo	Reuben Lim
Psalms Text		Psa 26:1-12	Psa 27:1-14	Psa 28:1-9
Preacher		Amos Yang	Benjamin Kwan	Jimmy Lau
Lord's Supper Text		1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25	Matt 26:26-29
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Zachary Ling	Soo Kok Leong	David Chua
	Prayer: Bread	Danny Poo	Chua Kian Hong	Victor Lee
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Lau Jeng Sang	Andy Lin	Kenneth Quek
	Prayer: Offering	Reuben Lim	Ong Jun Wei	Paul Lim
	Assistant	Roberto Pascual	Yew Tian Geng	Gordon Loo
Announcer		Ernest Lau	Benjamin Tan	Arthur Yap
Greeters		Jimmy Lau	Lee Tian Seng	Timothy Ng
		Grace Ler	Constance Lau	Lim Poh Im
		Lois Chee	Wu Wenyu	Shum Chee Ming
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Alvin Lin	Alvin Lin	Jimmy Lau
Speaker		Ernest Lau	Lee Tian Seng	Jerry Cheong
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Lee Tian Seng	Jerry Cheong	Henry Leow
Thursday Midweek Service			20 Apr 2017	27 Apr 2017
Song Leader			Timothy Ng	Andy Lin
Opening Prayer Leader			Alvin Lin	Kenneth Quek
Closing Prayer Leader			Danny Poo	Benjamin Tan